

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress. When a child's attendance falls to 90% or below it is classed as persistent absence by Sefton Council. We hope that by working together, their attendance will improve and they will achieve their full potential in school. The Government are also monitoring poor attendance and have worked with the NHS to produce this document: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) Please follow the link for details – this is also accessible on our school website.

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96%. Our **Year 5 and Year 1** class had the highest attendance for last week (3 days) 100%. Other classes attendance was follows: **R - 97.6%, Y2 - 96.9%, N - 96.7%, Y3 - 96.6% Y4 - 96.3%, Y6 - 95.2%.**

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.

Parents can notify school of their child's absence through the School Spider App. You will need to log into School Spider to do this, if you need help logging in, please let school know.

Vision

Our school vision drives forward everything we do for all our children and all those in our Christian family. All decisions are made with our vision at the heart.

'Teach children how they should live and they will remember it all their life.'
(Proverbs 22:6)

Through basing our vision on the bible teaching above we will promote an inclusive school community, rooted in mutual respect, understanding and kindness towards others.

'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

In living out the statement above our vision is to develop resilience and a love of learning, which will enable the children to achieve their aspirations.

Art

We are promoting are trying to promote different forms of art and the various styles and mediums it is formed. To start us off we are hosting our first Photography competition Theme: 'Nature is all around us'. Please see the attached flyer with the details.

Date for submission: Friday 29th September 2023

Harvest Festival 01.10.23

We are delighted to be able to have our Harvest Festival celebration this year at **school** on **Sunday 1st October at 10.00AM**. All families are welcome, we do hope that as many children as possible can attend, in school uniform.

Each class have prepared a piece for the service and the children need to be there to present it during the service. All **food donations** will be gratefully received and will be donated to the food bank at St. Oswald's church.

Sponsored Walk

WOW! raised a whopping total of £1006.00! Thank you so much for your support.

Pre Loved Uniform Sale

The pre loved uniform sale takes place on Friday morning at 08.45AM, further dates will follow throughout the year, however, if you need uniform assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McNally.

Dates for Next Year

For school term dates and upcoming events next year please see the school calendar on our [website](#).



Mental Health and Wellbeing

The NHS are constantly keeping their website up to date there are plenty of activities and ideas to help you & your child. It gives information on how to talk to you child if they are showing signs of concern. <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>



There are online resources available to help you and your child with mental health, including:

- [MindEd](#), a free educational resource from Health Education England on children and young people's mental health
- [Rise Above](#), which aims to build resilience and support good mental health in young people aged 10 to 16
- [Every Mind Matters](#), which includes an online tool and email journey to support everyone to feel more confident in taking action to look after their mental health and wellbeing
- [Bereavement UK](#) and the [Childhood Bereavement Network](#), provide information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff
- Barnardo's See, Hear, Respond service, provides support to children, young people and their families who aren't currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- You can access via the ['See, Hear, Respond' service self-referral webpage](#) or Freephone 0800 151 7015
- It is also vital to report any safeguarding concerns you have about any child. Contact us at school or the [NSPCC helpline](#).
- Kooth - free website which provides support for young people in Sefton. The website is monitored by counsellors where children can read articles, engage in online chats about mental health and wellbeing topics and learn ways they can support their own mental health. It is suitable for our year 5 & 6 pupils.

Christian Values

This week's Christian Value is **Generosity**.

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" **Acts 20:35**



Article 27

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs.

Generosity



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*

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher

