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

'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

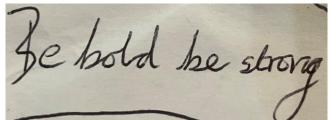
(Nehemiah 8:10)



Friday 3rd March 2023

Thank you so much for all the lovely messages and kind words following the passing away of Ms Adam this week. It has been incredibly difficult news for us all to digest this week – staff and pupils – but we are ensuring we remember the lovely memories we have of Ms Adam and the lessons she taught us about living life to the full, being positive and spreading JOY to all around us! We will continue to treasure the memories she gave us and the lasting impact Ms Adam has made on so many lives and, to help us, a beautiful rainbow appeared at playtime on Wednesday. She loved the hymn, Be Bold, Be Strong and hopefully the words in this hymn will keep us all going when times are tough: the words below are in Ms Adam's own handwriting. We have a book of condolence which will be opened in the foyer on Monday if any parents or family members wish to add a message or memory which we can then pass to Ms Adam's family to remind them what a wonderful teacher and treasured colleague she was during her time at St. John's.







Ms Adam had a real passion for reading and would have loved the activities that took place on Thursday for World Book Day. Every class enjoyed the activities in the hall based on the books of Julia Donaldson and we were blown away by some of the art work, writing, geography and other subjects that took place using the book 'Snail and the Whale' as a stimulus. What a lovely day and hopefully you have seen already, or will soon, some of the lovely photos on Class Dojo.

All children received their World Book Day voucher today and I hope they are able to put it to good use and relax with a good book!

Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility



Sporting stars!

Well done to the Year 5's & 6's who brilliantly represented the school at the North Sefton Indoor Athletics Championships. We are very proud of all the hard work and determination they demonstrated across all the events. Special mention to the boys relay team who won the final event of the day by the tightest of margins.

After results from before Christmas the boys have found themselves placed in the second division for the second half of the season. This lead to three very tight and cagey games played on Thursday night in the first round of league fixtures.

In the first game against St Pats the team did well, coming from behind to draw 1-1. They found themselves quickly a goal down after a spectacular own goal looping its way over Ewan and just under the bar. Eventually they got level when Fred headed in the rebound after a powerful run and shot from Tyler was saved well.

After some unique refereeing decisions the boys were unfortunate to lose the next two games 1-0 to Churchtown and Birkdale.

With another round of league fixtures and a cup competition still to play for there is plenty to look forward to.



Parent's Evening

On Monday and Thursday (Tuesday and Thursday for Year 1), we are looking forward to welcoming you into school to meet with teachers regarding your child. There will be an opportunity to look through books prior to your appointment so please arrive a few minutes early. Please come in via the front entrance and we shall point you in the right direction once inside! We do ask that, where possible, children do not attend as we have nowhere to supervise them when you are in the meetings: we do appreciate that this may be unavoidable though. Year 6 pupils however, are expected to join parents please as there will be valid feedback and targets shared that will aid them in their preparation for SAT's.

Stay and Play Sessions

These were supposed to start on Tuesday 7th March but due to a lot of parent's being unavailable on Tuesdays and sad news this week, we have decided to postpone until a later date which will be after the Easter holidays. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

St. John's Superstars

Superstar Award	Year Group	J.O.Y. Award
Esmae	Reception	Rowan
Teddy	<u>Year 1</u>	Sienna B
Dilan	<u>Year 2</u>	Owen
Scarlett	<u>Year 3</u>	Aliya
Норе	<u>Year 4</u>	Jake
Leif	<u>Year 5</u>	Jenson
Banjamin SI.	<u>Year 6</u>	Skye-Lillie

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

22nd February – Y4 science workshop all day led by Bright Sparks!

23rd February – Year 6 start swimming

27th February – Sports Hall Athletics Competition

for selected Years 5 and 6

28th February – school closure due to NEU

industrial action

2nd March – World Book Day

2nd March – Football League Night 1 at Birkdale High starting at 4 pm

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

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

13th March – last week of clubs

15th and 16th March – NEU industrial action.

20th March – Swimming gala – team notified soon

22nd March – Y5 & Reception visit to Chester Zoo

23rd March – Y4 River Study trip

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 – 93%
Year 1 – 98%
Year 2 – 95%
Year 3 – 95%
Year 4 – 97%
Year 5 – 94%
Year 6 – 95%

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Prayer for the week

Dear God,

Please look after Ms Adam in heaven. Help us be like her in everything we do. Be positive all the time even when bad things happen; be courageous when faced with a horrible disease like cancer and show JOY in all we say and do. In Your name, Amen.