



Newsletter



Message from Mr Chapman

Week Two of the Autumn Term has come to an end and what a week we have had! I have been absolutely delighted to celebrate the children's successes with them this week – and believe me there are too many to count! During my walks around school and work with children across school, I have been blown away by the simply **outstanding** behaviour shown by all of our children. It is clear that all children are taking even more pride in their school and we are so proud of them all.

I would like to draw your attention to three events in the next few weeks. (Information for both of these can be found later in this edition.)

1) Jeans for Genes Day.

On Friday 20th September, children are invited to attend school in a pair of jeans to raise awareness and money for children and families affected by genetic conditions.

2) Superhero Day!

On Monday 30th September, we invite children to come to school dressed as a Superhero! This is in-line with our partnership with Staffordshire Little Heroes, a county-wide Attendance Strategy to improve attendance for children in Staffordshire schools. On this date, we invite parents to join us for a whole-school assembly to launch the Little Heroes attendance partnership. Following this, I will launch our whole-school attendance strategy to parents and carers.

Looking forward to next week, we are excited to welcome our school-improvement partner into school to see the amazing work that our children and staff are completing so far this year. Similarly, we look forward to taking our Year 6's swimming on Wednesday afternoon.

It has been a busy, but highly successful and enjoyable week at Scotch Orchard. I hope you all have a restful weekend and enjoy time with your loved ones.

Car Parking outside school

Please can I remind all parents to **park considerately** when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please do not park over people's drives, or on pavements – as I am receiving complaints from local residents indicating that their cars are being blocked on their drives and this has caused people to miss GP and hospital appointments, as well as from people with pushchairs or wheelchairs who are having to go onto the road as they are unable to get past cars on pavements. The PCSO's have advised that residents should photograph the car/number plates and report it to Staffordshire police – via their online form – for the Police to take action.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 20th September

Jeans for Genes Day

Thursday 26th September

Macmillan Coffee morning

Friday 27th September

Year 6 Eden Project Workshops

Monday 30th September

Superhero dress-up day

Contact information

As always, I am available by email (rwarrack@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk), on the school gate or by telephone (01543 227400) for anyone who wishes to discuss any issues with me.

Have a great weekend!

Dr R Warrack

Accessing Lichfield Foodbank

Everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher. For more information please contact us on 07833 844873 or on clientvoucher@lichfield.foodbank.org.uk.

Life Church, Netherstowe - 01543 254596
Wade Street Church - 01543 253003
Corbrough Community Centre - 01543 417149





This Weeks Attendance

Seeds	66.67 %
Roots	99.47 %
Shoots	98.08 %
Sproutlings	95 %
Seedlings	100 %
Saplings	97.59 %
Oak	97.14 %
Acorns	93.33 %



Attendance Update

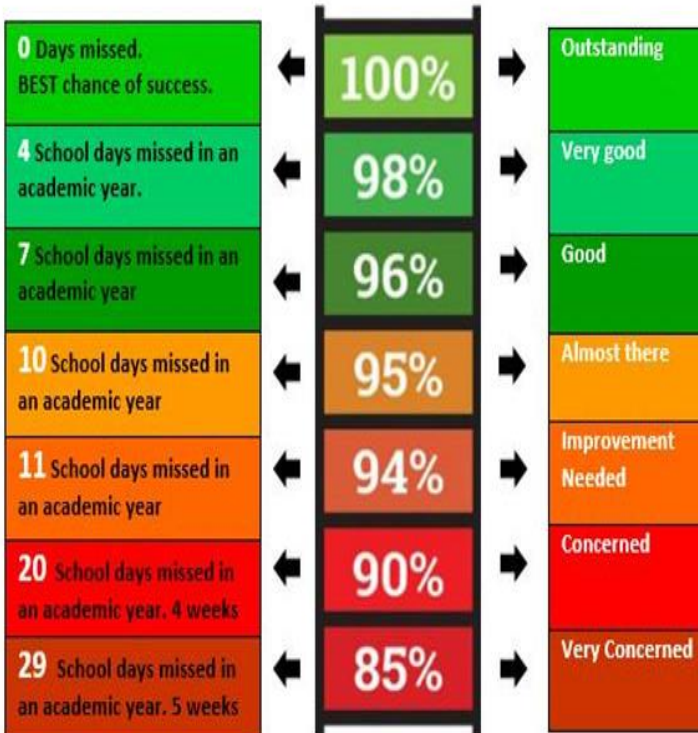
Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child.

