

Marlfields' Newsletter

22nd March 2024

LUNCH CHOICES for **April 22nd**

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Sausage & Mash	Vegetarian Sausage & Mash	Pasta Bolognaise	Penne Pasta & Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken Dinner	Vegetable Hot Pot	Corned Beef Hash	Macaroni Cheese	Lamb Burger in Minted Gravy	Vegan Sausage Roll

SWIMATHON 2024



Last Friday our **Marvellous Marlfields Marlins** set off from school after lunch to walk to the Leisure Centre to take part in the Congleton Rotary Club Annual Swimathon to raise funds for charity. Their chosen charities for this year are:

The Old Sawmill – which enhances the lives of local people who are socially isolated, lonely and in need of additional support, and also provides a meeting place for local groups with challenging problems.

Listen Out Loud – a Congleton charity which was set up in 2012 to assist ex-service men and women, and supports veterans affected by homelessness and/or mental health problems.

The children got sponsorship for their swimming, we also did some fund-raising within school by holding a Lucky Dip, Cake Sale and a Raffle. Half of the monies raised goes to the Rotary Club and half to a charity of our own choice. This year we have chosen the **RNLI**. The RNLI is run by volunteers, and 93% of their funding is solely from donations. The RNLI saves lives, and need as much support as they can get, which is why we have chosen them this year.

So far, the children, with your help and support have raised almost **£1,000** – come on, let's see if we can do better than that!

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Next Thursday (last day of term) we will hold an Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like your child to take part in the egg hunt, **please pay £1 onto** your child's **SCOPAY** account by the end of **Tuesday 26th March** (to avoid us over-buying eggs). Monies raised will be put into the Swimathon pot to boost the funds. **Only children who have paid into SCOPAY will take part in the Egg Hunt.**

ELECTRONIC GATES

Thank you to everyone who has embraced the new gates on the school driveway. However there are still a few who try to abuse the system.

The gates are **NOT** to be used to get onto the playground or to drop a child off if they are running late – the walking gate further up Waggs Road is open until 9:25am each day. Simply walk your child round that way.

The only people authorised to come through the gates are staff, expected visitors, and parents of children with an EHCP or school transport taxis for children with an EHCP. All other cars/taxis

will be refused entry. Please do not jump through the gates if they are open for a legitimate, authorised driver to enter or leave, as has already happened. Please do not embarrass us or yourself by asking as refusal can often offend. As our notices state "verbal abuse to staff will not be tolerated and may be acted upon".

We are doing our utmost to keep **your** children safe, but if people don't stick to the rules, then we may not be able to do so. Please use the walking gate at drop off or pick up time.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

If you would like your child to attend our wraparound care next term, please return your Booking Form as soon as possible so that we can ensure that we are adequately staffed.

These need to be in the office by the end of the day Monday, 25th March to secure your place.

