

Message from Headteacher

Uniform

Families are aware that we strive for the highest standards at our school. Over recent terms, we have worked on improving standards of uniform and PE kit. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

I have noticed this week that there is an increasing number of children wearing trainers with their school uniform. This is an issue because if pupils see others wearing trainers, it spreads and in some classes this is causing a problem.

As I have stated previously, children should wear school shoes with their school uniform and only wear anything other than their school shoes on days when they have Forest School or PE.

If children prefer to wear trainers at playtime, they may do so but will need to bring these to school to change into. When they return to class after play or lunchtime, they would need to change back to school shoes.

I hope that this clarifies the expectation regarding school shoes. I will monitor this over coming weeks.

Story Shack

Thanks to your donations, our Story Shack is bursting with goodies. It has been wonderful to see so many families visiting and borrowing books and games to enjoy at home.

Any new books which could be used to celebrate the birthdays if children in school would be appreciated now as opposed to general books and games as the Story Shack is getting very full.

Thanks for your support for this initiative and also for our Uniform Union.

We are still collecting general children's clothing for our other preloved store which will be open before Christmas. Any clothing, coats, footwear, trainers, football boots in good condition can be donated via the school office.

Message from Headteacher (continued)

Parent/Carer Feedback

Thanks to all families who completed the parent/carer questionnaires recently. Two questionnaires were sent out, one for families with children in Years 1 – 6 and one for Reception new joiners and for families of children who have joined us during the last few months.

We undertake annual questionnaires in line with our commitment to ensuring that our school is the best it can be. We consider feedback from families and take your opinions into account when shaping or enhancing our policies and systems.

Parents/carers may provide feedback at any time. Please do not wait for the annual survey to do this. The results of the Year 1 – 6 questionnaire is shown below.

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Total Strongly Agree/ Agree	Don't know/Not applicabl e	Disagre e %	Strongly Disagre e %
			%	%		/0
My child is happy at this school.	70	27	97	0	3	
This school makes sure pupils are well behaved.	67	28	95	3	2	
I feel the school deals with bullying quickly and efficiently.	24	22	46	53 99% Total	1	
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and efficiently.	8	16	24	75 99% Total	1	
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	66	33	99	0	1	
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	45	28	73	24 97% Total	2	1
I feel the school gives pupils with SEND the support they need to succeed.	37	17	54	43 97% Total	3	
The school has high expectations for my child.	60	36	96	3	1	
My child does well at this school.	70	29	99	0	1	
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	58	40	98	0	1	1
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	67	30	97	3	0	

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The result of the Reception and new joiners survey is shown below. .

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Total Agree/Strongly Agree %	Disagree %
The contact I had with the school before my child started was friendly and welcoming.	80	20	100	
Any information I received before my child started was helpful and informative.	73	27	100	
My child has settled well at the school.	66	30	96	4
My child has started to make friends at the school.	50	50	100	
My child feels safe at the school.	66	34	100	
I am confident that my child will enjoy learning at the school.	57	43	100	
I am confident my child will make good progress at the school.	52	48	100	
I have used the school website to find additional information about the school.	39	59	98	2
I find the weekly newsletters helpful and interesting.	43	57	100	

Packed lunches

We have had issues recently with children eating sweet treats included in their lunchboxes before their sandwiches. May I respectfully ask all parents/carers to reinforce to their children about eating the main part of their lunch before enjoying any (more attractive) items like chocolate bars. The House of Hoole will be undertaking a project on healthy lunchboxes later this academic year. In the meantime, may I ask that sweets are not included in lunchboxes and that sweet treats are balanced with other items, such as fresh fruit.

We are not saying that items like crisps or chocolate bars (such as penguins or club biscuits) are not permitted, just to ensure that the lunchbox is well balanced. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Dinner

Our wonderful Catering Team will be cooking up a festive storm on Wednesday 6th December. If your child would like to order a traditional Christmas lunch, please fill in the survey on School Spider before 3pm on Friday 10th November and make a lunch payment of £2.70 via the School Gateway app (unless your child is in Reception, Key Stage 1 or in receipt of Free School Meals).

Please note that the Christmas Lunch is pre-order only as we have to order the turkey in advance. We cannot take orders after the deadline of the 10th November. There will not be any jacket potatoes or sandwiches available on the day so if your child is not having the Christmas Dinner, please ensure you supply a packed lunch.



Ambitions



Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need

We are supporting BBC's Children in Need campaign on Friday 17th November, raising funds for children less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their own clothes with a spotty theme and we are asking families to donate if they can.

