

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 9th October 2024

Attendance

You have 190 days to come to school and 175 to do everything else!

Last year we had a huge drive to improve attendance. This is a shared objective in schools across the country and in Sefton, particularly in our cluster of schools in the STRAND group (all local schools). We will be sharing good practice among our schools and a shared message.

Be in To Win

Last year we introduced Be in to Win which replaced the 100% attendance reward for the year. We appreciated that there were unavoidable absences and that some children were missing out when it was genuinely unavoidable that they were absent.

To ensure that **all** pupils were able to achieve we reduced the 100% awards to a full month. To this end if they are absent for a genuine reason they will still be able to work towards the next full month to receive the award and a small prize. We hope that this will also build resilience and drive as they will be encouraged that if they haven't made it for this month then it is ok, because they can try again for next month. We feel it is important for children to know that not everything goes well all the time and that is how things go at times, however, there is always a new opportunity and other chances for success.

Date	Attendance 2022/23 (last year)	Attendance 2023/2024 (this year)	Improvement
November	87 pupils	142 pupils	+ 55 pupils
December	90 pupils	126 pupils	+ 36 pupils
Autumn Term	91.7%	93.6%	& 1.9%
January	91 pupils	126	+35 pupils
March	91	116	+25 pupils
Spring Term	91.5%	93.2%	+1.7%
May	131	140	+9
June	124	137	+13
Summer Term	91.5%	92.6%	+1.1%
Overall for the year	91.6%	93.6%	+2%

This year we have included the School Council in what they would like as prizes. For attending the full month of September they requested an extra playtime – this has already been given this week.

Date	Attendance 2022/23 (last year)	Attendance 2023/2024 (this year)	Improvement
September	142 pupils /228	151 pupils/228	+ 9 pupils = 3.94%

For November the prize will be a small Advent Calendar and for December it will be a small selection box, this was decided by the school council made up of pupils voted on by each class.

Expert Support For Every Parenting Challenge

This is a free website that offers lots of parenting advice on a whole range of everyday topics and challenges such as friendships, screen time, school life and mental wellbeing. There are short videos and articles that you can access that offer you reassurance and strategies to use with your child/children. It is well worth a look. It is free to sign up to and you can unlock a wealth of parenting know how. <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

Vouchers

Vouchers for families that are entitled will be distributed on Monday 28.10.24.

Virtual Drop In Session – School Nurse

There will be an attend anywhere session on 12/11/24 1.30-3pm for parents. This is a virtual online drop-in session, please see attachment.

Wellies

We are in desperate need of donations of any old wellies in larger sizes for forest fun in sizes 13 - 4 please.

Dates for Next Year 2024/25

For school term dates for the forthcoming academic year and upcoming events for this year, please see the school calendar on our [website](#).

Events for This Half Term

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

Beth Tweddle Gymnastics coaches for Years 3 & 5 every Tuesday afternoon.

18th October **Individual school photographs for all children**

25th October TT Rockstars competition for KS2

Finish for half term

November

4th November 1st day back. All children return to school at the usual time

11th November 11.15AM – Mini church, all Early Years families welcome

13th November 10AM – Whole school Communion at church, all families welcome

14th November School Council visit to English Martyrs Primary School

15th November Children In Need – own clothes day – suggested donations of £1 will be donated to Children in Need

18th November Enterprise week in school – all classes will be making items to sell at the Christmas fair

20th November 09.00AM Sleep Workshop

22nd November Year 5 trip to Tatton Park

25th November Last week of after school clubs * some clubs marked * continue for another 2 weeks*
[\(Please check website for full information\)](#)

27th November Year 4 Greek day – all to dress as Greeks

29th November Multi-day – own clothes -£1 suggested donation to PFA for Christmas fair

CAMHS

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) put together a monthly newsletter for parents and professionals, signposting support such as groups, training and workshops. Click the [link](#) to have a look and see if there is anything of any interest. If you have any questions you can contact Mrs Keiley (SENDco and Mental Health lead) via the school office.

Christian Values This month's Christian Value is **Friendship**. **Ephesians 4:32** "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you"

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.



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