

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)



Friday 12th January
School Value: Compassion

Happy New Year

Welcome to 2024 at St. John's. It has been lovely seeing everyone back in school and we are looking forward to another exciting term. The spring term is always quite short but – as ever – there is plenty to fit in so please keep an eye on the newsletter each week.

Southport School's Futsal Competition

Well done to the Year 6 football team who took part in the Southport Schools Futsal tournament. Placed in a tricky group with two Kew Woods teams and Farnborough Road the boys worked hard and enjoyed the fast paced games.

Starting school

If you have or know of a child due to start school in September 2024, the deadline for applying for a school place is on 15th January 2024. Please share to check everyone with children due to start school is aware!

The link for Sefton's Admissions page is:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-admissions.aspx>



PFA News

We now have a final total for the sponsored Santa Dash. Due to your continued generosity, we were able to raise an amazing £1610! The PFA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who collected and sent in sponsor money, it is very much appreciated.

The money will go towards improving the outdoor environment. On Friday 26th January, we are holding a MUFTI day in exchange for any unwanted Christmas gifts or a small donation which can then be used to help stock events throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Smoking/ Vaping

In the interests of Health and Safety, our school site is a no smoking zone. This includes our car parks and pathways. We politely request that parents and carers do not smoke or vape on the school site.



Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility

Attendance Matters!

As part of our continued commitment to attendance at St. John's, on Monday during assembly, we launched our St. John's Spring Attendance Challenge!

This starts from Monday 8th January until Thursday 28th March 2024!

All children who achieve our school good attendance level of 96% during this term and also arrive at school on time each day will be entered into a class raffle to win:

A £15 Costa Voucher to enjoy a treat as a family. One voucher per class from Reception to Year 6!

To achieve 96% or more this would mean 2 days off or less this term. All children who complete the challenge will receive a small reward.

At this time of year it can be difficult to know if your child is well enough to go to school. Overleaf you will find a helpful document that the NHS has produced to help support you.

We do ask that any medical appointments are arranged where possible outside of school time. However we do also understand how difficult getting an appointment can be at this time. Therefore medical appointments will not be affect the Spring Attendance Challenge!

We are always here to support you with any attendance issues you may have so please get in touch!





UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

St. John's Superstars!

<u>Superstar Award</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>JOY Award</u>
Gabi	Reception	Daisy M
Noah v.B	Year 1	Rosie
River	Year 2	Oliver
James	Year 3	Jacob
Phoebe	Year 4	Jacob
Carter	Year 5	Ella
Charlie-Jack	Year 6	Luis

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

15th January – clubs start
 15th January – Tabz and Hettie visiting to lead our assembly about compassion
 26th January – MUFTI day in exchange for any unwanted Christmas gifts
 31st January – Y4 serving refreshments in Church after the morning service
 2nd February – Biscuit Sale to continue raising funds for defibs / training
 5th February – Start of Children's mental Health Week
 6th February – Safer Internet Day
 9th February – MUFTI Day for Southport's 'Love My Community' Day
 9th February – break up for half term at 3:05/3:10 pm as normal
 19th February – return to school
 8th March – World Book Day. We are dressing up this year! (advance warning!)
 15th March – MUFTI Day for Comic Relief and the PFA's Easter Bingo event

Prayer

Gracious God, we come before you seeking renewal in the new year. Renew our minds, our hearts, and our spirits. May we be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit, leaving behind the old and embracing the new that you have in store for us. Amen

Attendance

Thank you for supporting the children to have good attendance! So much happens within the school day and the children really miss out when they are not in school. Have a look below to see which class are our winners this week. They will receive a special mention in assembly as well as some extra playtime!

Reception - 88.4%

Year 1 - 94.4%

Year 2 - 97.1%

Year 3 - 97.4%

Year 4 - 97.4%

Year 5 - 90.4%

Year 6 95.4%

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