



Awesome St Ambrose

Newsletter 9, Spring 2018

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to all our families. The children have been telling us all about their fantastic Christmases and the great time they have had. We are very much looking forward to the year to come and hope that you will support us in how we develop as a school. For parents, we will be holding an update meeting regarding Ofsted at some point this half term and explaining what we aim to do next in order to improve and get us back to 'good'.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 4 who won our attendance awards for last term. They will be receiving a 'treat' day in the coming few weeks as their reward for great attendance.

Congratulations also to the 32 children who had 100% attendance last term. Next Friday they will be taken to buy a book of their choice at WH Smith followed by a hot chocolate in Costa as their rewards. Children who achieve 100% within each term will receive such an award, with additional prizes for those who maintain 100% across the year.

Our classes attendance from last half term is as follows:

R 92%
Y1 95.2 %
Y2 95.3% Winners by 0.1%
Y3 95%
Y4 96.7% Winners by 0.5%
Y5 95.2%
6C 94.5%
6B 96.2%

Mrs Ward and Mr White will be in touch with families whose children was below our 97% target last term. We cannot teach children if they are not in school and we know that children who attend well in school have a better chance of succeeding in secondary school and beyond!

Clubs

Many thanks to those children who continue to attend clubs and have signed up for more this term. We cannot accommodate all the children in every club but will attempt to put more sessions on for the more popular clubs. Mr Byatt is working very hard to put as many opportunities on as possible for our children and is hoping to ensure that all children have the opportunity to attend something they enjoy and that families are clear as to when and where these sessions take place.

Key Dates

Sunday 13 January

**Netball team to visit Echo
Arena for International
Netball matches**

Week beginning 21 January

Creative writing week

Wednesday 23 January

**Coffee morning and class
visits**

**Week beginning 11 February-
Creativity week**

15 February-

**School closes for half term
at normal time**

25 February-

**School re-opens for Spring
term 2**

25 March

**School closed for staff
training**

5 April

**School closes for Easter-
2pm**

Coffee Morning

Parents are warmly invited into school from 9am on Wednesday 23 January for tea/ coffee and biscuits followed by the opportunity to see your children learning in class. A separate letter will go out regarding this next week.

Attached with this letter...

We are working with Speke Training and Education Centre to provide adults within our school families training and education opportunities that may help towards employment. If you are interested in any of the courses (most are free) please contact Mark on 07810632879. If there are any areas of learning you might be interested in, let us know and we can ask STEC to put on a course, so long as enough people can attend.

Trips and visits

As we develop our curriculum, we are aiming to develop our children's experiences through either visitors to school or trips to other places. As we arrange trips, we are aiming to minimize costs to families by using our minibus as much as possible and visiting places that are cheap, or preferably, free. Occasionally there may be trips that have a cost attached to them but we will always try and get best value for your money!

Book Swap

Mrs Cusack is organizing a book swap in school for children who want to exchange books on a regular basis. If there are any parents who can help her with this, please contact her via our school office.

How you can help us to help your child...

Below are a few tips that will help your child be ready for school:

- ✚ Be school ready each day; help them pack their bag the night before school, ensure they have plenty of sleep and eat breakfast.
- ✚ Teach them to be on time, have a clock in the house, and teach them to tell the time and to plan ahead for getting to school on time.
- ✚ Read each day, either individually or together. Talk about what children are reading and be interested in their stories.
- ✚ Expect them to look after their belongings. Help them by labelling clothes and other items so that they can find them.
- ✚ Expect them to have the correct equipment ready for each school day, including PE kit. All of the above help teach your child to be resilient, enabling them to be independent and solve problems for themselves. This will help them greatly in school but most importantly, in being prepared for life beyond school.
- ✚ If you wish to volunteer in school, maybe helping in class or helping with a club, please speak with Mrs Moorcroft.

