

## OLST Friday Email – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

- **TAG RUGBY EVENT – Y6**

Y6 will be attending the first Primary Festival down at Parkside on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1-2.30pm. Please ensure they are wearing their PE kits. Craig who has coached them and a member of staff will walk the children to the event. It will take place outside on their 3G pitch so if they could also please bring a waterproof coat. This is covered under the permissions you have already. Good luck to everyone!

- **Shakespeare Event – Class 4**

OLST is proud to be an Associate School of the Royal Shakespeare Company and our project this year is to be involved in a production of Twelfth Night. We have been invited to watch the RSC perform this on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at St Cuthbert's school in Crook. OLST will shuttle run the children up to see this and we ask for any parents that could help pick up their child from St Cuthbert's at 3pm to let us know. We have not been able to book a mini bus so staff with business insurance will do this so our children get this valuable experience. Do not worry if you cannot help as we will transport the children back to school in stages. We may be slightly later that day in our return however Mrs Caton will keep you updated.

- **Harvest Appeal**

OLST is collecting this year for the food bank and will spend October taking whatever you can donate. Please send any donations to the school office.

- **Spooky Party**

Half term is early this year breaking up **THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> October and returning on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

Our Forest school Lead Nikki is booked that day so children may attend school in party clothes. Please do not spend on Halloween costumes as our party will take place in school time. The children will have a spooky disco in class and I am sure lots of fun.

- **Attendance Expectations**

A student's progress is severely hampered if they do not regularly attend school.

<b>98-100%</b>	<b>Expected</b>
<b>95-97%</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>
<b>95%-90%</b>	<b>A cause for concern – at risk of becoming persistently absent</b>
<b>Below 90%</b>	<b>Persistently absent</b>
<b>Below 80%</b>	<b>Severe / Chronic absence</b>

- 90% attendance is an average of one day out of school per fortnight over a school year.
- 90% attendance over 5 years at secondary school is half a school year missed.
- 80% attendance over 5 years at secondary school is the same as one whole school year missed.

I have included the above information on attendance as this is a hot topic in the press this week and new rules come into force regarding improving this nationally. Our attendance remains above average however please be mindful of this when booking holidays as I have had a number of requests which unfortunately I cannot authorise. School fully understand the savings that can be made so hopefully this national conversation will bring the price of holidays down.

Mrs Veitch