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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd June 2018

- Share Group will resume on Tuesday 9:30—10:30
Share is an informal gathering of parents, carers and grandparents. It provides an opportunity to discuss your child's development. We share ideas and offer advice on home or school challenges you may be faced with over a cup of coffee. This week we will also be discussing the summer fayre planning.
- Unfortunately the school hairdresser has had to cancel session on Monday due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. We will arrange another date soon.**
- This afternoon pupils had a taster afternoon of their new classes which we think they will move to in September. They were also able to meet the new pupils who will be joining us. Further information on classes will follow next week. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.
We have a further 2 transition sessions as follows:
Thursday 28th June and Thursday 5th July
- Mr Lambert and Mr Rimmer will be undertaking the three Peak Challenge on 13th July to support local charities and school fund. If you would like to support them please contact the office or send in a contribution with your child. The National Three Peaks Challenge involves climbing the three highest peaks of Scotland, England and Wales, within 24 hours!
- Please see attached important information regarding school attendance.**
- Congratulations to our 8 pupils who took part in the Merseyside MLD cricket tournament who finished 4th.
- Selected pupils have been invited to represent the school at the Merseyside Festival of Sport on Wednesday 27th June 2018 at The Wavertree Sports Park—Good luck team!



Activities week commencing 25th June		Class
Mon	Swimming am	Sycamore & Chestnut
	Soft Play	Blossom 1
Tues	Soft Play	Blossom 2
	Share Group	Parents / Carers
Wed	Soft Play	Willow
	Acorn Farm	Blossom 2
	Festival of Sport	Selected Pupils
Thur	Transition session	All pupils
Fri	Mountain Biking	Juniper

Class	%
Blossom 1	95%
Blossom 2	95%
Maple	97.5%
Juniper	95.7%
Willow	92.5%
Holly	97.5%
Chestnut	93.3%
Sycamore	98%
Mulberry	85.8%
Redwood	97.8%
Rowan	92.7%
Whole School	94.3%

Look at what some of our classes have been up to this term :

Juniper Class

Enjoyed a trip to Acorn Farm this week. We had the opportunity to feed and stroke different animals during our tour of the farm. We also took part in a petting session where we met lots of different animals including a rat, rabbit, duckling and a chick. We even watched some sheep being sheered!



Holly Class

Have been having recorder lessons with Mr. Jones this term. This week they learned 'Hit the road Jack' and they were all able to play a solo by the end of the lesson! Great music skills Holly class!



Blossom 1 Class

Have had a great start to our last half term and have begun learning about Holidays. The children have enjoyed listening to 'The Lucky Envelope', painting beach pictures and designing ice creams. We are looking forward to making ice creams next week and identifying how we might travel to a holiday destination.

KS3 Maths

Over the last few weeks in KS3, Mrs Toal's Maths class have been learning about adding and subtracting negative numbers and converting measurements.

This week the pupils have been learning how many lines of symmetry different equilateral shapes have after creating their own equilateral shapes.



Chestnut Class

We have been working very hard in Class Chestnut both in our work and behaviour. We have learnt about Ancient Greece, Rainforests, Poetry, Mental arithmetic, Sound, Music and much much more! We are now swimming every Monday and enjoying learning about The Natural World whilst writing Adventure stories about Mountains, Earthquakes and Volcanoes. Very exciting! Miss Patterson, Mr Rimmer and Miss Burness are very proud of all the hard work and attitudes in Class Chestnut and are looking forward to a busy last half term with you all. We already have an Art trip and Music trip to look forward to.....maybe a class trip too.....

Thank You for all of your support!

Sycamore Class

Some children from Class Sycamore were chosen to represent our school at a cricket tournament. They had a great day and their team came 4th. Some have also been selected to attend the Merseyside Festival of Sports, we're very athletic in Class Sycamore. We have also really enjoyed following the World Cup and learning about some of the South American countries that are taking part in our Geography lessons.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

Missing school matters

Attendance matters for doing well in school. Regular school attendance is essential for your child to reach their full potential. We believe that regular school attendance is the key to helping your child learn and access opportunities that will enable them to become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults, able to realise their full potential and become good citizens.

What should I do?

As a Parent/Carer you are responsible for making sure your child develops the habit of regular attendance. Make sure your child goes to school regularly and arrives on time. If your child is absent you must contact the school on the first day of absence and give your reason.

If you want permission for your child to miss school, due to exceptional circumstances, you must apply for permission well in advance of the date and give full details. Absences can only be authorised by the school.

What if there are concerns about my child's attendance?

We recognise that poor attendance can be due to medical issues and this is clearly taken into consideration. However we also recognise that poor attendance is often an indication of difficulties in a child's life. This may be related to problems at home or in school. Parents / Carers must make school aware of any difficulties or changes in circumstances that may affect their child's attendance. This will help school identify any additional support you may require to improve child attendance. If your child has persistent absences, these will be monitored and may be referred to the LA who has authority to issue a fixed penalty notice at £60. Failure to pay will result in an increased charge or prosecution.

Can I take my child out of school for a holiday?

Parents/Carers do not have a right or entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday. If you need to take your child out of school for a family holiday, only in exceptional circumstances, you must request permission from the school. Each request will be considered individually. If permission is not granted and you still take your child out of school for a holiday, the absence will be classified as unauthorised. Any unauthorised block absence of 10 sessions e.g. 1 week may result in a fixed penalty charge being issued without a prior warning.

Families should avoid extended holidays that require your child to miss school.

Try to line up school holidays with the school's schedule. The same goes for doctors appointments.

What about medical appointments?

We understand that some of our pupils have medical appointments due to their conditions and appointments are made by the hospital on a regular basis. Where possible, for other medical appointments, every attempt should be made to arrange such appointments outside school hours. The school should be notified of any appointments held within school time. Where possible your son/daughter should return to school after the appointment.

The Law

By law, all children of compulsory school age must attend full-time education. As a parent / carer you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure your child attends school regularly.