

## STAFF ABSENCE

As you may be aware Miss Sullivan has not been in school this half term. This is due to a close member of her family being poorly. I am sure you will join me in giving her your best wishes. In the interim Mrs Dixon has been supporting in reception and we have secured a highly qualified TA (Miss Stirrup) to support in Year 2. Once Miss Sullivan is ready to return to the nest we will be returning to usual staffing arrangements.

# **PTA CHATTY HUT**

Great News! On Monday 4th February Pentagon Play will be on site building our new Chatty Hut. The Chatty Hut is a large covered gazebo and will be located on the grassed area at the back of our Reception Class play area. The work is scheduled to take four days depending upon the weather. The area will be cordoned off and we ask that all parents and carers remain vigilant at school drop off and pick up times in making sure that we don't have any Newchurch explorers before the Chatty Hut is officially completed and open.

We are sending a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for all of their efforts in raising funds as our 'Chatty Hut' will be an amazing addition to our outdoor area when completed.

PTA VALENTINE DISCO THURS 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY KS1 5.30-6.30PM KS2 7-8PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE FROM MONDAY

# ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Congratulations to the children and families who managed to reach above 98% attendance in the first term. Head over to the Newchurch Twitter feed to see them with their certificates. We will be rewarding children who show excellent attendance each term so even if autumn didn't go your way, attendance in spring is still essential.

We are also looking at other inspiring methods to raise attendance as we are very aware that sessions missed greatly affects the outcomes of our pupils. This also includes reducing the number of lates, as poor punctuality can result in the children missing out on key elements of their learning each morning. If you have any concerns regarding attendance or would like support in ensuring that your child can reach their full potential please contact Mr Duckett and the school office.

### THE DAY THE SNOWMEN CAME ALIVE!

After spending a wonderful time in the snow on Wednesday, the children in Year Two were inspired to use their imagination to write about the day the snowmen they had created came alive. After watching an animation of Rayomnd Briggs's The Snowman, the children were as eager as ever to impress Mrs Conreen and Mrs Narraway. They did not disappoint!

**Faye:** I loved writing the stories and I used my imagination. It was lots of fun! **Alexandra:** I loved making the snowmen with my friends and I had lots of ideas for my story.

### **SCARLET FEVER**

We are aware of some cases of scarlet fever being reported in other Culcheth schools, please watch out for flu like symptoms, very high temperature and raised glands, a pink rash on chest and tummy. More information can be found at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Scarlet-fever

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If you have any concerns about Child Protection or Health and Safety,
Please contact school



Warrington and Halton Hospitals

Date: 28 January 2018

Dear All,

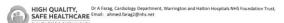
#### Ref: SmartHeart Exhibition

I have been presenting the SmartHeart talk to primary school children in and around Warrington for the last 3 years, educating our children about the heart, how it works and how to best keep healthy, particularly by avoiding smoking. So far, the project has reached over 3000 children.

The children have been sending me back amazing pictures, posters and letters about what they learnt in these talk, how to best look after the heart and the dangers of smoking. As the message coming out of them is so clear and strong, I have been displaying their artwork in the hospital corridors.

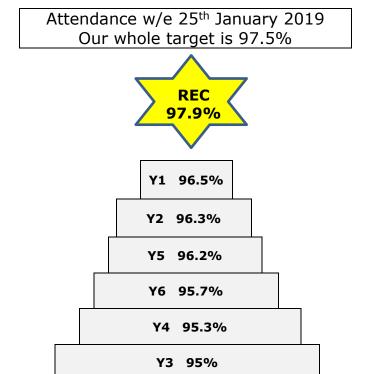
I am glad to announce, that I will be displaying these drawings in the Gateway Centre in 89 Sankey St, Warrington WA1 1SR, in the period between  $1^{\rm gt}$ - $13^{\rm th}$  February 2019. I am hoping that this will help spread the message among a wider audience and wish to invite the children that took part, their families and yourself to visit the exhibition.





SCHOOL DIARY DATES		
7.2.19	Valentine's Disco (date	
	changed)	
11.2.19	Young Voices	
4.3.19	Book Week	
7.3.19	Dress up Day	
11.3.19	PAN performance	
12.3.19	Class photographs plus Y6	
12.3.19	individual photos.	
28.3.19	PTA meeting 7pm school	
29.3.19	Thankyou service	
5.4.19	Dress down day for Easter eggs	
8.4.19	Easter Bingo	
13.5	KS2 SATS WEEK	
16.5.19		
23.5.19	Summer Disco	
28.6.19	PTA BBQ	
4.7.19	Y6 Play CHS	
12.7.19	Y6 Prom (arranged by parents)	

To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 5 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July.



Please remember to telephone school if your child is unwell so that such absences can be recorded as unauthorised. If permission is not given for a holiday or we are not informed of the reason for an absence, it will have to be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

# READING LADDER w/e 1<sup>ST</sup> February 2019

W/C I Tebruary 2015	
Y4 93%	-
Y5 92%	+
Y2 86%	-
Y6 85%	-
Y1 77%	+
REC 76%	+
Y3 74%	+

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Lawrenson