

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### **Attendance**

Congratulations again go to our Year 3 children who had the highest attendance last week with 100%. Cuddles the bear will be staying upstairs with them this week and the class will be able to spend the class voucher of £5.00. Y3 - 100%, R - 98%, Y2 - 96.7%, Y5 - 96%, Y4 - 95.6%, N - PM - 95%, Y1 - 94.5%, Y6 - 93.1%, N - AM 92.2%

### **School Baptism**

We would like to host a school Baptism service for parents and children who wish to be Baptised. Rev'd Elliot is very happy to hold a service for those families who are interested. If this is something you would like to discuss further with him please fill in the reply slip below with your details and contact number. He will contact you directly to talk to you about what is involved. Please note that the service will take place during the school day so parents and Godparents will need to be available.

### **Apples on our trees at the front of school**

We have 3 apple trees at the front of school. If you would like to have some apples (which are the baking variety) please call into the school office and then you can pick some off the trees. Please do not come and take them as these are in the car park which is very busy. We would not want the apples to go to waste and they do taste beautiful when baked. Thank you

### **St. Oswald's fund raising hero!**

Mr Everett, a parent of one of our Year 6 children, has been working tirelessly to gain extra funds for school. He has already managed to secure a fantastic donation of £500 from Jaguar Land Rover that will help to create and maintain a sensory garden. It will be filled with plants to encourage wildlife and leaves of different shapes, colours and scents. This will enable all the children in school to study the plants using all their senses and to monitor the wildlife we attract.

He has also completed a charity bike ride from Old Trafford to Blackpool and then backhome to Liverpool - 104 miles!! He raised a fantastic total of £705.23 altogether! Amazing achievement!

### **Half Term with Netherton Feelgood Factory**

Netherton Feelgood Factory are organising an event which will include planting bulbs and a community clean up, litter picking and making / decorating hand made pebbles. The event takes place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. For more information please contact Pauline Gillett on 01512918020

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## **Active Sefton**

Active Sefton leaflets are being sent home today for all children from Year 2 to 6. If your child has a Children's University passport then some of the activities are eligible for credits. Don't forget to ask!

## **Spooky Welly Walk**

The Spooky Welly Walk is back - so mums and dads and little monsters get ready to get spooky for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. The Spooky Welly Walk takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October in Sefton Park - it's a 2 mile family walk with over 20 different stands, so why don't you strike a post at the Dreadful Diner, dare to dig through the Yucky Dip stand, take a ride on the mini fairground rides and look out for surprises along the route. Early bird tickets are available for £4 per adult or child (Under 2's go free). You can buy tickets on the day for £5 per adult or child.

[www.Roycastle.org/spooky](http://www.Roycastle.org/spooky)

## **WOW! Walk to School**

Recently we had a visitor who introduced the WOW walk to school programme.

This aims to encourage children to walk to school as often as they can. We learned about the many benefits of walking to school including:

- improving our fitness levels
- protecting the environment
- providing an opportunity for conversation
- reducing costs
- providing opportunities to practise road safety skills.



As part of the WOW programme the children will be working towards a monthly WOW badge which they will achieve if they walk, cycle or scoot to school at least three times per week. They will electronically record how they have travelled to school each day and the results will be collated over a month.

The children are very excited about collecting each badge so please encourage and support your child to walk to school. If it isn't possible to walk all the way please encourage them to:

Park and stride: park away from school and allow them to walk part of the journey.

Get off the bus 1 stop early and walk the rest of the way.

Walk with a friend's family.



Can you collect all 12 badges?

## **GB Athlete visit: 6<sup>th</sup> November**

On November 6<sup>th</sup> we will be having a special visitor to school, a British athlete who has represented our country. We hope this will inspire and motivate your children to develop their own abilities and to encourage them to aim high in sport.

The day will begin with an inspiring assembly led by the athlete where they will share their sporting journey with the children, allowing them to understand the hard work and dedication needed in order to achieve success. Afterwards, each year group will complete a challenging fitness circuit with the athlete and have the opportunity for a meet & greet. During this time, they will also learn about healthy living and the importance of developing a growth mind-set.

