

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 5th February 2020

Attendance

Congratulations to our Year 4 children with 98.7% of the class present last week. The class get to have cuddles for a week. Y4 - 98.7%, R - 98.3%, Y2 - 97.7%, Y1 - 97.6%, Y5 - 97.2%, Y6 - 96.3%, Y3 - 95.7%, N - 89.7%.

Children's Mental Health Week

There are more children than ever suffering through anxiety, stress and general poor mental health due to worries in their lives. This week is national Children's Mental Health week. Please find attached leaflet the Well Young Person team have provided for you to discuss with your child, this may be particularly helpful if you find your child is anxious about making mistakes or getting things wrong. In school we advocate mistakes as points to learn from and we all make mistakes. Please encourage your child to be brave and speak out.

A wise bear once said ... "You are stronger than you seem, braver than you believe and smarter than you think." Winnie the Po.

Reading

Reading daily is crucial for children's development and also helps them with their vocabulary. Research has also now shown that ten minutes of reading a day helps mental well-being. 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.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

On Thursday 5th March children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. We would also ask that your child brings the book into school that their character is from.

Payments to School

Please send all money into school in a named envelope and details of what the payment is for. This includes breakfast club payments. We ask that Dinner money payments are sent in on the Monday at the beginning of the week. Breakfast club money should be paid on the Monday of the beginning of the week or on the day at the door.

Unfortunately, money can be lost or used to pay for the wrong thing if it is not clearly labelled with the child's name in a sealed envelope. Thank you for your help.

Parent Governor Nominations

Thank you to all parents who nominated other parents for the role of Parent Governor. We have received 3 nominations and ballot information was sent home to all families last Friday. Please remember that you can vote for 2 governors. You must use the envelopes provided and return

your vote in the envelopes as explained on the ballot papers. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you

Christian Values

Our worship this week has centred around the value of 'Community.' Our school community is a special place and wonderful to be part of. Our school community works best when children, parents and staff work together. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Second hand Toy Sale

There will be a second hand toy sale on Saturday 8th February 11.00AM to 1.00PM in St Oswald's church hall. Tea coffee available and refreshments are available.

Headlice

There has been an outbreak of headlice in Class 2. Could you please check and treat your child as applicable. Thank you.

Sefton Be Active

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

Eat a Rainbow Lunch

If your child is in Year 3 – 6 and normally stays for a packed lunch, envelopes were sent home with your child last week for the opportunity to have the special lunch on Thursday 13th February.

The menu will be Chicken korma curry & tricolour rice or tomato and mixed pepper pasta with peas, sweetcorn and carrots. Followed by rainbow iced sponge. Please note that your child can still bring their packed lunch as normal and do not need to have the Rainbow lunch.

Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year

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

This half term

February

3rd February – Children's Mental Health Week

10th February – Assessment week.

11th February – Year 5 class assembly – 9.15am – in school hall, all welcome. Y6 swimming all week.

13th February – Eat a Rainbow special lunch.

14th February – break up for half term.

Next Half Term

24th- **Back to school** 11.15AM Mini Church

25th- Y2 trip to Liverpool Cathedral for Icons workshop, football match V The Grange at home

26th- 10.00AM whole school communion pm -Year 5 start swimming

March 2020

3rd March – Year 4 class assembly PM Cycle marking session with Merseyside Police

5th- World Book Day, everyone to dress as their favourite character. World book day special lunch

10th March – Year 3 class assembly, football Match V Litherland Moss at home

11th- Science Week

17th March – Year 2 class assembly, football Match V Linacre Primary away

23rd- Assessment week

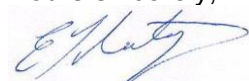
24th March – Year 1 class assembly, football match V St Phillips away

26th- Stay n Play 2.15-3.15pm Maths focus

30th- Chester Zoo rangers visiting

31st March – Reception class assembly & Experience Easter Y1 1.10PM Y2 2.10PM

Yours sincerely,



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