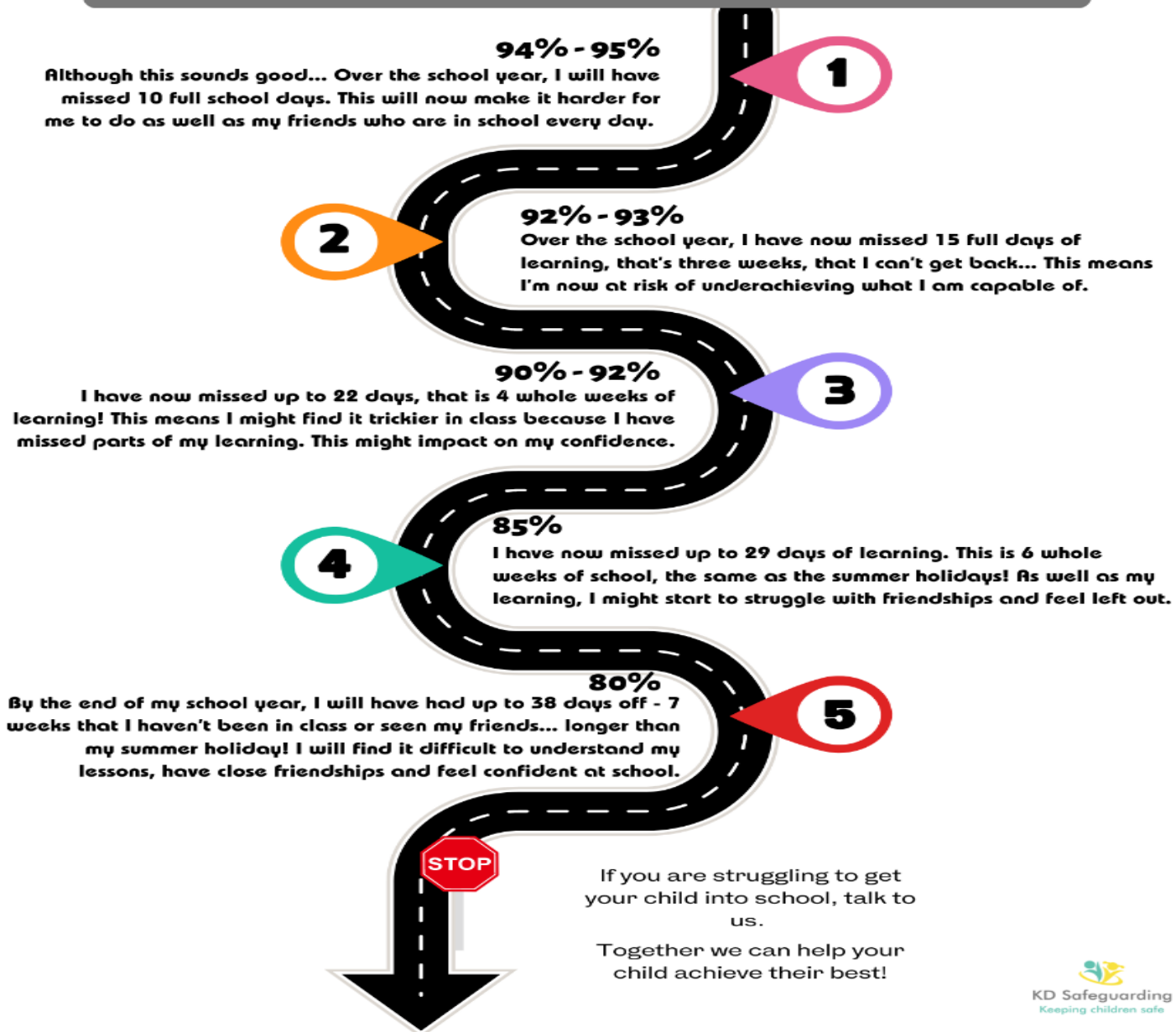
ATTENDANCE

Low attendance for some pupils remains a problem. Please see the leaflet explaining the impact of low attendance through the eyes of the child.

HOW IT FEELS FOR ME



ATTENDANCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS..



SCIENCE COMPETITION

On the Newsletter dated 8th March we advertised a Science Competition for the children to design an A3/A4 poster about how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself.

It could also have been futuristic and show how the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

These are some of the entries, each one different and unique. Well done everyone who took the time to bring in an entry,

The winner from Key Stage 1 is Chloe Leese from Year 2.

The winner from Key Stage 2 is Valentina Di Vruna from Year 3.



TERM DATES

HOLIDAY DATES		
Academic Year 2023 - 2024		
	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHILDREN
Spring 2	27.02.2024	28.03.2024
Easter Holidays		
Summer 1	15.04.2024	24.05.2024
May Day Bank Holiday – 06.05.2024		
Half Term		
Summer 2	04.06.2024	23.07.2024
INSET DAYS		
04.09.2023 30.10.2023 22.12.2023		
26.02.2024 03.06.2024		

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2024 -2025	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHILDREN
Autumn 1	03.09.24	25.10.24
Half Term		
Autumn 2	04.11.24	20.12.24
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
Spring 1	07.01.25	14.02.25
Half Term		
Spring 2	25.02.25	04.04.25
EASTER HOLIDAY		
Summer 1	22.04.25	23.05.25
May Day Bank Holiday – 05.05.2024		
Half Term		
Summer 2	03.06.25	22.07.25
INSET DAYS		
02.09.24 04.11.24 06.01.25 24.02.25		
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