

**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 14th June 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school. Year 3 had a great time during their visit to Chester as part of their topic about Romans – they loved marching through the city with the Roman Soldier. We had sunshine for our Sports Afternoon which went well considering we didn’t have the helpers from high school students that we had expected. Well done to all the children for taking part with enthusiasm and showing great sportsmanship. Congratulations to green house who were our sports day champions this year.

**One School, Many Cultures**

As you all know, it is very important to us that we celebrate diversity within our school. Today the children have enjoyed our Nigeria day. Huge thanks go to Mr Oredugba, who came to present a fantastic assembly for the children today. Wearing traditional Nigerian clothes, Mr Oredugba introduced the children to the language and traditions of Yoruba, his birthplace. Mr and Mrs Oredugba also provided some wonderful food (jollof rice) and snacks for children across the school to try. What a great start to a lovely day!

**Earrings**

A reminder to parents that if you choose to have children’s ears pierced during term time, this will impact on their PE lessons as we do not permit earrings to be worn for PE. This week were placed a very difficult position as two children who had recently had their ears pierced, did not want to miss out on sports day. On this occasion we allowed the children to take part as we did not want to exclude them, but understandably this caused upset to some other parents who always adhere to our policy. Please note, children will not be permitted to take part in sports day or other sport events in the future, unless earrings can be removed.

Please can we ask that parents wait until the 6 week holiday to have their children’s ears pierced, to ensure they can take part in PE lessons which is a statutory part of their curriculum. Thank you.

**WhatsApp**

We have had some issues with a group of key stage 2 children behaving irresponsibly when using WhatsApp this week, which has unfortunately impacted on the children in school. The age limit for WhatsApp in the UK is 13, so children of primary age should not be using this app and we are often required to deal with the fall-outs in school. If you allow your children to use this app to create group chats, then please ensure messages are monitored carefully to prevent mis-use.

**Class organization for 2024 – 2025**

Please see the table below for staff class organization next year. You will notice that there are some changes to staffing and staff organization.

Mrs Dutton is reducing her teaching time, so Reception class will now be taught by Mrs Dutton for the first half of the week and Mrs Dean for the second half. Miss Cousins is relinquishing her teaching role and, instead, will take on the role of HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant), so we are delighted to be welcoming a new teacher to our team – Miss Abbie Crawley - who will teach Year 3 next year.

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| **Year Group** | **Teacher (s)** |
| Reception | Mrs Dutton/ Mrs Dean |
| Year 1 | Mrs O’Neill/ Mrs Stewart |
| Year 2 | Mrs Campbell |
| Year 3 | Miss Crawley |
| Year 4 | Mrs Scott/ Miss Heath |
| Year 5 | Miss Hadfield |
| Year 6 | Miss McCracken |

As mentioned in a previous email, this half term we will prepare all the children for the next step in their learning. Over the coming weeks all children will be given the opportunity to get to know their new teachers and spend time in their new classrooms, so they feel confident for their start in September. Our new starters have already begun their timetable of sessions to introduce them to the reception learning environment, and next week children across the school will take part in two shared reading sessions with their new teachers.

**Events at Emmanuel**

A **community hustings** for the general election is being held at Emmanuel Church on Monday 17th June - 7:30 coffee, 8pm start. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions to the candidates looking to be the next MP of Mid Cheshire. Written questions can be submitted during coffee beforehand.

**Games on the Green** - Monday 24th June - 6-7pm. Fun for all the family on Leftwich Green. All free including cake and ice cream. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Cake Sale**

A little reminder that we are holding the first of two cake sales to raise funds for our library, next Wednesday (19th June). We are asking for donations from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to support the event. Please bring donations to the main office on Wednesday morning. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 1 who have won the class attendance award this week with 98%. They spun the wheel of fortune in assembly today and won an ice-lolly which they have enjoyed this afternoon.

Attendance this week:

Reception – 90%

Year 1 – 98%

Year 2 – 91%

Year 3 – 91%

Year 4 – 95%

Year 5 – 93%

Year 6 - 92%

***Currently attendance for the whole school is 93.5%***

**Dates for your diaries:**

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| **Event** | **Date** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Cake Sale – raising funds for the library | Wednesday 19th June | 3.15pm | Donations from Reception, Y1, Y2 |
| Cake Sale – raising funds for the library | Wednesday 26th June | 3.15pm | Donations from Y3. Y4, Y5, Y6 |
| High School Transition | Wednesday 3rd July | All day | Year 6 |
| High School Transition | Thursday 4th July | All day | Year 6 |

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Guy