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

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

STAFFING CHANGES AND CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

School have had lots of staffing changes since Covid. This is the same in most schools. The children have been very resilient. We thank parents who have been patient with all the changes. Below is the list of staffing for September 2023.

Reception – Miss Powell class teacher. Support Staff TBC.

Year 1&2 – Miss Byrne & TBC class teachers. Support Staff – Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Davidson.

Year 3&4 – Miss Lloyd class teacher. Miss Flanagan and Mrs. Trainor.

Year 5&6- Mr. Trussell class teacher. Mrs. Byrne

Assistant Head/ Sendco and Cover – Mrs. Hooper

Office- Mrs. C Skitt interim cover.

I would like to also note that Mrs. McLaughlin will not be returning to teaching in September, she is looking forward to the leaving celebrations. We wish her immense luck in her new venture. Miss. Gordon will be going back to Ireland. We also say goodbye to support staff Mrs. DeLaMorena and Miss. Devers. Mrs. Morris will move onto a permanent Assistant Head role in a new school after her 12 months secondment here. We thank her for her wonderful support and contribution.

Wednesday Word- The latest Wednesday Word is 'Friendship'. Please use family time to read it & do some activities by visiting: <https://www.stmaryscatholicps.co.uk/catholiclife>

Dates to Note

Tuesday 9th May – Y6 SATS BEGIN!

Wednesday 17th May- Y5&6 Crucial Crew visit

Friday 19th May – Y5 & 6 class trip to Slavery Museum

Monday 22nd May – School Quidditch Day

Tuesday 23rd May- Last swim for Y3&4

Thursday 25th May- Teach Rex whole school prize

Friday 26th May – Term End 2:30pm

Half term club – Mr McLaughlin Tuesday 30th-Fri 2nd. £20 a day or £60 for the 4 days. Please book in direct on 07973928063

Monday 5th June – Term begins.

NB- Y4 multiplication check and Y1 phonics check this month

Tuesday 6th June – Swim begins for Y5&6

Monday 26th June – Meet the teacher and staff for new reception parents 5pm

Thursday 29th June- High school transition day and school class transition. New Reception intake in 9:30am-11am.

Thursday 13th July –PM Whole school disco and class parties

Friday 14th July – Y6 Rewards Trip

Monday 17th July - 1:30pm Rec-Y5 whole school summer assembly

Tuesday 18th July - Y6 leavers assembly

Wednesday 19th July – 1:15pm finish



Please check emails regularly for school updates. School will not always send text messages. Newsletters will be sent via email from next month. Bumped head notifications may also be sent via email in some cases. Please make sure the school has an up to date email address for correspondence.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn 2023

Term starts – Tuesday 5th September
½ term ends – Friday 20th October 2.30pm
Half Term – Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Term re-starts – Monday 30th October
Term ends – Thursday 21st December 1:15pm

Spring 2024

Term starts – Monday 8th January
½ term ends – Friday 9th February 2.30pm
Half Term – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
Term re-starts – Monday 19th February
Term ends – Thursday 28th March 1:15pm

Summer 2024

Term starts – Monday 15th April
½ term ends – Friday 26th May 2:30pm
Half Term – Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
Term re-starts – Tuesday 4th June
Term ends – Friday 19th July 1:15pm

NB – Holiday fines and persistent absence fines are still being issued by Sefton Council. Please do not book holidays during term time.

School Uniform



Please can you make sure your child's uniform is very clearly labeled. There have been too many occasions where children's clothing items have gone missing. Can I also ask parents to check their child's uniform at home to make sure you haven't picked up someone else's? It is not the school's responsibility for lost items but we will always try to look for them. **There is a lot in lost property.**

WELL DONE TO OUR Y2 AND Y6 CHILDREN ON THEIR SATS. THE Y6 READING WAS PARTICULARLY HARD! WE AM SO PROUD OF ALL YOU HAVE ACHIEVED!

If you wish to book **Mr McLaughlin's Holiday Club** over the half term (Tue 30th May – Fri 2nd June 9:00am-3pm) Prices are £20 a day or £60 for 4 days. Places are limited so book before the club places are offered to other schools. 07973928063 (NB No funding for this club)



ZEBRA CROSSING

Can I ask parents to be mindful around the zebra crossing? School are having complaints about cars speeding through the crossing. We do not want an accident. Thanks

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY: 2022-23

Sefton council class any child below **95% 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 (97%+)	GREEN – Good (95%-96.9%)	AMBER - Slight Concern (93.5%-94.9%)	RED - Below the acceptable level for school and approaching persistently absent (Below 93.5%)			
WHOLE SCHOOL - 94.4%						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95%	94.4%	97%	92.9%	93.1%	94.7%	94.2%

School are 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. 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.

