



We have had a great week in school. Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6 students recently showcased their sporting prowess at a thrilling Tag Rugby festival organised by our school sports partnership. The event brought together children from various schools in Chester. Our children displayed exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship as they engaged in friendly matches. It was a morning filled with excitement and skilful tries.

Open Day

A big thank you to our Y6 for doing such a fantastic job on Monday. They showed prospective parents around school, speaking so confidently and acting as brilliant ambassadors of MTVS – I am so proud of you all.

I would like to share a couple of comments from the parents:

The children were extremely helpful and answered all my questions. I could tell they were very proud of their school. They spoke clearly and confidently.

The children were fantastic tour guides, really knew their stuff and were a pleasure to speak to.

Fantastic tour of the school. Lots of useful/detailed information. The students that showed us round were a credit to the school.

The children were very informative and had genuine passion about the school – very impressive pupils!

The two boys were brilliant tour guides. I learnt lots about their day to day lives and their enthusiasm was excellent

So informative and you can tell they love their school!

Harvest Appeal 2023

On Thursday 19th October we are holding a harvest celebration in school. Ian Oulton from West Cheshire Food Bank is joining us for the assembly. If you could bring in any donations for the foodbank on Thursday 19th October they will be gratefully received. Below is the list of items that are most needed.

HARVEST APPEAL 2023

West Cheshire
foodbank

HARVEST IS A CRUCIAL TIME OF YEAR FOR US, AS FOOD DONATED HELPS US TO REBUILD OUR STOCKS TO SUPPORT LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS OVER THE COMING WINTER MONTHS. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

WWW.WESTCHESHIRE.FOODBANK.ORG.UK/GIVE-HELP

OUR SHOPPING LIST

- TINNED MEAT / FISH
- TINNED POTATOES/VEG
- TINNED TOMATOES
- INSTANT COFFEE
- CUPPA SOUPS
- INSTANT NOODLES
- INSTANT PASTA (PASTA AND SAUCE)
- PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED / INSTANT CUSTARD
- TINNED FRUIT
- BISCUITS AND SMALL TREATS
- UHT FRUIT JUICE/MILK
- JAMS AND SPREADS

PTA Rags2Riches collection

A huge thank you to all the families who donated bags of clothes to school this week. We are pleased to tell you that we raised £128.65 which is absolutely fantastic! Thank you so much for your support with this and thanks also to the PTA for organising it.

A message from Public Health

Below is a link offering advice to parents from the UK Health Security team. It's explaining how things we can do to help slow the spread of seasonal illnesses and avoid unnecessary absences. The article covers the role of healthy hygiene habits, vaccination, spotting the symptoms of common illnesses, and how to make informed decisions on whether a sick child is well enough to attend school

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Vacancy

We currently have a Midday position available in school, working hours would be 12-1pm. Please contact Nicole in the school office for details and feel free to share with anyone you feel may be interested.



Reminder:

Friday 20th October is Individual school photos. Details for ordering will be sent separately. Please send your child to school in their school uniform. For those year groups who usually come to school in their outdoor PE kits, please bring it in a bag on this occasion and get changed in school.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Pupils are discouraged from taking holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is very rare that any holiday would be authorised. Good attendance is key to pupils making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. Where a holiday is unauthorised the LA is informed. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. The charge is per parent/carer per child. If the Fixed Penalty Notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court. For the DfE statutory guidance on school attendance please click on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Chester Marathon

We would like to say a huge well done to Mrs Kendrick and all the parents and children who took part in last weekend's Chester Marathon. Mrs Kendrick completed the 26.2 mile marathon in an amazing 3hrs and 22 seconds!



Have a lovely weekend

Wendy Lyon