



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing 28th January 2019

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Head Lice

Unfortunately, head lice has been reported in school. Please regularly check your child's head and take immediate and appropriate action if necessary.

Local chemists offer FREE head lice treatments through Care at the Chemist and combs are available from £1.00.



Halton Clinical Commissioning Group



Ask your pharmacist about the NHS Care at the Chemist scheme: advice and treatment for a wide range of minor conditions after a consultation with your pharmacist - no need to visit your GP.

If you miss the gate you are late

We would like to remind parents/carers that the school gates **close at 8:55am**. If you arrive any time later than 8:55am, **please sign your child in at the school office.**

Evidence shows that children who start their school day on time are more organised, well equipped and achieve higher grades at GCSE level. The table below explains how much learning time is missed by persistent absences.

<u>He/She is missing</u>	<u>That equals...</u>	<u>Which is</u>	<u>Over 13 School Years</u>
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Over 1 school week per year	Nearly half a school year
20 mins per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2 school weeks per year	Nearly 2 school year
30 mins per day	2 hours 30 mins per week	Over 3 school weeks per year	Over 1 school year
60 mins per day	5 hours per week	Over 6 school weeks per year	Over 2 school years

Peace Proms

Well done to all children who attended the Peace Proms on Saturday. All of your hard work and effort really paid off and you all performed amazingly. We would also like to thank all relatives who attended the show. We hope you all had a great day.



ATTENDANCE

Above 97%	96% - 97%	Under 96%
Exceeding Target	On Target	Below Target
Class	Graded	%
Nursery		82.9
Reception		90.7
Class 1		91.8
Class 2		94.7
Class 3		92.3
Class 4		97
Class 5		94.8
Class 6		94.6
WHOLE SCHOOL		93.7

This Weeks Maths Challenge

On Friday 1st February we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day. All children are allowed to wear their own clothes with a number on. Football kits are allowed, as long as there is a number on the kit. We will be accepting donations of 50p per child or £1.00 per family on the day. All donations will be given to the NSPCC. All children will have a chance to play number games in the hall and we have arranged for each class to have some treats during their session in the hall.

Vocab Word Search

1. Europe 2. Oceans 3. Continents 4. Explorer

E	X	P	L	O	R	E	R	Q	Z
G	U	Z	B	C	U	Y	E	W	F
K	T	R	F	V	P	E	W	N	H
Q	H	A	O	C	E	A	N	S	J
N	D	Q	G	P	O	M	I	L	T
M	S	F	H	N	E	N	R	T	V
S	T	N	E	N	I	T	N	O	C

Winners

The award for the best class goes to Reception and Class 4 with an amazing 97%.

WELL DONE to all children and parents/carers!!



Weekly Attendance Information

Sadly, our attendance took a dramatic dip last week due to illnesses. We understand that this time of year causes a lot of children to feel unwell but please try your best to send your child in, as we can administer medicine if needed, throughout the day. Most of the time, children do perk up once they are in school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY	DANCE	YEARS 3/4/5/6	3:15-4:15
TUESDAY	FRENCH	YEARS 3/4/5/6	3:15-4:00
TUESDAY	YEAR 6 BOOSTER	INVITE ONLY	3:15-4:00
WEDNESDAY	GYMNASTICS	YEAR 3/4	3:15-4:15
WEDNESDAY	CHOIR	YEARS 3/4/5/6	3:00—4:00
THURSDAY	DODGEBALL	YEARS 3/4/5/6	3:15-4:15

IMPORTANT DATES



WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2019	YEAR 3 PLAY
FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2019	CHILDREN BREAK FOR HALF TERM
MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2019	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL