

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 3rd October 2024

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 greater [Government drive to improve attendance](#). We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. 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 for the third week had the highest attendance for the last week with – 98.7%**. Other class attendance was as follows:

Y2 - 98.6%, Y6 & Y3 - 97.9%, Y5 - 96%, R - 95.7%, Y4 - 92.9%, N - 91%.

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.*

Please see the [school attendance policy](#).

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

School Harvest Festival

This year school have been told we cannot join the Sunday morning service as we have done for so many years previously, so we will be holding our own service in school this **Friday 4th October at 2.15pm**. All parents/carers are welcome to join us. We will be collecting food packages as normal for local charities. Please send in any tinned or packaged food that you can spare. All gifts will be gratefully received.

Mentor Lunch 03.10.24

We are holding our first mentor lunch of the school year tomorrow 03.10.24. Envelopes were being sent home for children in Year 3 to Year 6 last week.

Coffee Morning

The Mental Health support team will be visiting school on 15th October to help parents and carers with 'supporting your child with worries and anxiety.' It will run from 9-10am in the school hall. Please see attached poster.

Shoe Box Appeal

Shoe box leaflets are going home with children today with all children. Since the first Shoe Box Appeal in 1993 Blythswood Care have sent more than 2.6 million boxes – each one different, each one personal, each one an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need. Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, the individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine.

Please return your filled shoebox to school by 04.11.24. Thank you for your support.

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](#).

Expert Support For Every Parenting Challenge

This is a free website that offers lots of parenting advice on a whole range of everyday topics and challenges such as friendships, screen time, school life and mental wellbeing. There are short videos and articles that you can access that offer you reassurance and strategies to use with your child/children.

It is well worth a look. It is free to sign up to and you can unlock a wealth of parenting know how.

<https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

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 This Half Term

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

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

3rd October Mentor Lunch

4th October Year 1 & 2 to visit Martin Mere

2.15pm – Harvest festival in school hall, NOT Church – all welcome to join us.

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

15th October 0900 – 1000 Coffee Morning in school hall

18th October Individual school photographs

25th October TT Rockstars competition for KS2

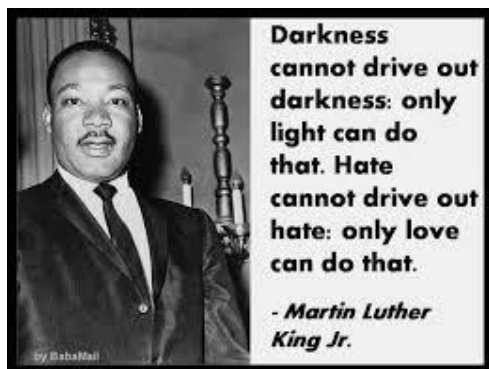
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CAMHS

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 12: Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.



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

