

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress. There is now a bigger [Government drive to improve attendance](#). When a child's attendance falls to 90% or below it is classed as persistent absence. We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. The school's policy for attendance is available on the school [website](#).

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% attendance. Year 4 had the highest attendance for last week – 96.7%. Other class attendance was as follows: Y4 - 95.5%, Y1 - 93.5%, Y6 - 93%, Y5 - 92.5%, N - 91.9%, Y3 - 91.1%, R - 90.3%.

The classes in green are above our target of 96% and those in red are below, some significantly below. We will be targeting those with poor attendance.

If you are unable to call school, e.g no credit on your phone, please use School Spider * to report the absence or click [here](#) to send an email to let us know, please try to let us know by 9.00AM. You will need to log into School Spider to do this, if you need help logging in, please let school know.

Nursery and Reception – Please notify the school of absences using school spider app NOT the Class Dojo app, Thank you.

Parents Evening 24.04.24

Parent's Evening is taking place today. If you are unable to make your appointment, please contact school so that we can make an alternative appointment time and / date for you with your child's class teacher.

We have Kingsley & Co books in the foyer until just after 4.00PM, there is a wide selection of quality, pre-loved books into school for students to buy for just £1 each. #happyreading

PFA

PFA (Parents and Friends Association) is led by Mrs McNally and is in constant and desperate need of support. Last year we had to cancel the summer fair due to lack of support. If you can support in any way possible or just want to find out further information please do come along to the PFA meeting on 03/05/24 at 2.30pm in the Family Room. All welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Uniform Orders

The time of the year when we ask parents to place their order for uniform for September is here. The uniform order form can be found [here](#). We will be accepting orders until 3.15pm on 17.05.24, payment should be made at the time of placing your order. Thank you.

Class Photographs

Class photographs were taken on Friday 19th April. Proofs will then be sent home when available and the purchase date will follow.

Mini Marathon – event - supporting fund raising for Bleed Packs

Thank you to those that supported the event – it was great to be involved with all the schools in Sefton raising funds for a worthwhile cause so that we have access to bleed kits should we ever need them. It is very sad to think we need them but it could save a life. There is still time to donate - if you would like to donate following the mini marathon, this can be done at <https://www.knifesavers.co.uk/>

Superhero Special Lunch 26.04.24

We are having a special lunch on 26.04.24, the menu will consist of

Spiderman Web Spaghetti Bolognese, Wonder Woman Whirls, Incredible Hulk Greens, Ironman Golden Armour Wedges & Captain America USA Muffins.

Envelopes are being sent home with your child today. (Year 3 – 6) If you would like your child to have the special meal, please return the envelope with payment before 26.04.24.

Please note that your child can still have a packed lunch on this date, and that the normal menu will not be served on this day.

After School Clubs after Easter

We still have places available at the following clubs:

Tuesday	Forest Fun	Y3 & Y5
	Yoga KS2	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
	Study Support	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Wednesday	Choir	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Thursday	Multisports	Y1 & Y2

If children are opting to take a place the expectation is that they attend **EVERY WEEK**.

If children are dipping in and out we will no longer offer them places on the clubs. Some clubs are funded and have to be paid for, if your child has taken a place and then decides they won't go they have taken that chance from another child who would have gone. Also, we are wasting valuable schools' funds paying for places that aren't attended. If places are paid for and a child doesn't go because they don't want to and parents allow this we will be charging parents in future for the wasted place.

Staff run the clubs out of goodwill, we do not decide we don't want to do it one week and let the children down - so we expect the same in return. If you sign up for a club parents and children show commitment and attend, just as we do.

Please note that clubs commence next week, w/c 22.04.24 and some run for 10 weeks and the clubs highlighted with * run for 11 weeks. Please note that there are no clubs taking place w/c 03.06.24.

Coffee Morning 01.05.24

All are welcome to come along and join us for the coffee morning in the school hall after dropping children off at school on the morning of Wednesday 1st May. This is a good opportunity to speak to members of the Mental Health Support Team, ADDvanced solutions, the school nurse, Sefton Parent/ carer forum and the school SENCo. Come along to find out what support is available for your child in school and how you can be supporting them at home further. We will be providing tea and coffee, and a chance for you to talk to other parents/carers and speak to services to understand what support is available in school and in the community to support your child.

Dream On Family Festival

Dream On Family Festival, a not-for-profit, community event taking place in Crosby on 8th June. It's a celebration of culture, creativity and wellbeing that supports charities and champions local small businesses and talent. (Please see attached flier)

Dream On Family Festival
Sat 8th June 2024 - 12 to 6pm
Blundellsands Tennis Club, Crosby, L23 6UF
Tickets only £15!

www.dreamonfestival.co.uk

www.instagram.com/dreamoneventsandtents

Dates for Next Year 2024/25

For school term dates for the forthcoming academic year and upcoming events for this year, please see the school calendar on our [website](#).

April

24 th April	Communion – 10.00am at church all welcome. 2.00pm Parent meetings
26 th April	KS2 TT Rockstars event
30 th April	Reception class assembly 9.15am school hall

May

1 st May	8.45am onwards - Sefton's Mental Health Support Team will be in for a coffee morning for parents to answer queries, share what they can offer and generally be there for parents to talk to if there are any concerns about your children
6 th May	Bank holiday – school closed

7th May Year 4 trip to Chester and the Roman Dewa museum
2.30pm – Nursery workshop for parents on phonics

8th May 10am – Year3/4 team to Multi skills event

10th May Reception trip to Anglican Cathedral

13th May Christian Aid week and SATS for Year 6 begin
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar test – Year 6 SATS

14th May Reading – Year 6 SATS

15th May Maths papers 1 & 2 – Year 6 SATS

16th May Maths paper 3 – Year 6 SATS

17th May Year 6 class trip to Laurel's Wood

20th May 5.00pm – Parent meeting for parents of Reception children beginning in September 2024

21st May Whole school Art afternoon

23rd May 10.30am – Stay N'Play Nursery
2.15pm - Stay N' Play – Nursery & Reception

24th May TT Rockstars competition for Key Stage 2 pupils. Year 6 trip to Beatles museum.
Last Day of Half Term

CAMHS

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) put together a monthly newsletter for parents and professionals, signposting support such as groups, training and workshops. Click the [link](#) to have a look and see if there is anything of any interest. If you have any questions you can contact Mrs Keiley (SENDco and Mental Health lead) via the school office.

May Bank Holiday 'Family Fun Day'

We would love for as many pupils and their families as possible, to join us on Monday, May 6th from 11:00am to 4:00pm at the Gild Hall Activity Centre, Formby. Please see attached leaflet.

Christian Values

This month's Christian Value is **Friendship**.

Article 15: Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



A Prayer for our School

*This is our school,
Let peace dwell here,
let peace begin with me.
Let the room be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of human kind, love of life itself
And love of God
Let us remember that as many hands build a
house,
Many hearts build a school.
Amen*

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Murtagh'.

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher

