

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 11th September 2024

If parents are struggling to get children to school due to their illness please contact school and we will do our best to arrange for the children to be picked up at the beginning of the day and taken home. We need to be contacted as early as possible for us to arrange this, the school office is open from 8.00AM. Please see the [school attendance policy](#).

Vision

Through valuing all individuals as children of God we believe in promoting an inclusive school community, rooted in mutual respect, understanding and kindness towards others. As God taught us:

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.' (Proverbs 22:6)

Our school's vision is to nurture a resilient community where the love of learning thrives. We foster an environment where every member feels supported in order to flourish, be empowered to overcome challenges, embrace growth and contribute positively to God's world.

'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Attendance

You have 190 days to come to school and 175 to do everything else!

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](#).

Please click on the [link](#) to see the guidance for parents regarding attendance:

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% attendance. **Year 2** had the highest attendance for the last week of school in July with – **99.5%**. Other class attendance was as follows: **Y6 & Y4 - 99.1%**, **Y5 - 98.8%**, **Y3 - 97.8%**, **R - 97.1%**, **Y1 - 96%**, **N - 91.7%**

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.*

Info for parents from the DfE regarding fines: [Fines for parents for taking children out of school](#)

PFA Meeting

PFA will be holding a meeting in the Family Room this Friday, 13th September at 2.30pm. All are welcome and tea/coffee/biscuits will be provided. We raise extra funding for the children and desperately need more members to join us. Please come along and see what we're about and how you can help. Thank you

Changing from School Meals to Packed Lunch

If you would like to change your child from school meal to packed lunch or vice versa at any time throughout the term, please remember that you must contact school to give school a weeks' notice.

After School Clubs for September

Please note that all clubs start next week and some clubs run for 10 weeks, some marked with an * run for 12 weeks and end w/c 02.12.24.

Asda Rewards

The 'My Asda' app allows customers to choose a primary school to donate their rewards to. 0.5% of the value of their shop. It is then put into a pot for the school, if you scan their app when paying. If you could please add the app if you shop in Asda and think of us when paying that would be really helpful; Thank you.

Please note that your own rewards will remain the same and you can literally help us for free by selecting our school.

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2024/02/09/asda-rewards-makes-millions-available-to-primary-schools-with-industry-first-loyalty-programme-giveaway>

SEND Communication Focus Group Sessions

Please find attached flyer with information about the forthcoming sessions.

Sefton Children's University Summer Holiday Challenge

Before the summer holiday, attached to the newsletter were details of the Children's University summer holiday challenge. Please remember if necessary to send evidence of your activity SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk

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](#).

Birthday Cakes

If you would like to order a birthday cake for your child, this can be done at the school office, the cost is £2.50. Please note that 7 days notice is required.

Events for September

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

Beth Tweddle Gymnastics coaches for Years 3 & 5 every Tuesday afternoon.

13 th September	Outdoor adventure activity day – all classes from Reception to Year 6 – make sure you have a coat as it is outdoors no matter the weather
16 th September	All after school clubs begin. 10.00am – Year 4 rock climbing at Awesome Walls
17 th September	10.00am – Year 3 rock climbing at Awesome Walls
23 rd September	11.15am – Mini church at St. Oswald's church for all Nursery and Reception families GANGS prevention and awareness workshops every afternoon this week
25 th September	10.00am – Communion service at church for all families from Year 1 – Year 6 – all welcome
26 th September	European Day of Languages
27 th September	TT Rockstars Competition for KS2 – get learning those timetables

Lunchtime Welfare Job Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Welfare Assistant at our school working for 1 hour 15 minutes per day at lunch to support KS1 children. If you are interested, an application form is attached to the newsletter.

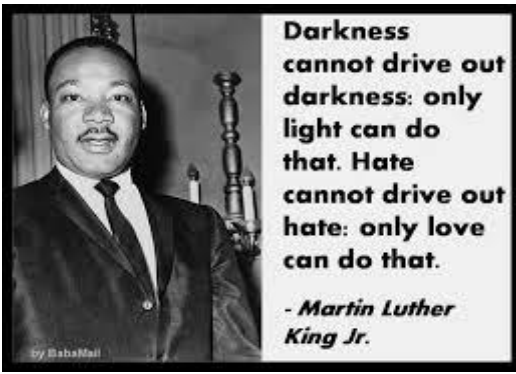
CAMHS

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.

Christian Values This month's Christian Value is **Friendship**. **Ephesians 4:32** "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you"

Article 27: Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.





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,

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher

