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Dear Parents, Carers

## Busy Start to Spring 2024

Most of the children have been engaged in assessment tests over the last few weeks This checks on their progress for the autumn term. They are working hard and staff are ensuring that all children complete assessments on the return from the occasional absence. There have been a number of bugs and seasonal coughs and colds invading the school community so we remind children about the importance of washing hands etc

## Attendance from 8<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Our Education Welfare Officer, Cathy Carlson visits the school to look at our attendance records. Some children with absence below 90% classed as Persistent Absentees could reduce their absence by being more punctual. Our registers close at 9.15am and thus any arrivals after then are classified as unauthorised absence. ALL school are required to have and should maintain a *cut off* time and your child's absence figures can be inflated by regular late arrivals. Please help us to reduce these sorts of absences. The winners will be the children!

### Attendance Figures from 08/01 to 02/02/24

Rec	Y1	Y12	Y2	Y3	Y34	Y4	Y5	Y56	Y6
80.1%	95.6%	95.7%	87.7%	91%	93.6%	90.3%	91.7%	92.4%	89.8%

Years 1 and 1 /2 are leading the way with their attendance rates and after looking back at figures from a few years back, we had many classes in the mid to high ninety percent marks

Medical Appointment We must have evidence of medical appointments You can email your text appointments to Mrs Hoban Please remember that we expect a child in school after or before regular appointment times; ie an appointment does not require a day absent from school.

## School Sport

Congratulations to the children who represented Sefton in a Sefton cross Country team organised by Ms Pritchard and Coach Rose They ran at Arrow Park on the Wirral on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. The children were Alicia Baranowska, Jess Moss, Jaiden Roden Bilby, Amelia Liptrot and Roman Dalton and four of them have progressed to the national finals This is a tremendous achievement and we would like to congratulate them all and staff on raising the school's sporting profile yet again!

Year 5/6 Indoor athletics team won their local tournament and progress to the Merseyside finals well done to all concerned. Well done to Sonny Trotter who has been very successful pursuing achievements in trampolining. Sonny competed on Saturday in the British school trampoline competition He came joint first on scores and received second place trophy and he has got through to the Great Britain finals which are in Telford in March

## Year 6 Residential Robinwood Wrexham

Thanks to the Year Six parents who attended the Y6 residential preparation meeting last week. Arrangements are being finalised for what should be a very successful visit. We do not want parents going to additional and unnecessary cost and the kit list and the provision at the centre should reassure you to this effect

**Catholic Life of the School Faith In Action**

Year Six children have been working with Hannah Robinson from Pope Francis Academy. These faith in action sessions have allowed them to have an opportunity to discuss aspects of their faith such as love, service and discussing their ideas images of heaven. This time for reflection is very valuable part of their religious education

Thanks to Mrs Greaney's class and Fr Dominic who presented a service on the Feast of The Presentation on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Church. Thanks to all the parents who managed to be present for this service.

### Miss Hannah's Maths Letter Tables, Tables, Tables

The cry has often been *reading, reading, reading* when we are appealing for your support to improve your children's reading skills by practice at home but now it is also *tables, table,s tables*. We want the children to make significant improvement in their knowledge of multiplication tables facts and regular practice at home really helps to a whole range of mathematical challenge in school.

You received a mathematics letter from our new mathematics subject leader, Miss Hannah

Year 1 – Children need to be able to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Year 2 – Children must know multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table.

Year 3 – Children must know multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times table.

Year 4 – Children must know all the multiplication and division facts up to the 12 times table

. Remember Miss Hannah's competition relating to '*A can do*' growth mindset for maths for the children to either create a character or a story to represent one of the following values:

- Determination
- Courage
- Enthusiasm
- Resilience
- The deadline to enter the competition is **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. The character drawings and stories that are selected will be displayed around the school, and will be referred to when praising children for demonstrating one of these values in mathematics.

### Dance Club Performance

Dance Club will be performing in the Diversity Concert as part of Crosby Cluster of schools at Mountford Hall Liverpool University on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 .

### Half Term Easter and Holy Week

This Friday the school closes for half-term holiday and reopens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Note that the school closes for **Easter on Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday is 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

### Reserve Welfare Staff

We are in significant need of welfare staff for lunchtimes due to some absence and recruitment issues. If you can spare some time for paid occasional supervision work please contact the school office.

### End of the day Arrangements

Please respect our end of the day arrangement and school gate allocated points. They are set up for safeguarding reasons and children must not be called from one dismissal point to another. Staff are instructed to ensure that this rule is applied. The overwhelming majority of our families follow this rule and in spite of any inconvenience they know that we are ensuring that all children are kept safe. Thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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