

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Attendance

Congratulations to our Year 4 children with 99.3% of the class present last week. Cuddles the bear will move down the corridor to be with Year 4 for a week. Y4 - 99.3%, Y1 - 99%, R - 98.7%, Y3 - 98.6%, Y6 - 98.5%, Y5 - 96.2%, Y2 - 94.7%, N - 92.8%.

Reading

Reading daily is crucial for children's development and also helps them with their vocabulary. As a school, we are raising the profile of reading, investing in new resources and areas around school.

Year 4 have found that having an incentive to work towards has encouraged more children to read at least 4 times per week.

We will now be rolling out this to each class and a letter will follow with more details. On each class webpage is a recommended reading list and also some question stems to help support with reading at home. We want our children to develop a love of reading as we know this is important in all subjects.

PE

All children should now have their PE Kit in school. Each week children will need training shoes in school. As some PE is outdoor this term, pupils may wear a jogging suit and trainers for outside PE lessons, an indoor kit should also remain in school. PE Kit uniform is shorts only – no skorts will be allowed due to health and safety reasons, particularly in gymnastics. Children with the correct PE kit and swimming kits in school on the days they need them will get a leaf towards their golden apple at the end of the year.

School Shoes

Many children are coming to school in trainers, just a reminder that the school uniform is as follows:

Main School (Reception class to Year 6)

Boys- Black or grey trousers, Oxford grey school sweatshirt, red school polo shirt. Black school shoes (**not trainers**.)

Girls- Grey skirt, pinafore, culottes, or trousers. Oxford grey school sweatshirt/cardigan with red school polo shirt. Flat black shoes with white/grey socks or tights. Girls with long hair should have it tied up with red ribbons or other sensible decorations.

Lost Property

Lost or unclaimed items have accumulated over time and school now has a large collection of coats, jumpers, gloves, hats etc. These items will be out in the foyer from 3.15PM

tomorrow. Please feel free to come and have a look as you may find some items that belong to your child. If anything is unclaimed after tomorrow it will be disposed of.

Assertive Mentoring

Each half term your child receives an Assertive Mentoring report to inform you of their attendance, punctuality and their attitudes to their learning. Please take time to discuss this with your child and talk to them about how they can make any improvements necessary or praise them if they are already being brilliant!

At the end of this half term these reports will be emailed to you directly rather than being sent home in paper form.

Please add the following email address to your contacts so that the emails don't go into your spam. Assertivementoring.stoswalds@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Playground markings outside of each classroom door.

Some parents have complained that it is difficult to get their child at the end of the day due to crowding at the doors. To help assist the teaching staff see your child out quickly and safely and avoid crowding we in the process of installing a painted area outside of each classroom doors. This will look almost like a penalty area around a goal. We would ask that parents do not enter this area as children will stand behind the area until released into the care of whoever has come to pick them up. We do hope that this will help alleviate the problems that have arisen. Thank you to those parents for their feedback, please do let us know if this has helped or if the problem is still as bad. Thank you.

Clean Plastic Bottle Tops Wanted Please for Community Eco Animal Sculpture

We would be very grateful if the local schools could collect and retain clean plastic bottle tops between now and April to be inserted into a bespoke life-sized, galvanised steel mesh rhinoceros sculpture, that will be installed in April On Stafford Morton Way, Maghull. The sculpture is being created to highlight endangered wildlife, plastic recycling and create a beautiful multi-coloured public work of art (only the second in Maghull). Organised by Friends of Maghull and District, supported by Maghull Town Council.



Please see the appeal in the Aintree and Maghull Champion Newspaper on page 8 of this link <https://www.champnews.com/papers/pdf/M0220.pdf#page=8>

An introduction to the whole project is available on our website with an accessible one-minute video: www.spacehive.com/stafford-moreton

Active Sefton

Be Active Returns this February Half Term for Children and Young People in Sefton. Please see the attached guide – Don't Miss out! Book your activities now!! 0151 288 6286. More information can be found at: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/ed0073b5-3b99-44bb-9254-c139f15e5d0c>

Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year

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

Christian Values

Our worship this week has centred around the value of 'hope.' Hebrews 11:1 "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see."

This half term

27th January - Healthy eating workshop for years 3 & 4

28th January - Reception Reading workshop 2.45PM Messy Church

3rd February – Swimming daily for two weeks for Year 6 begins today. Healthy eating workshop for years 3 & 4

4th February – Safer Internet Day and mentor lunch. Stay n' Play in EYFS

10th February – Assessment week.

11th February – Year 5 class assembly – 9.15am – school hall all welcome.

13th February – Eat a Rainbow special lunch.

14th February – break up for half term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Murtagh', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher