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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



OFSTED VISIT



Last week we welcomed Ofsted into our school to complete a full graded inspection. The team was very experienced and conducted an extremely thorough investigation in the four areas below:

- ▶ The quality of education
- ▶ Behaviour and attitudes
- ▶ Personal development
- ▶ Leadership and management

Safeguarding was also given an extremely deep review. This comes under the judgement for leadership and management.

Inspectors make their judgements using the four point scale below:

- ▶ Outstanding
- ▶ Good
- ▶ Requires Improvement
- ▶ Inadequate

We were extremely proud of our children, they welcomed our visitors with such warmth. The inspectors spoke to many children over the two days asking them their views on ALL aspects of school life.

We look forward to sharing the report with you very soon. It is likely to be

YEAR 5 TRIP TO TATTON PARK

Year 5 visited Tatton Park on Monday to experience life in Anglo Saxon/Viking times as their enrichment experience for their history unit. The children took part in weaving, warrior training, wheat thrashing and hunting. As always, the children had a fabulous time and were impeccably behaved.



Dates for you Diary

Wednesday 20th

September

School photograph day. Smiles at the ready!

Monday 25th

September

Wear your bright clothes charity day.

Tuesday 10th October

Flu nasal spray day.

Friday 20th October

INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS.

Friday 27th October

Last day of school for pupils.

Monday 30th October

All children back at school.

Thursday 21st December

Last day of school for pupils

Friday 22nd December

INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

ORACY FAMILY DISCUSSION POINT OF THE WEEK

Summer has now come to an end and we have moved in to autumn. Looking back over the whole of the summer, what were your best bits?

PASTORAL SUPPORT

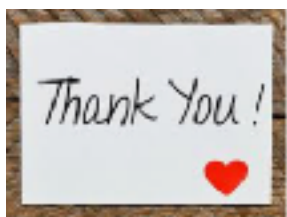
As you are aware our expectation is children will be on time for school (before the gates close) every day and they will attend unless poorly or at a medical appointment. It is important that our school office is not full of late families. At the beginning of the week we have had up to a full class worth of children late every day and this can not continue. This means children who are suffering from diagnosed anxiety are having to push past hoards of people in the school office. Families who are trying to share personal information are having to do so in a crowded space full of people. Our children, who are sometimes late, are telling us when they come in they don't want to be late for school, they want to be on time and come in with their friends and not feel different going through the office.

If you have a genuine difficulty coming to school on time please ask for an appointment to speak to one of our pastoral team. If the difficulty is in the family home, before school, we can arrange a family support worker through the Early Help team who works with the family at home supporting with routines, behaviour etc. Class teachers can put into place incentives such as sticker charts for a few weeks until the child settles into their routine. This can be very effective for the younger children. We will keep sending the odd text reminders about start times and gate times over this half term.

Please remember if you have children in both key stages your key stage 2 child / children can come in before 8.50am with their KS1 sibling and we will look after them on the KS2 yard until the KS2 gates open.

Thursday and Friday this week have been **MUCH** improved. The differences have been:

- ✳ Our children are telling us it is much nicer coming into school without having to push past all of the mummies and daddies in the office.
- ✳ Parents who have needed to speak to the office staff have said how much better it is without a crowd of people signing the children in at the screen.
- ✳ Children have told us that they are happier coming in on time and not feeling embarrassed in front of their friends if they are late.
- ✳ Teachers are telling us lessons are not being interrupted for the the rest of the children in the class due to latecomers.
- ✳ The office staff are telling us they are able to get on with their work rather than manning the doors for the first 35 minutes of the school day.



We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who have supported us in this drive in trying to make the start of the school day as pleasant as possible for all of the children and staff. We will continue to be a presence at the start of the school day to greet children and families coming in.

ABILITIES IN ME - FUNDRAISING DAY

We are excited to tell you that we will be having a fundraising day on Monday 25th September to raise money for a fantastic charity 'The Abilities in Me Foundation'. On this day to raise money for the foundation, we would love your child to come into school wearing bright coloured clothes for a suggested donation of £1.



The Abilities in Me foundation writes children's stories based on real children with a range of conditions and celebrates that everyone is unique with a range of abilities. Money raised goes directly into the foundation to support children around the world. School also receive a selection of books from the collection, which we will be able to share with the children and we will enter our schools name to hopefully win an author visit in the future. If you'd like to find out more, please go to: www.theabilitiesinme.com

During the day the children will be celebrating their unique qualities and learning about how others manage day to day with their lives. It's an exciting new foundation, we are delighted to support!

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2023

This year our HARVEST FESTIVAL assembly will be on Tuesday 26th September. We are asking for donations in support of our local families/ community and the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead.

On the day if each child could bring an item for their year group below.



- F2 - Tinned goods / soups
- Y1 - Rice / pasta
- Y2 - Shower gels, soaps, .
- Y3 - Shampoos and Conditioners
- Y4 - Toothbrushes / toothpastes/ deodorant
- Y5 - Tea / coffee / UHT milk/ sugar/ biscuits / jam
- Y6 - Cereals / tinned meat and fish.