

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)

Friday 8th March 2024

Value: Truthfulness

Parents Evening thanks and Survey on homework

Thank you to all parents who attended meetings with their child's teacher this week. It was lovely to host you in school and receive such positive feedback about children's work and progress.

Following on from some of the conversations held at Parent's Evening we would like to conduct a little survey around homework. As many of you with children at high school will know, the transition from primary to secondary can be quite daunting and we want to set children up well in order to make this transition seamless.

We ask if you could take the time to complete the following google form survey so we can gauge opinions of parents as we appreciate that there will be many differing views around homework. The link for the survey is

<https://forms.gle/cucP4uAPMTpQgXU38>

The survey will be open until Friday 22nd March and I shall also post the link on Class Dojo for your convenience. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Tennis and Cricket

Year 4 had a wonderful tennis taster session with Danny McShane from North Meols Tennis Club this week and he was very impressed with their skills.

Next week it is the turn of Year 3 and then Year 2 the week after – I apologise we cannot fit in tasters for every class!

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have additionally been enjoying some taster cricket sessions with All Stars Cricket and we hope these sessions may inspire children to try cricket outside of school!



Easter Bingo

Our PFA have sent home a poster about the Easter Bingo event which will be taking place on Monday 25th March. This is usually a very popular event some please get in any ticket requests early. I am already rehearsing my favourite bingo calls again in preparation! *Cup of tea.....*

Comic Relief

Friday 15th March is Comic Relief AS WELL as a MUFTI day for our Easter bingo event. Donations of Easter Eggs and/or a small monetary donation would be much welcomed. We will be making a donation to Comic Relief on behalf of everyone at St. John's rather than donate twice, I'll send a reminder next week....

Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility

Mini Marathon Event

St. John's – as part of Southport Learning Partnership – will be taking part in the following event in April which will help to provide a bleed control kit cabinet for our community. Our aim is for this cabinet to be fixed to the front of school along with the defibrillator so it is available if ever needed. The Charity helping to provide the cabinets is 'kNOw knife crime' and whilst the charity was set up in memory of a victim of knife crime, the kits could provide life-saving help for anyone suffering a significant injury in our area. I have copied the following press release regarding the event which will feature schools across Sefton and we are delighted to be doing our part at St. John's....



Sefton Schools say

#kNOwKnifeCrime - We want to keep our community safe and be well resourced in the event someone needs medical assistance.

As a school we are always looking for opportunities and ways to educate our pupils on how to keep themselves safe. We have decided to team up with #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign and London Marathon 2024 and we will be fundraising for bleeding control kits and cabinets for outside our schools in Sefton.

Reception to Year 6 pupils – Mini marathon

*We will be having a mini marathon event in our school **the week of 15th April 2024** where all pupils will participate in running 2.6 miles in our school grounds. For participating in this event all children will receive a London mini marathon certificate and our school will receive a trophy.*

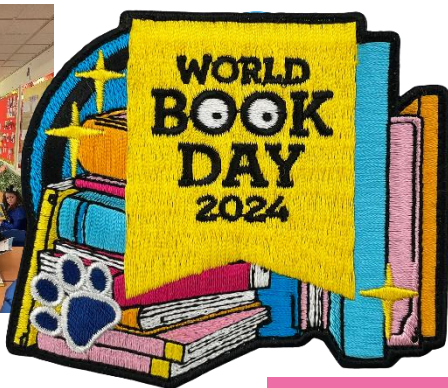
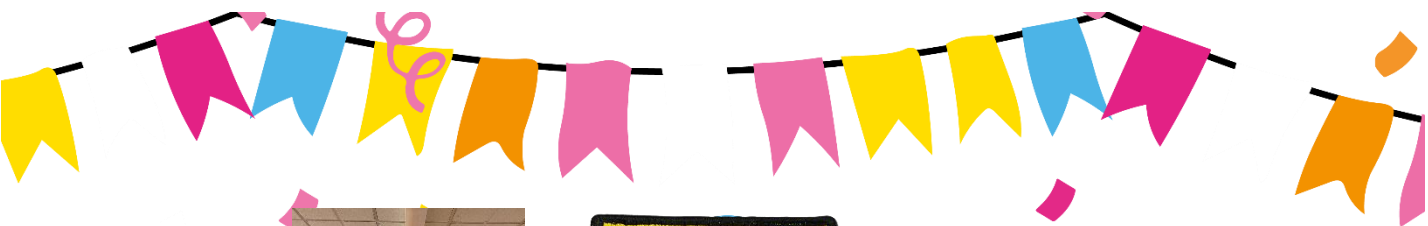
In our assemblies we will talk about how our mini marathon run will fundraise for a bleed control kit cabinet outside our school and also focus on keeping healthy and achieving ambitions.

***Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6** will be having a virtual assembly from the the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaigner Laura Hughes (who established the charity in Memory of Colin McGinty). The kNOwKnifeCrime initiative seeks to educate young people on the wider lasting impact of knife crime. The assembly will be age appropriate and help children to consider the choices they have. As part of our safeguarding work, we need to educate our pupils on the dangers they may be exposed to. The purpose of the fundraiser is not to scare or worry our community but to raise awareness of the possible risks and raise money to purchase bleeding control kits for our local community.*

*On **Wednesday 17th April** representatives from our school will be participating in a relay event where they will be handed the 'bleed control kit baton' from one school and deliver it to another in our area to show how we are working as a **Southport** Community to keep our community safe. 84 schools in Sefton are also participating in this event which is set to be covered by the media.*

To support the campaign, a fundraising link will be sent to parents/careers prior to the event to sponsor the children for the Mini Marathon and the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils representing our school during the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign relay.

Any help and support is gratefully received. A fellow Southport Headteacher will herself be running the London Marathon to help raise funds for kNOw Knife Crime and we wish her the best of luck in fundraising for bleed control kits which could save someone's life.



STAY AND READ

It was lovely to see so many parents enjoying reading in classes!



WHO ARE YOU?



We had some amazing costumes today! Lots of escapees from Hogwarts, Willy Wonka is missing a lot of workers from his factory today, Roald Dahl has been very inspiring this year, along with many Roger Hargreaves' Mr and Little Miss characters!



St. John's Superstars

Superstar Award

Year Group

J.O.Y. Award

Sofia-Mae	<u>Reception</u>	Jackson
George	<u>Year 1</u>	Carter
Rune	<u>Year 2</u>	Billie-Jules
Grahi	<u>Year 3</u>	Jacob
Alex	<u>Year 4</u>	Isla
Zara	<u>Year 5</u>	Hope
Gary	<u>Year 6</u>	Megan

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.

Good attendance is absolutely vital in ensuring your child is able to fulfil their potential in school. Our target for good attendance is at least 95% of the time in school and learning. Each week the **class** with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly.

27th February – Eucharist Service in school followed by Year 3 visiting Southport Synagogue
 4th & 6th March – Parent's evening from 3:30-6 pm
 8th March – World Book Day. We are dressing up this year! Miss Halsall has posted a separate letter about this event
 12th March – Girls Football league night at Stanley – Mr Willmott will notify the team soon - cancelled
 14th March – Reception and Y1 trip to Farmer Teds
 15th March – MUFTI Day for Comic Relief and the PFA's Easter Bingo event (both together)
 25th March – Swimming gala – team tbc and will be notified soon by Mrs Comstive and Mrs Patterson
 25th March – PFA family bingo event (more to follow)
 26th March – Year 4 trip to Liverpool
 28th March – Easter service in Church – 9:30 start
 28th March – Finish for Easter at 1:45 pm. No FAST club on this day.
 15th April – Back to school

Reception – 95.9%

Year 1 – 94.7%

Year 2 – 95.6%

Year 3 – 95%

Year 4 – 95.4%

Year 5 – 92.3%

Year 6 – 93.8%

Useful contact details

School Office – 01704 227441
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Prayer for the week

Dear Lord,

Help us to speak the truth to each other so that we may live in peace and spread our message of JOY.

Amen.