



Dear Parents/Carers

Education Welfare Officer

Our school has a new Education Welfare Officer, his name is Paul Hill. I meet with our EWO every two weeks to discuss children whose attendance at school is a concern (i.e. below 85%) and children who are frequently late for school.

Paul has asked me to make you aware that in his role he is required to monitor the attendance and punctuality of every child. If your child's attendance is less than 85% or if he/she has been late for school on more than 20 occasions since September 2009, Paul is likely to make contact with you.

The Education Welfare Service is committed to supporting parents/carers in improving attendance and punctuality where such an improvement is necessary. If you would like to speak to Paul to discuss any concerns you may have on these issues, his telephone number is 07812 967920.

Similarly, I am always happy to meet with parents/carers to support them with their child's attendance or punctuality. Obviously, children learn best when they are in school regularly and on time.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received Celebration Assembly Certificates:

Reception: William Bullen, Joshua Murrow, Ben Rimmer
Year One: Matthew Ashcroft-Locke, Holly Meath, Oliver Shrive

Year Two: Loshana Sivanarul, Benish Shukla, Cameron Duncan-Hanley, Oliver Macdonald

Year Three: Katie Lofts, Callum Jones, Samuel Nourish
Year Four: Kian Rimmer, Amy Dickson, Lea Reynolds, George Birth

Year Five: Olivia Barry, Faye Large, Shannon Ward, Jamie Burgess

Year Six: Lucy Brindle, Jonathan Schlachter, Nathan Ashcroft

The Citizenship Award was presented to:
Megan Hill

Golden Table nominations went to:
Libby Woodward, Nathan Ashcroft, Joshua Palmer, Matthew Ashcroft, Joshua Brito-Tejera, Bradley Williams

Andy Tooze – Poet in school

Our poetry day on Monday was a great success. I hope that those of you who were able to attend the assembly to celebrate Andy's visit enjoyed it.

Please keep the voluntary contributions of 50p per child coming in. At present we have had a rather disappointing response which could mean that our PFA will have to pay more than anticipated towards the cost of the day. This would prevent them from spending money on other items that enrich your child's school experience.

We are taking orders for copies of Andy's poetry books which are priced at £3.00. Please place your order at the office.

North West Soccer School

Apologies for the confusion that may have arisen on Tuesday. NWSS are currently recruiting for their next series of 10 coaching sessions. You should have received a letter about this.

Replies should be returned to school by Monday 1st March and the first session is on Tuesday 2nd March (we are aware of the error on the NWSS letter.)

Children taking part in NWSS should bring football boots and trainers.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thanks to your generosity our Book Fair raised £223 to spend on books for our school.

World Book Day – March 4th

To mark World Book Day we will be holding a special assembly on Thursday 4th March where we will be asking staff and children to share and read their favourite poem.

Please give this some thought at home and ask your children to let me or Miss Cross know if they would like to take part in this assembly.

Sports Ambassadors

Congratulations to: Harry Cannon-Noren and Nicole Hinton for being appointed as our Sports Ambassadors this year.

Harry and Nicole has spent this afternoon at Stanley High School Specialist Sports College learning about their role and how they can continue to help promote sport in our school.

On the Back . . .

Please see details of a Crossens Nursery PTA event.

Scholastic Book Club

Please return all orders to the office by Monday 8th March.

Clubs On Next Week

Monday: Gymnastics, Netball, Reading is Fun

Tuesday: North West Soccer School, Dodge Ball

Wednesday: Dodge Ball, Vigor Boards, Drama (invited members of the cast)

Thursday: Drama

Friday: Running

PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO play court football for the next two Thursdays.

Breakfast Club

Remember that we offer very high quality childcare and a healthy breakfast to children from 7.45 am every morning. Book your child in at short notice and for the odd day. The cost is £3 per session.

FAST Club

Don't forget we run an excellent childcare service after every school day.

Children are given a light snack and supervised and entertained. The cost is £3 up to 4.00 pm and £1 for every hour thereafter up to 5.30 pm.

Places are usually available at short notice (must be at least 24 hours) and forms for booking a place can be collected from the Office.

Head lice

Please check your child's hair for head lice every week. Additional guidance is available from Pharmacy Online on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Sarah Malm) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.

If you have particular concerns regarding head lice or any other medical issue please telephone the School Nursing Service on 01704 544766.

Start Right

Start Right is a scheme for parents and pre-school children aged 3 and below.

Please join Anna Maiden in the hall on Thursday mornings from 9 am. This is an excellent opportunity for parents/carers to play and engage with their pre-school child in the school setting and to meet other parents with pre-school children.

Further details are available from Anna Maiden in Reception class.

Parents Weekly Drop In Coffee Mornings

Our Parent Support Adviser – Rachel Clarke – hosts an informal gathering for parents every Wednesday morning from 9 am in the Parents and Community Room on the first floor. I know many of you attend regularly and have found the sessions fun and reassuring.

All parents/carers are very welcome to attend. You may wish to meet other parents or to discuss issues you may have with your child. Rachel is able to call upon a host of different agencies to offer a wide variety of support.

Pre-school aged children are also welcome!

Dates

March

- 12th Mufti Day for Easter bingo
- 22nd PFA Easter bingo
- 25th Easter Service in Church at 2.30 pm
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Best wishes

Mr Daniel Hains
Headteacher

