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Dear Parents, Carers

Attendance

We were pleased to note a reduction in school persistent absences figures from December. We see first hand the impact on the progress of children who are away from school for frequent or extended periods of time. It is a sobering thought to recognise that the primary education years pass so quickly and this critical missed time in school can never be regained...time moves on! After a period of absence (extended or frequent) some children may feel disorientated as their classmates are using and developing skills and knowledge from the previous week and catching up can be challenging.

We **must** return to our pre Covid attendance figures across the school, simply for the **benefit of all of our children**. We will increase our engagement with the attendance service with the Local Authority to help all our children. We look at the classes with varying attendance rates and look at individual patterns of attendance.

We know that when children are sick and unfit to be in school then we expect them to be absent but when appointments are made, we are now reminding everybody that absence should really be confined to either a morning or afternoon session; not the whole day. When children are collected mid-afternoon for appointments we ask that parent or carer shows us some formal notification of the appointment. Thank you

We have been greatly supported by our parent body with regular attendance of their children but we need to see our attendance figures rising further. **PLEASE do everything in your capacity to aim for high attendance for your children.** New skills knowledge, trips activity, exciting curriculum, residential, workshops, playtimes, fairs, charity events, gardening, games, friendships sport, competitions, clubs morning and afternoon etc all these aspects contribute to a rich and stimulating experience for our children and life-long happy memories are made through sustained primary school attendance.

Attendance for last week 20th March – 24th March

Nursery	Rec D	Rec P	Y1B	Y12G	Y2M	Y3SW	Y34C	Y4C	Y5T	Y56 H	Y6
75.6%	94.1%	87.7	93.8%	94.8	95.9%	96%	94.3%	94.1%	93%	94.2%	86.8%

WELL DONE CLASS 3SW YOU HAVE IMPROVING ATTENDANCE LEVELS!

St Edmunds and St Thomas Year 5 and 6 Perform at Crosby Library

Well done to the children in Years 5 and 6 who presented and performed their Shakespeare inspired writing at Crosby Library last Friday. You are a credit to the school!

School Sport

Congratulations to the Y3 Y4 and Y5 Y6 dodgeball teams who won the fair play award and a silver place respectively in the Merseyside finals. Congratulations to the Y5 Y6 Indoor Athletics team who were due to play in the Merseyside Finals on 29th March 2023. Sadly, the organisers had to cancel the final so the team who have done so well must be recognised as Merseyside Indoor Athletics Finalists CONGRATULATIONS TO Jaron Fox, Amaya Irving, Conor Bird, Isaac Dee

Jimmy McGrory, Phoebe Hamilton, Lusai Wolstencroft, Stanley Stewart, Alicia Baranowska, Roman Dalton, Jayden Williams, Emelia Liptrout, Hollie Hughes, Sammy O'Brien, Alice Riley, Heather McGrory, Jasper Callaghan, Jessica Riley and Lacey Roberts

Well done also to Year 3 girls football team who participated in a triangular competition with St Johns and Waterloo Primary School recently.

Whole School Zoo Trip Friday 19th May 2023

You will have received a letter about the school (Rec -Year 6) going to Chester Zoo on Friday 19th May 2023. This trip was planned originally pre Covid so we are delighted to be running it again and it will link closely to summer curriculum work.

Year 2 Booster Maths

After the holiday Mrs Greaney will be running a maths booster club for Year 2 children. A letter has been circulated.

CAFOD Walk Year 3 4

Well done children and families in Year 3 and 4 who have raised £220 for the CAFOD Lenten Walk initiative. Other year groups are currently engaged in fund-raising.

No Dogs on the Playground

We have been made aware of parents /carers (in very exceptional cases) carrying dogs onto the playground at collection time. Dogs are not allowed on the school site. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

PTA Meeting

The PTA met on Wednesday to plan events for the Summer term which will include the summer fair, discos, Springo Bingo etc

The PTA has always put the *fun* in fundraising and are planning exciting activities for our children and families They have been asked by the school to embark on a big fund-raising initiative. We would like to have our own school minibus which will be a major help to ferry children to competitions and local activities. Dates for events will follow shortly.

Parents' Meeting Please remember your booking time for Parents' Meeting after the holiday

Reading at Home. Well done to all the *early risers* children (and families for support) who make the effort to improve their reading skills at one of our clubs.

Science Week

Many thanks to parents who came in to talk about their roles in science-based occupations for science week the week before last. The children were inspired !

Holiday Dates for 2023 2024

Please note that the holiday dates for next academic year will be published on the website this week. We do not authorise leave in term time.

Coach Rose Sport Camp Easter Holiday

Week One Mon 3rd April 2023 -Thursday 6th April Week Two Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th April 2023

Spring Term finishes today **Friday 31st March 2023** at the normal time of 3.05pm for Reception to Year 6 and 3.15pm in the Nursery. We wish you a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing everybody again on **Monday 17th April 2023**



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