# St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

### 'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)

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Friday 10th February 2023

#### **Love My Community**

Thank you to everyone for their donations to Cancer Research today. According to Benito and Skyler from our JOY team, we have raised £188 at St. John's so far which will be added to totals from other schools across Southport. Together, we are looking forward to raising as much money as possible for this very worthwhile charity. I posted a link to the web page of one of our parents who is running every day in February to raise money for Cancer Research. Please check back through Dojo for the link.

#### **World Book Day**

Advance warning that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We are not dressing up as characters this year as this is something we do every other year but we have lots of fun activities planned throughout the day based upon a theme – we shall let you know more after half term....

#### **Discos**

We had a wonderful time partying away with Colin last night at the discos! Thank you to all who came and helped make the night so enjoyable!

#### **Parent's Evening**

Further advance warning regarding Parent teacher meetings for the spring term. These will be face to face meetings this term with the opportunity to explore your child's books prior to meeting with their teacher. Letters to parents of children on SEND plans have gone home this week regarding making a booking; the booking system for all other parents will go live on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Our Parent Teacher meetings are scheduled to take place on (with the exception of Year 2 which will take place at a later date due to Ms Hudson's operation):

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30 – 7 pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30 – 7 pm

#### **Mini Pathfinder Project**

Year 6 have had a fabulous time this week being the FIRST SCHOOL IN SEFTON to take part in the mini pathfinder project. This project has been run by the Police and has seen Year 6 experience a range of sessions including: cyber awareness; money sense, boxing, emergency first aid, an anti-social behaviour and hate crime workshop, a visit from the C.E.L.L.S team and a further visit from North West Reptiles, not to forget a rap session and opportunity to share work with parents and peers! We hope that this week will live long in the memories of Year 6 and help prepare them for future life beyond St. John's. Parents of Year 6 have been updated throughout the week by Miss Halsall and we shall add some photos to our website soon so everyone can see what Year 6 have been up to!

#### <u>Staff</u>

This week we recorded some of our special songs in assembly so these can be sent to Ms Adam. At this time, Ms Adam is very poorly I am afraid to say, but we hope that our voices will bring JOY to her and her family. Good news in that we were delighted that Mrs Hawthorn was able to visit this week. Despite her ongoing treatment, she looked fantastic and brought lots of JOY (and cake) in with her.

We say good luck to Ms Hudson as she is due an operation and will be away from us for a short time after half term. Year 2 will be taught by Miss Haines and Mrs Preston (Friday). Mrs Healy will also be back with us in Year 1 after half term following a bereavement.

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## St. John's Superstars

| Superstar Award | Year Group    | J.O.Y. Award |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Eva             | Reception     | Rosie        |
| Hallie          | <u>Year 1</u> | Josie        |
| Beau            | <u>Year 2</u> | Heidi        |
| Dakota          | <u>Year 3</u> | Ethel        |
| Xavier          | <u>Year 4</u> | Charlie      |
| Calisi          | <u>Year 5</u> | Luca         |
| A surprise!     | <u>Year 6</u> | A surprise!  |

#### Dates for this term:

Please keep an eye on the newsletter each week as the list of dates will be added to / amended over time. Further details of key events and festivals will be sent out nearer the time in case we need to make any logistical changes. Teachers will keep you updated on Class Dojo regarding key events for your child's class.

20th February – back to school

22<sup>nd</sup> February – Y4 science workshop all day led by Bright Sparks!

23rd February – Year 6 start swimming

28th February – Eucharist service

28<sup>th</sup> February – potential closure due to NEU industrial action - to be confirmed after ½ term.

2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Football League Night 1 at Birkdale High starting at 4 pm

6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March – parent's evenings. These will be face to face meetings.

8<sup>th</sup> March – National Let's Play football for girls Day – Mr Willmott has plans....

13th March – last week of clubs

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March – NEU industrial action.

20th March – Swimming gala – team notified soon

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Y5 & Reception visit to Chester Zoo

23rd March - Y4 River Study

27th March – PFA Easter Bingo – more to follow

31st March – Easter Services in Church

31st March – last day of term. No FAST club today

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Whilst COVID is still very much around and in the news, it is important that children are in school as much as possible to catch up academically and socially. Each week the class with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly.

| Reception – 91% |
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| Year 1 – 86%    |
| Year 2 – 97%    |
| Year 3 – 98%    |
| Year 4 – 91%    |
| Year 5 – 88%    |
| Year 6 – 93%    |

#### **Useful contact details**

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#### Prayer for the week

Dear God,

Please look after Ms Adam and all her family during such a difficult time as well as every other family touched by such a horrible disease as cancer.

Amen