

## PUNCTUALITY

On Tuesday this week, over 20 pupils arrived at school LATE. It is your child's right to an education and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure children can access this right and arrive at school on time and every day possible.

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:45AM AND ARRIVING AFTER THIS TIME MEANS YOU ARE LATE**

IF A CHILD ARRIVES AFTER 8:55AM, THEY RECEIVE AN 'L' IN THE REGISTER AND WILL HAVE MISSED THEIR FIRST TASK OF THE DAY. IF THEY ARRIVE AFTER 9:25, THEY HAVE MISSED AN ENTIRE LESSON AND THEIR ABSENCE WILL BE UNAUTHORISED. 10 UNAUTHORISED SESSIONS CAN EQUATE TO A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE AND FINE FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

We do understand that from time to time, unexpected issues arise in the mornings and some families will therefore be a little late. However, the majority of our pupils who arrive late are doing so persistently – every day in some cases. Please reflect on your responsibility as a parent and do something to change this cycle and ensure you are giving your child(ren) the best possible chance in life.

### JUNE

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils**

**Tue 6<sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school**

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 trip to Kids in motorsport!**

**Tue 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 trip to Liverpool**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 trip to Liverpool**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> & Thur 29<sup>th</sup> – Y1 – Y5 Parent's Evenings**

and whole school art gallery

**Thur 29<sup>th</sup> – Butterfly Farm Trip all day**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – PM Sports Day (Rec to Y6)**

### JULY

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thur 6<sup>th</sup> – Extra swimming for some Y6 pupils**

**Tue 4<sup>th</sup> – 9am or 2pm Anxiety Workshop for parents**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – Thu 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 to Tattenhall**

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – 2pm & 5:30pm – Year 6 Production**

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 to Min-y-Don**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – PTA Summer Disco (Rec & KS1 then Y3 – Y5)**

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> – Caterpillars last morning (due to home visits)**

Whole school transition 'moving up' day

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – Butterflies last day (due to home visits)**

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – 2pm: Year 6 Leaver's Assembly**

Finish for Summer!

## ANXIETY TASTER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



**The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Ellesmere Port is now able to deliver an introductory session on childhood anxiety.**

We have arranged a **1 hour workshop** for any interested parents to attend. Which will incorporate what is anxiety, how it presents in children and young people and touch upon coping strategies. Following this workshop session, we will be around if you have any individual questions and to talk about the groups that we run.

### WORKSHOP SESSION

**Date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @ 9am or 2pm**

**Host School: The Acorns Primary School**

**School Address: Pooltown Rd, Ellesmere Port CH65 7ED**

*Parents from other local schools are warmly invited to this event hosted by The Acorns Primary School and Nursery. Please come along, we would love to meet you! It is a great chance to learn more about the group & ask any questions you may have.*



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## ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Thank you to Mrs Bentley for gaining the support of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) who are going to be in school on July 4<sup>th</sup>, running a workshop for parents who have children with anxiety. See above for the poster and speak to Mrs Bentley if you have any questions or are interested in attending.

## STAFF CHANGES

We are sad to be sharing the news that Mrs Sutton will be leaving us at the end of term in July to be move to a new school in Wales. Mrs Sutton's husband is a teacher in Wales and their daughter will also go to school in Wales, when the time comes. Unfortunately, the English and Welsh holidays rarely coincide, so she has had to make the difficult decision to begin teaching in Wales, to avoid this issue for her family moving forwards. Mrs Sutton has worked with so many Acorns pupils over the years and has made such a positive difference to our school, she will be very missed!



In other news...

Mrs Platt has been keeping a little secret! Well, 2 in fact! Mr & Mrs Platt are expecting twins in a few months' time! We are super happy for them and are sure you will join us in wishing them a healthy, happy pregnancy. Mrs Platt will be on maternity leave for the majority of the next academic year.

We have now appointed replacement teachers for these 2 posts and more details regarding staffing and classes for next year will be shared in June.

## SUPPORT FOR HOUSEHOLDS

The Government has again provided a £15 supermarket voucher for each child eligible for Free School Meals this half term.

Please check your emails tomorrow and let school know if you haven't received your voucher(s).

If you are NOT eligible currently for Free School Meals (not universal free school meals, which all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children receive), then please use this QR code and apply... you never know!

If it turns out you are eligible, you will receive the Government vouchers for each of your children during every school holiday and school will also receive an additional £1,345 per year to support them in school!



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## HEADLICE

Over half term, please can all children be checked and treated, if necessary, for headlice and nits please. We have noticed an increase in the number of families reporting frequent headlice over the last 2 weeks. Let's use this week off as a chance to get rid! Remember, the best form of treatment is still to try to ensure the lice don't get the chance to hatch, by combing through hair filled with conditioner every other night, rather than spend lots of money on treatments that don't always work, once the lice have hatched.



## SPONSORED DAILY MILE EVENT

Thank you so much for sending your children in their sports gear today for a super day of exercise and fund-raising! We have not yet counted all the sponsorship money, but there have been lots of donations and the PTA would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this event. We look forward to revealing the grand total after half term!



## HOUSE NEWS

Well done to **#HouseHawking** for earning the most House Points last week and receiving the extra play time. They had a great time!

We are excited about choosing our new House Captains and Rights Respecting Ambassadors on our 'Moving up day' in July.