These activities will be sponsored and your child brought home a sponsorship form on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The money raised will go back into the athlete support programme which provides over 300 GB athletes with funding, as well as access to a number of services that help them on their journey to GOLD. If we raise more than £250 as a school however we will receive funds back to purchase new PE equipment.

Thank you in advance for your support!

### **Diwali Celebration Lunch**

On 7th November we will be having a special menu for the day to celebrate Diwali. The menu will be as follows:

Cooks Special Chicken Curry, Vegetable Balti, Tricolour rice, mini onion bhaji or samosa followed by ice cream.

If your child is in KS2, an envelope will be sent home for them to join in. Please return this envelope to school by

### **Children's University Passports**

Children's University passports are available to buy from the school office for £1.00. These can be used to collect additional credits over the half term. If you would like to purchase a passport to collect credits, please contact the school office.

### **Children's University October Half Term Challenge**

Attached to the newsletter is information on the Sefton Children's University October half term challenge.

### **Free Family Merseyrail pass for Children's University families**

We wanted to let you know about an event Children's University are running in partnership with Merseyrail on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

They have a 1000 free family passes to give away to CU families so they can access the whole network for the day and certain CU Learning Destinations will be hosting events.

#### **Formby National Trust**

Bug Hunting - Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 11am - 2pm

Discover more about the minibeasts that live in the glorious woods and grasslands of Formby.

No need to book ask at Victoria Road for directions on the day.

Free event, Bug pots £5 sale or return.

The event should take place in Victoria Wood, just down from the information trailer.

#### **The Beatles Story**

As part of our Beatles in India year of events, our family workshops are free to attend. We will be running a Latern workshop in the October half term (on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 4pm).

Children are welcome to come along and we will support the Children's University by offering this free workshop for an extra day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Curious about** 20% discount off all Curious About Walks using code "CU20%OFF" at checkout.

#### **Climbing Hangar**

We can offer a discounted entry for children which is £4 per child which includes shoes. This would include unlimited climbing for the day. For children's safety we do have a policy that children must be supervised by an adult and the ratio is 1 adult to 2 children.

These are some of the Learning Destinations that have offers on but there are lots more to access. Please remind children to remember to bring their Passport to Learning with them on the day so they can get some stamps in them.

This is a fab free opportunity for families to get out and about.

The link for families to register is <https://www.merseyrail.org/seasonal/childrens-university-ticket-giveaway.aspx>

Attached to the newsletter is a map with learning destinations and days out.

### **Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year**

Please visit the school website for details <http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com/events>

#### **October 2018**

19<sup>th</sup> October - Celebration of school's 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday (21<sup>st</sup> Oct)

22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October - Half term

**29<sup>th</sup> October- Back to school**

31<sup>st</sup> October - Y6 trip to Liverpool Cathedral for Remembrance service. Meet the teacher appointments will be sent home.

**November 2018**

5<sup>th</sup> November- Year 1 to Cathedral.

6<sup>th</sup> November - Olympic athlete visit - sponsored event.

7<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance workshop for Year 5 at Liverpool Cathedral, Special lunch for Diwali.

9<sup>th</sup> November - Individual photos for all children. PM -Service at Liverpool parish church for Year 6.

12<sup>th</sup> November - Anti - Bullying week. 11.15am - Mini church for Nursery and Reception children and families at St. Oswald's Church. 2.30pm - School nurse drop in session.

14<sup>th</sup> November - 10.00am - Whole School Communion at 10.00am - all families welcome. PM - Meet the teacher.

16<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day. All to wear spots. 1<sup>st</sup> session of Bikeability for Y6

19<sup>th</sup> November - Enterprise week.

20<sup>th</sup> November - Universal Children's Day

23<sup>rd</sup> November- 2<sup>nd</sup> session of Bikeability for Y6

26<sup>th</sup> November - Final week of after school clubs.

29<sup>th</sup> November - Advent workshop at the Cathedral for Year 3.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh  
Headteacher

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I am interested in having my child or myself Baptised in a whole school service: and wish to discuss this further with Rev'd Elliot.

My contact details for him to contact me are as follows:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_