



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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In God's light, we love, learn and grow together

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous; it is not proud. Love is not selfish. Love does not keep a record of wrongs. Love is not happy with lies but is happy with truths. Love never gives up and it never fails. (Corinthians 13:4-8)

SWIMMERS

A huge well done to our Y5&6 swimmers who took part in the swimming gala at Crosby Baths. They absolutely smashed it. **We are so proud of you all!!**



Dates to Note

Friday 3rd March – World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character and bring the book to school.

Friday 24th March – Parent Coffee morning arranged by Mrs Lynn Rudd; Pastoral Advisor 9-10:30am

Tuesday 28th March – Y3&4 final swim

Wednesday 29th March – Whole school assembly 2pm. Parents invited.

Thursday 30th March – Mad Hair day. Bring in £1 donation. Term ends at 1:15pm

HALF TERM BREAK- Mr McLaughlin Holiday Club

Monday 3rd April – Thursday 6th April

Tuesday 11th April – Friday 14th April

Tuesday 18th April – Term begins. Plus Y3&4 Swim

Monday 8th May – BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 9th May – Y6 SATS BEGIN!

Wednesday 17th May- Y5&6 Crucial Crew visit

Friday 18th May – TeachRex for whole school

Monday 22nd May – Whole School Quidditch Day

Thursday 26th May – Term End 2:30pm

Money

The office would like all monies to be handed into school in a sealed envelope with the amount; child name and reason. This is so money doesn't get misplaced. Thank you for all who pay money on time.

School Clubs this Half term

Mrs. Scott has been talking to some parents regarding the clubs school offers. She agrees that there needs to be a change and a broader range of clubs. This can be difficult to get people to come down to school to run an after school club as numbers are often too small to make it worth their while. Mrs. Scott will continue to try and alter this. If anyone knows of someone who can offer to run an after school club such as guitar or art, please contact Mrs. Scott who can look into it.

Monday- lunch club infant dodgeball with Mr McLaughlin. Art club for Reception with Miss Powell. After school Infant multi-skills with Mr McLaughlin and SAT boosters with Mr Trussell.

Tuesday- lunch club 'Reading Buddies' with Mrs. Morris.

Wednesday - lunch club infant dodgeball with Mr McLaughlin. Music Club with Miss Gordon for Y1&2 and Computer Club with Miss Lloyd for Y3&4. After school Infant multi-skills with Mr McLaughlin

Thursday- After School Yoga club for Y1-Y6.

After Easter break, a new after school cookery club will begin as well as a Drama and Dance theatre club from Stage Door, watch this space!



Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word is also on the Catholic Life of Our School page. Please take some family time to read about the birth of Jesus.

Mrs. Davies

As most of you by now should know, Mrs. Davies will be off for the foreseeable future. She is a vital role to St Mary's and a much loved member of staff. We send all our love and prayers to her during this time.

Half Term Club

This coming Spring break Mr McLaughlin will be running the club on the Mon-Thu and Tue-Fri from 9am to 3pm. The cost is £20 a day or £65 for the 4 days per child. If you wish to book a place as there is limited availability, call Mr McLaughlin on **07973928063**

Drop off times

School have met with their designated local authority attendance officer. Children need to be in school for **8:55am** otherwise they will incur a late mark. Lessons start at this time and if children are missing the first 5 or 10 minutes they can be anxious to try and catch up. Extra work such as reading and catch ups begin in classes from 8:45am.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY: 2022-23

Sefton council class any child below **90% as persistently absent**. Our whole school target is **96.5%** which tends to be in line with national averages. It is so important that children attend school as much as possible. We understand that this cannot be the case with genuine illnesses.

DARK GREEN- Very Good		GREEN - Good		AMBER- Slight Concern		RED- Below the acceptable level for school and approaching persistently absent	
WHOLE SCHOOL - 93.8%							
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
94.3%	93.5%	95.6%	92.9%	92.9%	93.8%	93.6%	

School are becoming concerned with the overall level of attendance as this is much lower than local schools in the area. It must be emphasised that children must be in school unless too ill. More children are staying off for reasons such as a slight cold or slight temperature. Moving forward more letters and meetings with the senior leadership team of the school regarding attendance will now be issued and the Local Authority Attendance Officer will need to get involved with families who continue to keep children off sporadically. All children deserve a full education.