



Newsletter

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Wavertree PTA

The PTA have been busy planning events for this year. We have one more film night for our upper Key Stage 2 pupils. **Please ensure that you book in advance and pay via the App for these events.** If you have any problems, Mrs Lynch is more than happy to help you. Children not registered will not be able to attend.

The Christmas Fair will take place this year, on Friday 8th December from 3.00pm - 5.00pm at School. Two non-uniform days have been planned to help to prepare for this event:

24th November - Chocolate gifts or £1

1st December - Full bottle or £1

Winter Bingo was well received last year by many parents. Please put the dates below into your diary for next term!

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Wednesday 24th January 2024

Thursday 1st February 2024

It would be great if you could support the events above as all funds raised are used to provide additional opportunities for the children to enjoy. The next meeting will be held on Friday 26th January at 2.30pm at school. Come and share your ideas for the Spring Term.



School Absences

There are an increasing number of parents asking to collect children from school before the end of the school day, this term. It is important that if your child has a hospital appointment that the office staff have sight of an appointment letter or text. It is possible to attach photographic evidence on the school App.

As far as it is possible, you should arrange for someone else to collect your children from school if you have an appointment that prevents you from collecting at the end of the school day. If you have no alternative but to collect your child early, it is important that you share an appointment notification with the office staff.

Regularly leaving school early has an impact on valuable learning opportunities and gives our children the wrong attitude towards the value of education. Thank you for your co-operation.

What's happening?

November

29 th	Y2 Christmas Journey
30 th	EYFS visit to the post office

December

1 st	Non-Uniform Day - bottles/£1 donation
1 st	EYFS Christmas Party
1 st	Y5/6 Film Night
8 th	B Tales - Christmas Show
8 th	Christmas Fair at 3pm
12 th	Y5 Water Polo Competition
13 th	Early Years' Nativity 10am
14 th	Early Years' Nativity 10am
19 th	Christmas Service 2pm
20 th	Children's Christmas Dinner
21 st	EYFS Pantomime Trip
21 st	EYFS visit Prince Alfred Nursing Home
22 nd	School Term ends for all pupils R-Y6

January

8 th	School opens for all children
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February

9 th	School Closes for half term
19 th	School opens for all children

Children in Need 2023 - Be Spotacular

The children and staff enjoyed supporting our 'Children in Need' fundraising event on Friday 17th November. The children were able to wear own clothes including 'spotty' clothing and a cake sale also took place on the day. Thank you to any parents who donated cakes for this popular event. We raised £228 overall - thank you for your generosity!

As in previous years the money that has been raised will be split between the BBC Children in Need Appeal and our own Sponsored Child, Richecarde, in Haiti. Through Compassion we help Richecarde to have an education and medical support that his family could not, otherwise, afford. It is good to be able to use our Christian values of Compassion and Fellowship in such a practical way.



Online Safety

It is important that we remain vigilant when it comes to the safety of children online. There are many benefits to using the internet and social media, however, there are many cases where young children can access inappropriate material and are led to participate in unsuitable conversations.

Please check the privacy settings for social media sites and talk to your children about staying safe online.

Here are some websites/resources that can provide you with further information:

[Childnet — Online safety for young people](#)

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.net-aware.org.uk



Lost Property

There is a growing amount of lost property building up where no names are apparent on sweatshirts and coats.

Please put your child's name in all items of school clothing. It helps to return clothing promptly.

Thank you to those parents who return uniform to school that has been taken home by mistake.

Please look at the lost property during open evenings and claim your child's clothing.



Attendance and Punctuality October 2023

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
EYFS	90.6%	98.7%
Class 1	94.4%	92.8%
Class 2	95.1%	90.7%
Class 3	95.5%	94.4%
Class 4	94.5%	93.6%
Class 5	94.7%	95.4%
Class 6	93.1%	95.1%
School Average	93.8%	94.4%
National Average	95.2%	

The Government have maintained a high target of 97% for attendance this year. The National average is currently 95.2%. We currently have 35 pupils with 100% attendance and 74 pupils with 97% or above.

We must, however, keep trying to either maintain good attendance or improve attendance if early absences have affected your child.

You will continue to receive the monthly notice of your child's current attendance. **This is for information only.** Mrs Brooksbank or the Educational Welfare Officer, Connie Harvey, will get in touch with families where attendance is of some concern.

Punctuality for many children is excellent. Thank you to those parents who make the daily effort to bring their children to school on time!

Mrs Jenions will be contacting families this week where children are only minutes late each day. This can be easily rectified by leaving the house just a little bit earlier or walking faster down the High Street. Parents who allow their Y6 children to walk to school may wish to check that their child is arriving on time and not getting distracted on their way to school.

We are considering some incentives to help families get to school on time, particularly as the dark, cold months are rapidly approaching.

Term Dates are available at the Welcome Desk and on the school website to ensure that holidays are not booked during term time. Fines will automatically be issued for families taking holidays in term time. This is a Local Authority policy.

CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Day	Club	Who can go?	Time	Staff Responsible
Monday	Pupil Leadership Group	Members	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Brooksbank
	Guitar Club	KS2	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Holland
Tuesday	Homework Club	Members	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Miss Vaughan
	Games Club	Y2	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Midgley
	Multi-Sports Club	Y3/4	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Woods
Friday	Mindfulness Club	Various	1pm - 1.30pm	Mrs Humes

Please collect your children promptly from the activities listed above. Thank you.