The suggested donation is 50p, payable on the School Gateway app, however please feel free to give what you can.



Non-Uniform Day for our PTA



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OUR AMAZING PTA WILL BE HOLDING THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON 1ST DECEMBER AND TO SUPPORT THIS, WE ARE INVITING PUPILS TO COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER IN RETURN FOR A DONATION TO THE RAFFLE.

WE WOULD WARMLY WELCOME DONATIONS SUCH AS BOXES OF CHOCOLATE AND CONFECTIONERY, OR UNUSED TOILETRY AND BEAUTY SETS.

DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL WITH PUPILS ON THE NON-UNIFORM DAY.

Sports News



On the last day of term, five children from years 5 and 6 represented the school at a hockey festival at The Cheshire County Sports Club.

Mr Attwood was very impressed with the skills the children demonstrated and their determination to compete.

The children all really enjoyed the matches and we are very proud of them.

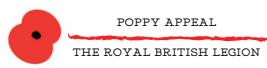
Christmas Jumper Day

We are supporting the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 6th December, raising funds for children less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their festive gear and we are asking families to donate if they can.

The suggested donation is £1 however please feel free to give what you can.



Poppy Appeal





We are supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal by selling a range of poppy merchandise from today. If your child would like to purchase a snap-band (£1.50), a wristband (£1) or a poppy reflector keyring (£1), please send in the correct money as we are unable to give change.

We only have a very limited supply of stock so once we have sold out, the nearest poppy merchandise stockist will be Sainsburys on Faulkner Street.



Letting Their Light Shine!

Heath and Oliver played a fantastic match last Saturday for Upton JFC and both received trophies for their great performance!

Ollie won a gold medal on holiday for his spectacular dancing!

Pixie achieved her First Gymnastics Award, Heidi achieved her Level 9 Gymnastics certificate and Sophia was awarded her Level 8 Gymnastics certificate!

Lily accomplished her Level 2 swimming certificate!

Amelie plays for Upton JFC was made Playe<mark>r of the D</mark>ay at a recent match!

Olivia-Grace was Player of the Match for her team in Liverpool!

Alex was awarded the Cobra Life Student of the Year, gaining a framed cert and shiny trophy!



Care Home Visit



We had a wonderful opportunity to visit Chester Lodge with Passion for Learning on Thursday. We arrived to a lovely welcome from all the care home staff. The children were eager to get stuck in and meet the residents who had such interesting stories to tell! We even joined in with some songs together. Julia, from Passion for Learning had provided opportunities for the residents and children to make Autumn creations with a wonderful range of mixed media. After lots of laughter and crafting we ended the afternoon with drinks and cakes. We are incredibly proud of the children who took part, as they took such active roles in supporting the residents. It was a truly special afternoon that we're sure we will all remember.

Birthdays!



Let's celebrate!

The following children received a class honour for letting their light shine this week!

Elsie M	Roman B-E		
Arya U	Isla S		
Alejandro R-P	Ayan E		
Sophie C	Bobby W		
Phoebe F	Eric B		
Noah C	Tino C		
Alexa C			

Key Dates

Monday 6th November	Year 1 Multi-skills Sport Trip to EPSV
Tuesday 7th November	Year 2 Multi-skills Sport Trip to EPSV
Wednesday 8th November	Reception 2024 Open Evening
Thursday 9th November	House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am
Monday 13th November	Year 4 trip to Ebeneezer Church
Friday 17th November	Non-Uniform Day: Children in Need
Thursday 23rd November	Pupil Photographs
Thursday 23rd November	House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am
Friday 24th November	Non-Uniform Day: PTA
Wednesday 29th November	Year 5 trip
Wednesday 29th November Friday 1st December	Year 5 trip PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm
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West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2023/24

At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port,

Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4
And from 10am for school years 5-8.
First Race Starts at 10am.

Dates of Fixtures: Saturday, October 7 Saturday, November 4 Saturday, November 18 Saturday, December 9

Race Order for the following Girls and Boys year groups: Year Three, Year Four, Year Five, Year Six, Year Seven, Year Eight.

Medals will be presented to the first three finishers in each race.

The first three finishers from each school in each race will count as a team towards a team score based on their positions, and the team event will be held over four rounds.

Awards will also be presented to the top three finishers overall in each age group after four rounds.

Each pupil from each school will be provided with a race number which should be attached to the front of their T-shirt/vest.

Each participating school should provide a representative/parent/team manager at each round. Further details from Dennis Wall at West Cheshire AC.

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