

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

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

(Nehemiah 8:10)



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

No newsletter last week so plenty to fit in! I would like to say thank you first of all to everyone who was a part of our Harvest festival in school. Whether you donated, came to Church or both, Harvest was a massive success with Church as full as I have ever seen it!

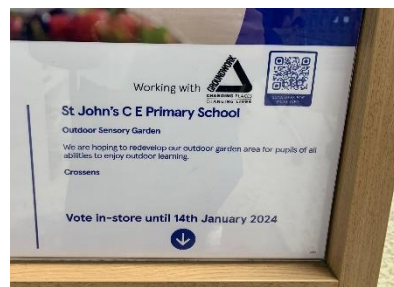
Thanks to your generosity – and from the Church congregation on Sunday – Mr and Mrs Corbett were able to make a number of deliveries on Sunday which will hopefully help families in our area.

### Tempest

A reminder from Mrs Bond that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) Tempest are coming back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November as quite a few pupils and staff were off on the day.

### Tesco – spread the word!

St. John's are one of the named organisations collecting blue tokens at Tescos in the coming weeks. Please help us fill our container at the following locations as it will help with funding towards outdoor projects at school and making our school environment a better place!  
Churchtown Express, Birkdale Express, Southport Extra, Chapel St Southport, Hesketh Express, Eastbank Street Express, Ainsdale Station Road Express  
Thank you!



### Attendance Matters!

We have had a wonderful start to the academic year with our whole school attendance figure at 95.8% so far (an improvement on last year!) It is lovely to see the playground busy in the morning and all children arriving at school on time and joining their class lines, ready for the teacher to greet them.

In the unlikely event that your child is late there will now be a sheet for parents to complete at the office when you arrive. We are required by Sefton to monitor the reasons for lateness and offer any support that may be required to ensure that all children are on time for school.

Our gate is closed at 8:55 am which is the time registers are marked in class. If your child arrives in the classroom after this time then they will be marked as late. Please aim to arrive a little before 8:55 to ensure children are in their classroom and ready for the start of the day.

A huge thank you for your cooperation and commitment to being on time for school as this enables each child to have a successful start to the day! If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's attendance or punctuality please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Mrs Thomas (Attendance Lead).

### Good luck

To our football team who have their second batch of league fixtures on Tuesday at Larkfield and will be hoping to build upon their excellent win in the Cup.

To our classes out on trips. Year 6 will be visiting 2 care homes to sing a range of Harvest songs to entertain the residents.

Year 2 meanwhile, will be thoroughly enjoying their visit to Liverpool and finding out a lot more about our wonderful city.

# Read All About It!

## Epic match reports from Mr Willmott!

On Tuesday, The Year 6 boys played their first round of league fixtures and faced two tough games. Against Churchtown A it was clear this was the first time that they team had played together. But as the game went on the boys grew in confidence and created good chances. With Luca in fine form in goal he did brilliantly to keep the score down. The boys took the confidence into the second game against BDS and started well. They took the lead when Brannan's long throw was perfectly headed by Rory straight into Fred's path who made no mistake with his volley across the keeper. Unfortunately, not being organised while defending a corner was punished when BDS played a short corner and the attacker found the top corner with an emphatic finish. The team continued to push forward to try and get a winner but were unlucky not to get on the end of many crosses across the face of goal. Late on a misplaced pass and some missed tackles were punished by BDS as they broke through to score a winner. Not the result that we wanted but the performance was much improved.



