

Victoria Road Newsletter April 2024

It's been a very short month in school following the Easter holiday at the start of April. However, the children have made the most of the brighter weather and enjoyed the outside activities including clubs.

Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed the residential at Petty Pool which I was lucky enough to attend with them. They tried the climbing wall, leap of faith, zip line and den building to name a few activities. They were very brave and every child tried each activity which was amazing to see.

Year 5 represented our school in "Northwich Sings" and sang beautifully. Other schools also commented to our staff about the children's outstanding behaviour which makes us all feel very proud of them.

On the last day of April, we received a call from Ofsted to say they would be visiting our school the following day (1st May) for 2 days. Fortunately, we were able to delay Miss Chesters start date at her new school during this. We were happy with the way the inspection was conducted and we now await the final report. The children's behaviour and attitudes towards the visitors was fantastic and we would also like to thank all the parents/carers who completed the Ofsted parent view survey.

Future dates for May 2024 are:

Monday 6th May – May-day Bank holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 7th May – "Zoo 2 u" visit Reception and Year 1 children in school.

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 KS2 SATS week.

Monday 13th May – Local Academy Governors (LAC) Meeting. 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May – Sports Week Activities (see separate letter).

Tuesday 21st May – Year 6 Catalyst Museum, Widnes (all day).

Wednesday 22nd May – Year 6 Weaver Hall Museum visit (am only).

Wednesday 22nd May – Sports Day (am–Reception, Years 1 & 2, pm–Years 3 – 6)

Friday 24th May – Last day of school before the May half term holidays.

Monday 3rd June – INSET day for staff in school.

Tuesday 4th June – Children return to school.

Thank you for your continued support
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School Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone that supported our book fair. We raised almost £400 and were rewarded with £100 worth of books for school.



We have received notification from our catering supplier, advising us that as of 1st April 2024, the prices of school lunches will be increasing.

The price of a school meal will be £2.95.

We would encourage families to use the link below to see if your child would be entitled to free school meals.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

DEBTS

We would be grateful if you could bring all ParentPay accounts up to date as a matter of urgency.

We recognise that this is often just an oversight and payment can be quickly made via ParentPay.

If you need any support please contact the office on 01606663061

If you'd like any help setting up or using your ParentPay accounts please come and ask for assistance at the Office.

ATTENDANCE



School Attendance aspiration = 96%

School Attendance to 30/04/2024 = 94.51%

Top class year to date = Year 3 / 4

We understand that there can be health problems, but:

Don't believe that the 'odd day off can't harm.' Research carried out on the effects of broken weeks and achievement is astounding. A student can have 95% attendance but still have 10 broken weeks! Hugely detrimental to a pupil's learning, leaving big gaps in knowledge!

- Try to judge how 'severe' the pupil's illness is. Do they really need to stay at home?
- How many of them are better by lunchtime? Send them back to school!
- If a pupil has an extended or intermittent but persistent condition, contact the attendance officers and arrange a meeting to set up a supportive action plan. There are lots we can offer to do, to prevent a pupil missing education.
- Non-urgent doctor, dental appointments and check-ups should be made outside school time – school finishes at 15:15.
- If an appointment must be set in school time, absence will only be authorised for a reasonable margin of time. Not half a day to go to local GP/dentist. We understand orthodontic treatments and hospital clinic appointments may take longer. Try to minimise time out of school.
- Try to vary the days of these treatments to avoid missing the same lessons in a cycle.

Pupils need to be in school to maximise their learning and success.

PETTY POOL



Year 4's residential was full of activities such as zip lining, rock climbing, crate building, a night time forest walk, archery, and den building. They enjoyed every minute of the Petty Pool experience



Holiday dates 2023 TO 2024

	Date of opening (First day back at school for pupils)	Date of closing (Last day in school for pupils)
2023 Autumn Term	Wednesday 6th September	Friday 20th October
Autumn Term	Monday 30th October	Friday 15th December
2024 Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January	Thursday 15th February
Spring Term	Monday 26th February	Thursday 28th March
2024 Summer Term	Monday 15th April	Friday 24th May
Summer	Tuesday 4th June	Wednesday 24th July

INSET DAYS 2023-2024

INSET DAY 1 - Monday 4th September 2023

INSET DAY 2 - Tuesday 5th September 2023

INSET DAY 3 - Friday 29th September 2023

INSET DAY 4 - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

INSET DAY 5 - Friday 16th February 2024

INSET DAY 6 - Monday 3rd June 2024