Children should arrive at school from 8:45am, in time for a 9:00am start.

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education and are legally responsible for making sure that children go to school. If your child doesn't go to school, you could get fined or prosecuted.

Please inform the school office by 9:30am if your child is absent by voicemail: on **01543 227 400** and **press option 1** to leave a message or email us at: office@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk.

If we do not receive notification of your child's absence, office staff will contact you to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. The office staff will persist until they have spoken to someone to confirm the reason for a child's absence.



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.



18/09/24	Jeans for Genes day	Whole school
18/09/24	Reading and Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers 9:00 – 9:30	Reception
25/09/24	Staffordshire Fire and Rescue workshop	Year 5
26/09/24	Macmillan coffee morning for families 8:15 – 10:00	Whole school
27/09/24	Eden Project workshop	Year 6
30/09/24	Superhero Dress-up Day and Attendance Strategy Launch	Whole school
10/10/24	Dogs Trust workshops	Years 1 – 6
16/10/24	Flu clinic	Reception – Year 6
16/10/24	In-person Parents Evening 15:30 – 18:30	Whole school
18/10/24	Individual and sibling photographs	Whole school
23/10/24	Virtual Parents Evening 16:00 – 19:00	Whole school
25/10/24	INSET - School Closed to all Children – Teacher Training Day	Whole school



Children are invited to wear their jeans to school next Friday in support of 'Jeans For Genes'

Jeans for Genes is all about raising awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with genetic conditions AND raising money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected by genetic conditions. The CGD Society created the campaign almost 30 years ago. It's about us all coming together to show support and fund raising to help 1 in 10 families across the UK. It's a chance to spread kindness, understanding and compassion and joyfully make a difference. Your Fundraising really does change lives.

You can make a voluntary donation via the link below.

[Fleur Meer is fundraising for CGD Society \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/FleurMeer)

Children will be working together to solve clues in an afternoon of orienteering around the school grounds.





Year 3 Recorders



Today was an exciting day in Year 3 when we started the first of our weekly recorder lessons. If we make good progress we may have the opportunity to perform with other schools at a large concert in June.



Staffordshire Little Heroes

On Monday 30th September, we warmly invite children to attend school dressed up as a superhero! This is to celebrate our recent partnership with Staffordshire County Council's new attendance movement: Little Heroes.

Little Heroes is a movement to raise awareness to parents and children of the importance and impact of regular school attendance and is a **movement** that works hand-in-hand with our school's relational approach. The Staffordshire Little Heroes slogan is:

Here

Every day

Ready

On time



We are thrilled to work in partnership with Staffordshire County Council to provide this exciting opportunity to all of our children and families. (If parents want to dress up as a superhero on Monday 30th September – they are more than welcome!)

Following much feedback from families last year, I have been working on an Attendance Strategy that is evidence-informed and places children at the heart of everything we **do**. I am delighted to share that we will be launching our Attendance Strategy to our families on Monday 30th September, following a whole-school assembly to launch Staffordshire Little Heroes with our children. Parents/**carers** are invited to attend our whole-school assembly at 9am and then stay in school after to **hear all about school's strategy for attendance this year**. Parents/**carers** will have the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback on the strategy, which I will be grateful to receive. If any family member is unable to attend this event, the launch will be recorded and shared with families.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mr C



Stars of the week





Acorns Forest School

In Forest School this week, Acorns learned all about secateurs and how they can be used safely. The children took it in turns to use secateurs and teach each other the key safety points when using them in Forest School. To apply their learning, the children used secateurs to refine the sticks they wanted to create their very own Stick Man, based on Julia Donaldson's well-known book.

Linked to the children's topic, 'All about me', the children used string, rubber bands and googly eyes to design their Stick Man. The children showed great examples of safety, resilience and pride to create their very own Stick Man family!

