

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Attendance

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](#).

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% attendance. **Year 4** had the highest attendance for last week – **98.1%**, congratulations! Other classes attendance was follows: **Y5 - 97.7%** **Y3 - 97.6%** **Y6 - 97.4%** **Y1 - 94.1%** **Y2 - 92.3%** **N - 89.8%** **R - 86.9%** Nursery and Reception – Can all parents please notify the school of absences using school spider as normal **NOT** the Class Dojo app, Thank you.

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.*

End of Term Service

Please note our end of term service is now taking place in school on the last day of term 28.03.24 at 9.45am in the school hall.

Easter Bonnet Competition

Our Easter Bonnet competition will take place on 28th March. There will be a first and second prize for each class.

Be in to win!

We are running the scheme again in March – if children are in all of March they will get a cream egg.

| 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 | 30 pupils | 58 pupils | +28 |
| | 91.7% | 93.6% | & 1.9% |
| January | 91 pupils | 126 pupils | + 35 pupils |

Netherton Library Information

Please see attached.

Board Games Afternoons

Please see attached information to join St Oswald's Church for a fun afternoon of board games and building and food on 16.03.24 and 20.04.24 from 12.00PM – 2.00PM.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Vouchers will be issued to families who are entitled on Monday 01.04.24.

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](#).

March

- 16th March - 12.00PM Board Games and building at St Oswald's Church
18th March – DT week for whole school
PM – Multi skills team at King's Leadership Academy
19th March - Year 3 class assembly – 9.15AM school hall – all welcome
PM – Art afternoon for whole school
20th March - Year 5 swimming
22nd March – TT Rockstars Competition for KS2
25th March – 10.30AM - Stay N'Play in Nursery
2.15PM - Stay N'Play in Nursery & Reception
26th March - Year 2 class assembly – 9.15AM school hall – all welcome
27th March – Easter bunny fun run – wear your ears! Year 5 swimming
28th March – Last Day of Term
9.45am – End of term service at **school**, all welcome **9.45AM – school hall all welcome.**
Easter Bonnet competition. 1st & 2nd place for each class.

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 **Forgiveness**.

Article 15

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



Yours sincerely,

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher

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*

