



Saughall All Saints Primary School

Newsletter 06th September 2024

Welcome back to the new school year and a warm welcome also to our new families and children. We hope you all had a fabulous summer and that the children are now raring to go again this year.

Please see below term dates for your diary; they can also be found at:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-term-and-holiday-dates>

2024/2025 Term Dates

School Opens for Pupils	School closes for pupils at the end of the day
Wednesday 4th September 2024	Friday 25th October 2024
Monday 4th November 2024	Friday 20th December 2024
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025
Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 02nd September 2024
 Tuesday 03rd September 2024
 Monday 06th January 2025
 Monday 02nd June 2025
 Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Bank Holiday 05th May 2025

Others dates for your diary

Friday 13th September – Year 6 swimming starts
 Monday 16th September – Y5/6 information evening 5pm
 Tuesday 17th September – Y3/4 information evening 5pm
 Wednesday 18th September – Y1/2 information evening 4pm
 Wednesday 18th September – Reception information evening 5pm
 Tuesday 15th October – Parents Evening 4-7pm
 Thursday 17th October – Parents Evening 4-6.30pm



Toast and Dinner Money

Payment for toast can also now be made **on line**, at a cost of £1.25 per week. Toast is only made available for Junior children therefore please do not make payment for any child who is not in Year 3 and above. Please may we remind all parents/carers that toast money is only sent in on Mondays. We will no longer be accepting payments for toast after Mondays. Any monies received for toast from Tuesday to Friday will be allocated to the following week's toast account. Both toast and dinner money are payable in advance. Please ensure all cash is in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly written on it. If you are experiencing any difficulties in making payment, please speak to the school office in confidence.

The cost of a school dinner is increasing from September 01st 2024, from £2.50 to £2.60. For those of you that pay weekly, that will be £13 per week. The new dinner menus available from September are also attached to the newsletter and will be available to view on the school website very soon.

Parking

With the increased number of parents driving on to site to collect children, it is getting extremely busy at drop off and pick up times. Please may we request that you drive onto site if absolutely necessary and only if you have a Blue Badge (unless otherwise agreed). For those of you who have junior aged children, please can we encourage you to ask them to walk and meet you off site if they are able to.



We have placed the order for the requests made over the summer and anticipate the stock will be delivered in a few weeks time. We will contact you when it arrives and is ready to collect.

Details of the required school uniform can be found on our website.

Messages

In an emergency and you need to leave a message for your child before the end of the day, please can you make contact before 3pm, as the staff in the school can't always leave the office when it is busy with children and parents.

Additionally, if you are going to be late collecting your child, please can you call the school and let us know.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Data – SIMS Lite

It is that time of year where we need all parents to log on to their SIMS lite app to check all information is up to date e.g. mobile phone numbers, addresses etc.

It is imperative that you provide us with at least one emergency contact number so please can you ensure that is also added/included.

Attendance and Punctuality

How does attendance affect outcomes for pupils? Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A-Level results. Research suggests that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. The data also shows that in 2019, primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.

Fixed Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holidays

Can we remind you of the new regulations that came in to effect on 19th August 2024, that to ensure we apply the law consistently and fairly in line with all Cheshire West and Chester schools that the FPN system is now in place.

Should an unauthorised leave of absence be of a duration of 10 consecutive school sessions (i.e. five school days) or more, on the request of the Head Teacher or School's Governing Body, the local authority will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to each of the child's the parents/carers.

Should you still choose to take this leave of absence with your child during this period the Local Authority will be informed as this will constitute an unauthorised absence. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Penalties for unauthorised absence

The law stipulates that the current penalties payable by parents are £160 if paid within 28 days reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days per parent/carer per child.

The National Framework for penalty notices introduces a new national limit of 2 penalty notices that can now be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. If a second Fixed Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, within three years of a first Fixed Penalty Notice, the second Fixed Penalty Notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days. Once two Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued, if a 3rd unauthorised leave of absence occurs within a 3-year period, the Local Authority is able to move to prosecution immediately. If the fixed penalty is not paid this could lead to you being prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Tues 24th Sept 5.45-8.30pm