

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 18th September 2024

If parents are struggling to get children to school due to their own 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](#).

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 1** had the highest attendance for the last week with – **100%**. Other class attendance was as follows: **Y3 - 99.7%**, **R - 98.4%**, **Y6 - 97.9%**, **Y5 - 97.3%**, **Y4 - 95%**, **Y2 - 93.2%**, **N - 84.5%**.

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](#)

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, or a grandparent or neighbour, please pass this information on, an application form is attached to the newsletter and is also on our [website](#).

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>

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Organised by St Oswald's Church

St Oswald's Church are having a coffee afternoon next Friday for the 30th anniversary to celebrate the founding of the Fairtrade organisation and to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. (Please see attached flier)

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](#).

Events for September

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

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

- 23rd 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
- 25th September 10.00am – Communion service at church for all families from Year 1 – Year 6 – all welcome
- 26th September European Day of Languages
- 27th September TT Rockstars Competition for KS2 – get learning those timetables
- 3rd October Mentor Lunch (more information to follow next week)
- 4th October Year 2 to visit Martin Mere
2.15pm – Harvest festival in school hall, NOT Church

We are collecting for our harvest gifts, any donations of tinned or packet food, please bring into either school office or send into class with your children

- 8th October PM Year 5 to Goals (small team)
- 10th October World Mental Health Day
- 14th October PM Y4 team to goals
- 18th October Individual School Photographs
- 25th October TT Rockstars competition for KS2
- Finish for 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.

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 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



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