

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 10th January 2024

Happy New Year and Welcome back

We would like to wish all of you a healthy and happy 2024. As always, in school we will be as busy as ever and encouraging great attendance. We look forward to working with you all and providing the best possible education we can.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress. There is a bigger [Government drive to improve attendance](#).

When a child's attendance falls to 90% or below it is classed as persistent absence. We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. The school's policy for attendance is available on the school [website](#).

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% attendance.

Our Year 2 class again had the highest attendance for the week before we finished for the Christmas holidays, well done Year 2 with **96.2%** attendance! Other classes attendance was follows: **Y4 - 94.4%**, **Y5 - 91.7%**, **R - 91.1%**, **Y3 - 90.3%**, **N - 88.2%**, **Y1 - 84.1%**, **Y6 - 83.8%**. The class with the highest attendance for last half term and term was Reception class.

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.

If you are unable to call school, e.g no credit on your phone, please use School Spider.

Our Appreciation

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you so much for your kindness and generosity for the gifts we received. It is much appreciated, thank you for your support.

Be in to win!

Thank you to all families who supported the 'Be in to Win' event for December. In December 2022 we had 90 children in for the whole month. This December (2023) we had **128**. A staggering improvement, so well done everyone! It just shows how we can work together to improve attendance. I will be writing to all those families to thank them for their positive response and look forward to seeing all the children in school more regularly.

Same rules apply: **Every child** who is **in school** for the **whole of January** will receive an **extra playtime on 31st January**. They **MUST** be in school every day for both morning and afternoon sessions to win the extra playtime – not off with a valid reason, but in every day. We will see if we can get as many children as possible to attend school every day this month. If your child has an appointment they must come to school prior to present and get their mark and return to school straight after.

Mentor Lunch 18.01.24

We are holding our first mentor lunch of 2024 on 18.01.24. Envelopes are being sent home for children in Year 3 to Year 6 today.

Swimming

Year 3 will continue to swim every day this week and next (Monday to Thursday) until Thursday 11th January. Year 4 will continue to swim each Wednesday from today until Wednesday 7th February 2024 inclusive. After February half term, Year 5 will then swim in place of Year 4 on Wednesday afternoons. Swimming kit information can be found [here](#).

Children's University Winter Challenge

Did your child completed the winter challenge, if so, each activity is worth 1 credit. Please remember to send evidence of your activity to this [email](#). This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the name of our school in your email!

PFA Raffle

The draw took place on 22nd December 2023, winners were as follows:

1	Luxury Hamper	Oliver R Y5	001923
2	Aintree Footgolf for 5 people	Jacob H N	000134
3	Bowlers Riding Lesson	Oliver R Y5	001926
4	Acorn Farm Family Pass	Thea P Y2	000657
5	Teddy	Oliver S Y4	001137
6	Crystals Set	Caleb W Y4	001757
7	Style and Grace Gift Set	Jacob G Y5	001950
8	Wordsearch	Tae T Y2	001850
9	Beastly Body Bits Jigsaw	Oliver R Y5	001934
10	Kangaroo Game	Abigail C R	000236

Name the Reindeer

Noel was the reindeer's name – congratulations to Mrs Cranny.

After School Club Availability

We still have places available for the following clubs, if you would like your child to attend, please send an email by clicking on this [link](#).

Mon: Funky Fingers Y1&2
Gymnastics

Tue: Study Support
Forest Fun Y2&4
Yoga

Wed: Choir
Multisports Y1&2

Thur: Multisports Y5&6
Board Games **Please note that this day has changed from Tuesday to Thursday.*

Fri: Multisports Y3&4

Dates for Next Year

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

January

8 th	Year 3 swimming every morning Monday – Thursday for the first two weeks
10	Year 4 continue to swim each Wednesday afternoon for this half term
12 th	08.45AM Preloved uniform sale at the Family Room
15 th	Mini church for EYFS – 11.15am at church
16 th	Year 5 & 6 team to Sports Hall athletics Year 5 & 6 gymnastics every Tuesday – <u>all children need their PE kits in school</u>
17 th	10.00am – Year 1 to Year 6 Communion at church – all welcome
19 th	Year 2 to Jodrell Bank – wrap up warm!
23 rd	Year 5 & 6 gymnastics every Tuesday – <u>all children need their PE kits in school</u>
26 th	TT Rockstars competition for KS2

Christian Values

This month's Christian Value is **Courage**

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Article 27

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



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

