

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6 had the highest attendance for last week with – 97.2%**. Other class attendance was as follows:  
**Y2 - 97.1%, N - 96%, Y4 - 95.7%, Y1 - 95.5%, Y3 - 94.8%, Y5 - 93.3%, R - 87.2%**

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**

Thank you to every parent, carer and members of our community who attended our Harvest Festival Service at school. I am sure that you will agree this was an overwhelming success and I would like to thank each and every one of you for attending and participating in the service. We were overwhelmed with the numbers of people who joined us and the kind donations which will all be donated to the local food bank at St. Oswald's church.

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

Shoe box leaflets were sent home with children a few weeks ago. Please return your filled shoebox to school by 04.11.24. More shoe box leaflets are available at the office if you would like more, please send an [email](#) and an extra leaflet will be sent home with your child. Thank you for your support.

### **Birthday Cakes**

Unfortunately due to the rising costs of food, the cost of birthday cakes will increase to £3.50 after half term. This is subsidised heavily by school and the cost of the birthday cake is actually more than £5.00.

### **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/>

### **Send Transition Workshop Year 5 and Year 6 Pupils**

For families with SEND children in Year 5 and Year 6, choosing a school and preparing your child for the move, please see attached information sheet.

## Wellies

We are in desperate need of donations of any old wellies in larger sizes for forest fun in sizes 13-4 please.

## 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.

10<sup>th</sup> October World Mental Health Day  
14<sup>th</sup> October PM Y4 team to Goals  
15<sup>th</sup> October 0900AM – 1000AM Coffee Morning in school hall  
18<sup>th</sup> October Individual school photographs  
25<sup>th</sup> October TT Rockstars competition for KS2  
Finish for half term

## November

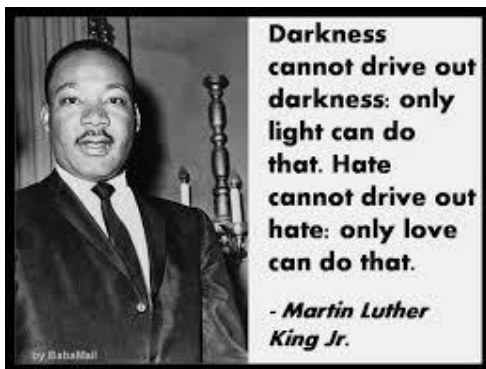
4<sup>th</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup> day back. All children return to school at the usual time  
11<sup>th</sup> November 11.15AM – Mini church, all Early Years families welcome  
13<sup>th</sup> November 10AM – Whole school Communion at church, all families welcome  
15<sup>th</sup> November Children In Need – own clothes day – suggested donations of £1 will be donated to Children in Need  
18<sup>th</sup> November Enterprise week in school – all classes will be making items to sell at the Christmas fair  
22<sup>nd</sup> November Year 5 trip to Tatton Park  
25<sup>th</sup> November Last week of after school clubs \* some clubs marked \* continue for another 2 weeks\*  
([Please check website for full information](#))  
27<sup>th</sup> November Year 4 Greek day – all to dress as Greeks  
29<sup>th</sup> November Multi-day – own clothes -£1 donation to PFA for Christmas fair

## 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 15:** Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join in 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'E Murtagh'.

Miss E Murtagh  
Headteacher