



Friday 22nd March 2024

Weekly Bulletin

### Easter Egg Raffle

On Monday, our Rose Queen, Lucy and her retinue held their Easter Egg Raffle. Lucy, along with her retinue, have so far completed a cake sale, bag packing, face painting and a summer seven day mile challenge. Thank you to everyone who supports their efforts with donations and purchases.

### Singfest!



Y5 visited Congleton Town Hall to perform in Singfest 2024. They performed Heroes and Villains medleys and performed wonderfully in not one, but two concerts. It was wonderful to

have a live audience to appreciate all the work they have completed for this project.

### Easter Service

Year 2-5 are looking forward to attending our Easter Service at St Oswald's next Tuesday. The service begins at 2pm and we will be leaving school shortly after 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for this traditional church service. Children in Reception and Y1 will celebrate Easter with Rev. Sandi in school on Wednesday morning.



### Parents Consultations

You will have seen in the news that schools are being asked to improve attendance to support children's academic achievement and wellbeing. Teachers will provide you with a record of attendance for your child during your consultation. Further information can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

### Community Tea Party

On Wednesday Mrs Pulle and the Ethos group welcomed members of our local community for an afternoon tea party. It was wonderful for our children to live our value of community and welcome everyone. A special thanks to Mrs Pulle, Mrs Peach and members of Y6 who organised and hosted the afternoon.



### Residential

Year 5 have returned from a wonderful residential at the Conway Centre. They had great fun completing a range of art, drama, science and problem solving challenges—and ate lots! A special thank you to Mrs Field for organising the visit and to Mr Cotton, Mrs Taylor and Mrs McLean who gave their time to accompany the class.

Year 6 are looking forward to their visit to Pensarn next week.



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**Attendance**

As you may have seen in the press, school attendance continues to be a focus for the Department of Education. At our upcoming consultations, you will be given a copy of your child’s current attendance record. To help you review this, we are aiming for an attendance of 95% or above.

	Over 95% is recognised as good attendance.
	Under 90% is cause for concern.
	Under 80% is classed as ‘persistent absenteeism’ and could result in contact from the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer).

We greatly appreciate the support from the vast majority of families in promoting good attendance. We absolutely understand that there have been lots of bugs and sickness this winter and, if children are unwell, they need to rest and recuperate. We are hopeful that the worst is over and attendance will rise over the warmer months and we would be most grateful if parents could support in us in achieving this.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	1.4 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	3.4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	5.4 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	36 Days	72 Sessions	7.1 Weeks	180 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	9.3 Weeks	240 Lessons

**Term Time Holidays**

We are unable to authorise term time holidays. We have to refer any holidays equal to or above five days (ten sessions) to the local authority. We do not receive the money raised by fines nor do we decide if a family should

be fined. We understand that for many, the increased costs means making a choice between a term-time holiday or not having a holiday at all, and we appreciate that these events provide memories and support well-being. We therefore ask that parents consider when booking, if they can reduce the number of days to an absolute minimum. We also ask that parents consider their child’s overall attendance and, if they know they are booking a holiday, make every effort to build a strong attendance figure beforehand.

**Impact of Attendance**

Our curriculum is all carefully planned to be sequential and builds on prior knowledge. If a child misses a week of school, they miss key elements of learning. This might be missing a unit of fractions that won’t be revisited for another year or missing the planning and drafting stage of their writing project. Without additional staff, it is difficult to help the children to catch up. Children also comment that they feel anxious when returning to school and they miss their friends. We will do everything we can to limit the impact but it is tricky with our current budget.

**Ofsted**

Attendance also forms part of Ofsted’s judgement on Personal Development. We believe we have an incredibly strong programme to support children’s personal development, including trips, residentials, clubs, music lessons, special events and visitors. We would love to achieve ‘outstanding’ in this area during our inspection but we will need to raise attendance to 95%.

If you have any ideas on how we can better support parents, please do get in touch.



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### Dates

w/b 25th March - Parents Consultations

25th-28th March Y6 at Pensarn

Tuesday 26th March - Y2-Y5 Easter service at St Oswald's  
2pm

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term

Monday 15th April - Return to school

1st-3rd May - Y4 at York

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday

Friday 10th May - Class photos

WB 13th May - KS2 SATS

WB 27th May - Half Term

Tuesday 4th June - Return to school

WB 3rd June and 10th June - Y4 Multiplication Check

WB 10th June - Y1 Phonics Screening

**Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July - Y6 transition days**

### at HCCS

4th-5th July - Y2 at Tattenhall

Saturday 6th July - Garden Party

Monday 15th July - Sports Day (AM)

Monday 15th July - Y6 Leaver's Service 2pm

Friday 19th July - Last day of term

### Class Services

Each Thursday a class will walk to St Oswald's for a children's service. Parents are welcome to join. We leave school around 10:10am and the service begins at 10:30 and lasts around 30 minutes.

Thursday 18th April—Y6

Thursday 25th April—Y5

Thursday 2nd May—Y4

Thursday 9th May—Y3

Thursday 16th May—Y1 and Y2

Thursday 23rd May—Reception



### Class Services

Congratulations to Jessica this week who has won her first trophy for football!



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