

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to our Year 6 children with 99.6% of the class present last week. The class get to have cuddles for a week. Y6 - 99.6%, Y4 - 98.7%, Y3 - 96.6%, Y5 - 95.9%, Y2 - 94.7%, Y1 - 93.1%, R - 90.7%, N - 86.1%.

### **National Internet Safety Day**

Although Internet Safety Day was yesterday we thought you may find the following links helpful to help you at home.

*To celebrate "Safer Internet Day 2020" on February 11th, FlashStart is making free access to its online filtering service. Now every UK household, registering during February, will be able to control the use of gaming sites, adult content, gambling and to protect against malware when using the home WiFi for 1 year.*

Please be aware that this is not something we have used in schools but are just passing this information onto you. The Free Internet Protection **activation link** is as follows.

<https://flashstart.com/saferinternetday>

### **Bikeability**

Bikeability sessions are taking place for Year 5 and 6 children who have already registered on 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> February. Children will need to come to school in their uniform and bring with them a change of warm clothes, a coat and gloves and a helmet for their bike. Please also remember to bring their bike to school on this day.

### **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.

### **World Book Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Call for A Nightingale's Song!**

**Three prominent buildings in Sefton will be lit up in a unique light extravaganza as part of Sefton's Borough of Culture year.**

Waterloo and Bootle Town Halls along with The Atkinson in Southport will be the backdrop over 3 nights (March 13-15) as A Nightingale's Song is projected on to them. More details are attached.

### **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. 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**

Thank you to Year 5 who shared their Christian Value with us all, centred around the value of 'hope.' Thank you to all of you who joined us we hope that you gained a little more hope of your own by seeing what this means to our children. If we don't have hope for our children's future what hope do we have? "But I will hope continually and yet praise thee more and more." Psalm 71:14

### **Headlice**

There has been an outbreak of headlice in Class 4. 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 for the opportunity to have the special lunch on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Nursery Request**

Nursery are looking for donations of any girls underwear, school skirts, leggings and tights for their spares box. Any of these in ages 3-4, 4-5 and 5-6 would be greatly appreciated.

### **Cycle Marking Session with Merseyside Police 03.03.20**

Merseyside Police will be offering a free cycle security marking session on the afternoon of 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Anyone can have their cycles or scooters marked. Please bring your cycle into school in the morning.

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

Details of the Children's University half term challenge are attached to the newsletter.

### **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**

13<sup>th</sup> February – Eat a Rainbow special lunch.

14<sup>th</sup> February – break up for half term.

##### **Next Half Term**

24<sup>th</sup>- **Back to school** 11.15AM Mini Church

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

26<sup>th</sup>- 10.00AM whole school communion pm -Year 5 start swimming

##### **March 2020**

2<sup>nd</sup> March – PM KS2 Philharmonic Visit

3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 4 class assembly PM Cycle marking session with Merseyside Police

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

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

11<sup>th</sup>- Science Week

17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 class assembly, football Match V Linacre Primary away

23<sup>rd</sup>- Assessment week

24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 class assembly, football match V St Phillips away

26<sup>th</sup>- Stay n Play 2.15-3.15pm Maths focus

30<sup>th</sup>- Chester Zoo rangers visiting

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Murtagh', written in a cursive style.

Miss E. Murtagh  
Headteacher