

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)

Accident

There have been two accidents in the car park involving 2 cars. Luckily on these occasions, no child or adult was hurt. The car park is very small and drivers need to be mindful of where they park and how they reverse. Sadly, there has been verbal abuse when adults are parking. Please can I ask all adults to be mindful of language? There have been occasions where children have been present at accidents, near misses on the road and verbal abuse. This then results in children being anxious or upset coming into school. This is no way for a child to start the day. School is constantly getting aggressive phone calls from residents regarding parking and language. Please can we ask that we all use patience and consideration at all times.

Dates to Note

Tuesday 27th February – Parents Evening
2pm-6pm

Cross Country Race after school

Wednesday 28th February – Parents Evening
2pm-5pm

**Thursday 7th March – DIVERSITY CONCERT
7PM. Mountford Hall, Liverpool**

Friday 8th March – World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character and bring the book to school. Y5&6 to visit Pritchard Bookshop

Tuesday 12th March - Olympic athlete to visit school

Cross Country Race after school

Wednesday 27th March – Whole school assembly 2pm. Parents invited.

Thursday 28th March – Mad Hair day. Bring in £1 donation. Term ends at 1:15pm

HALF TERM BREAK - (School Holiday Club 9am-3pm. £10 a day. Places need to be pre-booked and paid in advance to arrange staffing)

Reading Challenge

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hooper would like to see as many photographs of the children reading in random places. The more obscure the better. A display will be put up in school ahead of World Book Day. You can send your photos into the office at

office@stmaryscatholic.co.uk

The owner of Pritchard's Bookshop in the village will pick 4 of the best who will receive a voucher for the store. Get reading and good luck!

Home time

Please be patient when collecting children at the end of the day from staff. There has been reports of adults shouting at staff and trying to call their children out while staff are dismissing. If this continues, we would need to go back to staggered finish times, which is not ideal for families.

Building Work

Most of the planned building work is done. The builders have begun the disabled toilet and the alteration of the previous ICT suite. We are hopeful that this is done by the Easter break. Apologies for the disruption.

Parents Meetings

Parents meetings are on Tuesday and Wednesday next week (27th and 28th) Please make sure you have booked a time slot to see the class teacher and look at the children's books.

Wednesday Word

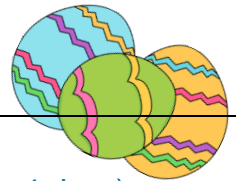
This week's Wednesday Word is on the Catholic Life of Our School page.

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 8:40am.

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets will be sold daily from Tuesday 27th February at the office and by the student council. £1 per strip. All prizes will be on display in school. Monies raised will be split between Cafod and School Funds.



Easter Half Term Club

Week 1 - 9am – 3pm– Tuesday 2nd April – Friday 5th April (£10 per day or £35 for the 4 days)

Week 2 – 9am – 3pm - Monday 8th April- Friday 12th April (£10 per day or £40 for the 5 days)

Booking and payments need to be made in advance where possible due to staffing and resource costs. Please pay cash into the school office with the attention of **Billy** at the holiday club or call 07767898216. Children need to bring their packed lunch. As the club will be run by the school, new registration forms will need to be completed when the children arrive. Mr Lloyd (Billy) will have them ready. We are excited for all the activities and games.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Please can we remind parents that holidays in term time cannot be authorised. We also request that holiday forms be filled in. The office has forms available when requested. If children are missing from school and we are unsure if they are on holiday, we have to report it as a child missing to the Local Authority.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY: 2023-24

Sefton council class any child below **90% as persistently absent**. Our whole **school target is 96%**, 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. I am pleased that our attendance has been climbing and the children have been receiving award in school for this. Thank you to all for all the effort on getting the children into school and reducing the term time holidays.

DARK GREEN– Very Good (96%+)	GREEN – Good (95-95.9%)	AMBER- Slight Concern (94.9-90.1%)	RED- Below the acceptable level- Classed as persistently absence level (below 90%)			
WHOLE SCHOOL - 94.9%						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.3%	94.4%	95.3%	98.4%	93.4%	94.2%	94.3%