Thursday gave the boys a quick opportunity to put right the mistakes from Tuesday night and they did so in emphatic style winning 7-2! The game started well when Alex chanced his luck from the edge of the box and the ball found its way past

the keeper. The game opened up and was end to end and Fred forced a good save from the keeper. Marshside equalized not long before half time which was nothing less than they had deserved. The second half is when everything clicked into place, a powerful run through the defence from Fred saw his initial shot saved but Alex was there to poke home the rebound. Fred scored his first of the game soon after with a powerful shot from a tight angle. Alex then sealed his hat trick with a magical solo effort, drifting past defenders before finishing into the bottom corner. A composed finish from Fred made it 5. Soon after, Luca saw his effort saved well by the keeper. A scramble in the box allowed Marshside to grab a consolation goal. Rory then got his goal with a neat finish from the edge of the box after another good save from the keeper. Alex could have had another but his long range effort struck the post with the keeper rooted to the spot. Luca then capped off a superb performance firing home into the net from close range. The win puts the team in the draw for the quarter final of the cup.

A big thank you to Mr Thomson for refereeing the match!

Sadly, our girls had their tournament postponed on Thursday due to waterlogged pitches but we hope to get this reorganised in the future.

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**Southport Branch**  
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

**100 Years ANNIVERSARY**

**Friday 29 September 2023**

**HRH The Princess Royal visits Southport**

We were delighted to be invited to send some pupil representatives (along with all schools in our town) to a very special service to re-dedicate Southport's War Memorial. The service was attended by HRH The Princess Royal and the event was a memorable occasion for Southport with huge crowds along a parade route and at the war memorial.

When the memorial was originally unveiled in 1923, it was done so by Lord Derby and the children of some of Southport's fallen from the Great War. To have today's children involved in the re-dedication will help them understand the sacrifices which were made many years ago.

Our J.O.Y. team were wonderful ambassadors for St. John's and participated in the parade down Lord Street and then the re-dedication service. We were delighted when Princess Anne came to speak to us!

Please keep an eye on the NEWS section of our website where we regularly post about the J.O.Y. taking place in school.

Our most recent J.O.Y articles feature last week's Harvest Festival and the re-dedication of Southport War Memorial.

We will soon be adding Year 6's visit to Stanley and the trips scheduled for next week.

Please click on the link below

[St. John's Website](#)

Have a look back through some of the articles to relive some of the fantastic events that take place at St. John's!

**Harvest Festival**

We all brought in donations of food for our Harvest Service. Mr & Mrs. Corbett packaged up these donations and delivered them to families in our community. What a lovely way to spread some J.O.Y!

We decorated Church!

Year 4 led our Service and taught us all about Harvest around the world.

# St. John's Superstars from before half term

<u>Superstar Award</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>J.O.Y. Award</u>
Skye	<u>Reception</u>	Daisy C
Phoebe	<u>Year 1</u>	Rosie
Sienna O	<u>Year 2</u>	Teddy
Dylan	<u>Year 3</u>	Kenzi
Sammy	<u>Year 4</u>	Roisin
Amalie	<u>Year 5</u>	Zara
Luis	<u>Year 6</u>	Isabelle

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: ATTENDANCE

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.

10<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 singing at local care homes

11<sup>th</sup> October – Y2 trip to Liverpool – a separate letter will be sent about this trip

12<sup>th</sup> October – football league round 2 – Mr Willmott will notify the team soon

16<sup>th</sup> October – Y5 trip to Southport

16<sup>th</sup> October – meeting for parents of Y6 children going to Robinwood – 3:15 in Y6 classroom

17<sup>th</sup> October – special buddy assembly for

Reception and Y6 parents – 9:30 am in school

19<sup>th</sup> October – Y5 (and below) football tournament at Stanley – Mr Willmott will notify the team soon

20<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term at 3:05 / 3:10 pm.

30<sup>th</sup> October – back to school

30<sup>th</sup> October – Tempest visiting again to take photos of those who were absent first time

3<sup>rd</sup> November – flu immunisations for Y6 only

10<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 leading our Remembrance Service in school

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 trip to Robinwood

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	99.2%
Year 1	92.8%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	94.6%

### Useful contact details

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### Prayer for the week

Give me the strength to be kind and to respect everyone and everything. Remind me always to use my manners and give me the courage to make the right choices. Bless our whole school family, and our wider family across the world. Amen.