

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### **Our School 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)

### **New MIS**

Our database (MIS) at school is changing. Our MIS populates our School Spider app. As such, you will need to do the following from 7<sup>th</sup> November:

- Parents will need to log out and back in to the School Spider app
- Parents will not have access to any smartphone messages, parents' evenings, surveys and forms or group conversations sent prior to the MIS change.

### **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/>

### **Attendance**

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

Last year we had a huge drive to improve attendance. This is a shared objective in schools across the country and in Sefton, particularly in our cluster of schools in the STRAND group (all local schools.) We will be sharing good practice among our schools and a shared message.

### **Be in To Win**

Last year we introduced Be in to Win which replaced the 100% attendance reward for the year. We appreciate that there were unavoidable absences and that some children were missing out when it was genuinely unavoidable that they were absent.

To ensure that **all** pupils were able to achieve, we reduced the 100% awards to a full month. To this end if they are absent for a genuine reason they will still be able to work towards the next full month to receive the award and a small prize. We hope that this will also build resilience and drive as they will be encouraged that if they haven't made it for this month then it is ok, because they can try again for next month. We feel it is important for children to know that not everything goes well all the time and that is how things go at times, however, there is always a new opportunity and other chances for success.

Date	Attendance 2022/23 (last year)	Attendance 2023/2024 (this year)	Improvement
November	87 pupils	142 pupils	+ 55 pupils
December	90 pupils	126 pupils	+ 36 pupils
Autumn Term	91.7%	93.6%	& 1.9%
January	91 pupils	126	+35 pupils
March	91	116	+25 pupils
Spring Term	91.5%	93.2%	+1.7%
May	131	140	+9
June	124	137	+13
Summer Term	91.5%	92.6%	+1.1%

Overall for the year	91.6%	93.6%	+2%
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Date	Attendance 2022/23 (last year)	Attendance 2023/2024 (this year)	Improvement
September	142 pupils /228	151 pupils/228	+ 9 pupils = 3.94%
October			

For November the prize will be a small Advent Calendar and for December it will be a small selection box, this was decided by the school council made up of pupils voted on by each class.

### **Christmas Performance Tickets**

Christmas performance tickets can now be booked from tomorrow 9.00am until 29<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm through our School Spider app.

Please go to *Surveys and Forms* and fill in your choice of performance. Tickets are £1.00 each, once you have chosen your date and booked your tickets, please return your payment to school, tickets will then be sent home to you with your child. Tickets are limited to 2 per family initially. We will confirm when extras are available. Please note that if payment is not received your booking request will not be confirmed.

There will be two afternoon performances and one morning performance. The performances are as follows:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30PM

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 09.30AM

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30PM

*Please note that we do not provide a crèche facility. It is unfair to the children performing to allow any babies or young children into the performance as it can be very distracting. Please make arrangements for them to be looked after as they will not be allowed into the performance. For the same reasons anyone arriving after the performance has begun will also be refused entry.*

### **PFA Christmas Fair**

We are holding our Christmas Fair on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm in the school hall.

KS2 children will come straight to the hall from class and you will be able to meet them there. KS1 and EYFS children should be collected from their class as usual and then please join us in the hall for the Christmas Fair.

### **Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets will be coming home with your child today. Your support is much appreciated as the funds raised pay for many extras for the children. If you would like extra tickets, please contact school.

### **Football Boot Initiative - YO Bootroom**

Our attention has been drawn to a football boot Facebook page where parents can donate, exchange, swap or gift preloved football boots. This is a free service for parents of children or young adults who need football boots or have any old ones to donate. Football boots can be very expensive and this is a great initiative to support parents in helping their child to enjoy playing football without the worry of not being able to afford new or replacement boots. You can find this page on facebook @yo.bootroom and contact Dave if you would like to take advantage of this great initiative.

### **Sleep Hygiene Parent Workshop**

Attached to the newsletter is information on the Sleep Hygiene Parent Workshop taking place on 20.11.24 at school from 09.00 – 10.00AM.

### **Wellies**

We are in desperate need of donations of 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](#).

### **Upcoming Events**

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

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

### **November**

13<sup>th</sup> November 10.00AM – Whole school Communion at church, all families welcome

14<sup>th</sup> November School Council visit to English Martyrs Primary School

15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need – own clothes day – suggested donations of £1 will be donated to Children in Need. <b>Donations can also be made via</b> <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15322">https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15322</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Enterprise week in school – all classes will be making items to sell at the Christmas fair
20 <sup>th</sup> November	09.00AM Sleep Workshop
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* ( <a href="#">Please check website for full information</a> )
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Greek day – all to dress as Greeks
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Multi-day – own clothes -£1 suggested 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.

**Article 38:** Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war. Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces.

**Christian Values** This month's Christian Value is **Creation. Colossians 1:16** "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers, or authorities – all things were created through him or for him."



### **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

