Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Attendance

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

Regular attendance at school is significant to a child's educational development and progress. There is now 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. Please click on the link to see the guidance for parents regarding attendance:

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% attendance. Class attendance for the last week was as follows: Year 6 97.78%, Year 4 97.33%, Reception 96%, Year 2 96.67% Nursery 92.66% Year 3 92.59%, Year 5 90.74% Year 1 87.42% Overall school attendance – 93.94%.

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.

If you are unable to call school, e.g no credit on your phone, please use School Spider \* to report the absence or click here to send an email to let us know, please try to let us know by 9.00AM. You will need to log into School Spider to do this, if you need help logging in, please let school know.

Info for parents from the DfE regarding fines: Fines for parents for taking children out of school.

<u>Sefton Mental Health Support Team – Behaviours That Challenge</u> The next workshop for parents is taking this Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00am in the school hall. All parents are welcome to meet with the team and ask any questions or seek advice. They will happily let you know what support they can offer, please do drop in and take advantage of this great opportunity.

## **Cut Your Carbon in November – Let's Act Together!**

We are excited to be taking part in the Cut Your Carbon challenge this month! It's a fantastic opportunity for us at school, and you as families, to make small, practical changes that can make a big difference to our planet. There are six simple steps involved: switch off lights, walk or cycle instead of driving, eat more plant-based meals, reduce food waste, avoid fast fashion, and cut down on plastic. We encourage you all to take part and trackers were sent home on Tuesday 04.11.25 so that you can evidence any changes you make.

## **BBC Children In Need**

We will be supporting Children in Need this Friday - please wear your spots and £1 donation, any spots welcome, face painting, spotty outfits etc.

## Parents & Friends (PFA) Mufti Day 28th November

The PFA will be raising funds and prizes for the school fair on Mufti day. The children can wear their own clothes and we are asking for a donation of £1 on the day. Alternatively, a donation of sweets, chocolates or any unwanted gifts you may have at home which will go towards creating hampers for our raffle.

Your support will be greatly appreciated by the PFA and towards our Christmas Fair.

## Smartphone Safety & Cyberbullying: How to support your child

Most 11-year-olds have a mobile phone, but do they know how to protect themselves from cyberbullying?

This November, we're inviting parents to join for a free 45 minute webinar. Sefton Mental Health Support Team through Kooth will share practical tips on how to help children deal with potential problems, how parents can spot signs of cyberbullying and what action to take. Please sign up by clicking on the link if you are interested.

### What's included?

- Live webinar led by our Engagement and Clinical team
- Follow webinar recording and additional resources

## How to sign up

Secure your spot today by following the link above. Once signed up, you'll receive the joining link and further information the day before the session.

## **School Menu Change**

New school menus started last week and run to April with a new set beginning after Spring break. Please click on the link to see the new menu.

## **Christmas Performance Tickets**

Tickets for our Christmas performances for Reception class to Year 6 are available to book via our School Spider App. Tickets are initially limited to 2 per family. Any unsold tickets will be offered once all families have their allocation nearer the time.

Nursery will be sharing some Christmas songs in their classroom for their Christmas performance. This will be on Monday 15th December at 11.00am and 2.45pm. Parents can request 2 tickets for their child's session via class teachers. If your child attends all day you may wish to request 1 ticket for the morning and 1 for the afternoon, so that they have a family member watching them. It would be lovely for you to join us to celebrate this special time of the year.

## **Dates for 2025/26**

For school term dates for this academic year, please see the school calendar on our <u>website</u>. **Dates:** 

## **November**

14<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need Day – all to wear spots, either on your face, clothes

or just your socks! £1 donation to Children in Need

Sefton Mental Health Support Team – workshop for parents

"Behaviours that Challenge"

9.00AM - school hall - please come along to see what support can be

offered if you are struggling or just have an interest.

17<sup>th</sup> November Enterprise week

18<sup>th</sup> November Believe Festival Trip for selected children

Year 2 visit to Odeon cinema AM

Gymnastics for Year 5 & 6

19<sup>th</sup> November PM – Group 1 swimming with Year 3
20<sup>th</sup> November Youth Council event for selected children
24<sup>th</sup> November Dodgeball event for selected children

25<sup>th</sup> November Gymnastics for Year 5 & 6

26<sup>th</sup> November PM – Group 1 swimming with Year 3

27<sup>th</sup> November Year 2 to Liverpool Cathedral

28<sup>th</sup> November **Mufti Day** – all to wear own clothes £1 donation to PFA

Last day for after school clubs KS2 - TT Rockstars Competition

# **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 <u>link</u> to have a look and see if there is anything of any interest. If you have any questions you can contact Miss Murtagh (Headteacher) and Mantal Hookshops the school office.

<u>Christian Values</u> This week's Christian Value is **Peace**.

Article 38 Children must be protected from war and its impacts.

A Prayer for our School

This is our school,

