

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 27th November 2024

Our School Vision

Through valuing all individuals as children of God we believe in promoting an inclusive school community, rooted in mutual respect, understanding and kindness towards others. As

God taught us:

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

Our school's vision is to nurture a resilient community where the love of learning thrives. We

foster an environment where every member feels supported in order to flourish, be empowered to overcome challenges, embrace growth and contribute positively to God's world.

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

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/>

Attendance

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.

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

Be in To Win

Last year we introduced Be in to Win which replaced the 100% attendance reward for the year. We appreciate 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%

Date	Attendance 2022/23 (last year)	Attendance 2023/2024 (this year)	Improvement
September	142 pupils /228	151 pupils/228	+ 9 pupils = 3.94%
October	116 pupils / 228	132 pupils /228	+ 16 pupils = 7%

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.

Christmas Performance Tickets

Christmas performance tickets can be booked until this Friday, 29th November 3.30pm through our School Spider app.

Please go to *Surveys and Forms* and fill in your choice of performance. Tickets are £1.00 each, once you have chosen your date and booked your tickets, please return your payment to school, tickets will then be sent home to you with your child. Tickets are limited to 2 per family initially. We will confirm when extras are available. Please note that if payment is not received your booking request will not be confirmed.

There will be two afternoon performances and one morning performance. The performances are as follows:

Tuesday 10th December at 1.30PM

Wednesday 11th December at 09.30AM

Thursday 12th December at 1.30PM

Please note that Nursery will not be in the performances – their performance is taking place on 16.12.24 at 11.00AM and 16.12.24 at 2.45PM

Please note that we do not provide a crèche facility. It is unfair to the children performing to allow any babies or young children into the performance as it can be very distracting. Please make arrangements for them to be looked after as they will not be allowed into the performance. For the same reasons, anyone arriving after the performance has begun, will also be refused entry.

PFA Christmas Fair

We are holding our Christmas Fair on 11th December at 3.00pm in the school hall.

KS2 children will come straight to the hall from class and you will be able to meet them there. KS1 and EYFS children should be collected from their class as usual and then please join us in the hall for the Christmas Fair.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have been sent home with your child, the first prize is a luxury hamper. Your support is much appreciated as the funds raised pay for many extras for the children. If you would like extra tickets, please contact school.

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](#).

Year 3 will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon.

Beth Tweddle Gymnastics coaches for Years 4 & 6 every Tuesday afternoon.

After School Clubs for January 2025

Attached to the newsletter are details of clubs being offered for January 2025. This information can also be found on our [website](#). All clubs will start W/C 13.01.25.

There are two types of clubs.

- Clubs that we have received funding for – run for 11 weeks and end w/c 31.03.25.*
- Clubs that are funded by school – run for 10 weeks and end w/c 24.03.25

If you would like to request a place for your child in the club, please click to send an [email](#).

Upcoming Events

November

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

December

2nd December Assessment week for all pupils
3rd December Year 2 to Experience Christmas am
4th December Multi Skills for Year 4/5 team am
5th December Choir to sing at Park Hotel pm

6 th December	Santa Dash pm
9 th December	Dress Rehearsal am
10 th December	1st Christmas Performance – 1.30pm
11 th December	2 nd Christmas performance – 9.30am, Year 3 swimming pm. Christmas Fair – 3.00pm.
12 th December	Carol Singing am, 3 rd Christmas performance 1.30pm
16 th December	Nursery performance
17 th December	Christmas dinner. Parent Meetings begin at 2pm.
18 th December	Christingle making. Last Year 3 swimming.
19 th December	Party day & Father Christmas visit.
20 th December	9.45am – End of term service at church. All families are welcome. 2.00pm – School Closes for the Christmas holidays.

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.

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

Christian Values This month's Christian Value is **Creation**. **Colossians 1:16** "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers, or authorities – all things were created through him or for him.



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

