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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all happy and well? Please read the following information some of which contains future dates for you to be aware of:-

Year 4 on Radio Merseyside

Our Year 4 children and staff are going to be on Radio Merseyside on 25th November at 8.30 a.m., featuring on the Breakfast Show. Tune in to hear what they are doing which will be an exciting learning experience for all.

Year 2 Researchers

The Year 2 children recently completed their own research and brought a range of information into school. The children were fantastic showing and talking about what they had found out for History week. Well done children. (Thank you so much parents.)

Reception and Year One visit Church

The Reception and Year One children recently visited Church to watch a "pretend" baptism. It was lovely for the children to see and they asked Father Michael a lot of questions.

Junior Chefs

I am delighted to inform you that we now have our very own Junior Chefs. The children in Year 4 have all passed a cookery course and are now skilled chefs of healthy food cookery. Well done children. We have organised for the Year 3 children to do a similar course.

Football Competition

Our children recently took part in a football competition and although they didn't win, they were brilliant! They tried very hard and were excellent role models for the school. Well done children.

St Leo's Feast Day – Thursday 10th November

It is St Leo's Feast day on Thursday and the children will be learning about the person whom our school is named after. If your child does his/her own research please let him/her bring it into school to show their classmates.

Science /Reading /End of Topic Celebrations

A huge thank you to those of you who were able to attend any or all of the above. It was lovely seeing so many parents/grandparents in school sharing learning experiences with their children and I am sure that you were impressed by the children as they are all fantastic and clever.

Culture Week

The children in Years 3 to 6 will soon be going on a cultural trip. There is no charge for these trips but we do need your permission slips returned as soon as possible, so when your child brings his/her letter home please make sure that you sign and return it.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Culture visit</u>
21 st November	Year 6	Museums
22 nd November	Year 5	Art Galleries
23 rd November	Year 4	Cathedrals
24 th November	Year 3	Albert Dock/Crosby beach

Please encourage your children to tell you all about their trip, what they have enjoyed and what they have learnt.

St Joseph's Hospice Festive Family Fun Run

A message from St Joseph's:-

Join us at Crosby Lakeside on Saturday 17th December for a Festive Family Fun Run and support St Joseph's Hospice.

£10.00	Adults
£5.00	Children
£25.00	Family (2 adults and 2 children)

Fancy dress is encouraged and there will be prizes.

Year 5 Bike Training

The children will be completing bike training on Friday 25th November – all of the children who pass the training will receive a certificate. More information to follow.

Year 6 Parents

Parents are invited into class on Thursday 24th November 8.45 – 9.15 to read with the children. Please come along if you can.

Advent

I had a lovely suggestion from a parent for Advent that she had heard about herself from Canada. During Advent which starts on 1st December the children can bring into school items of food to collect for a Food Bank. The children can bring in one tin or many tins throughout the time of Advent as it all helps. We will then take it all to a local Food Bank before we finish for Christmas. A lovely, kind idea.

Christmas Performances (Reminder)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Where</u>
Monday 5 th December	Year 6	2.30	in the school hall

Wednesday 7 th December	Year 3	2.30	in the school hall
Thursday 8 th December	Year 1	2.30	“
Friday 9 th December	Year 4	2.30	“
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 2	2.30	“
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 5	2.30	“
Thursday 15 th December	Reception	2 O'clock	“

(Please note earlier start time for Reception)

Christmas Book Shop for Parents

Mrs Parry will be doing Christmas book shop for Parents on Tuesday 6th December at 2.45.

Christmas Pantomime – Tuesday 6th December

We are taking Years 1 – 6 out on a trip to see a Pantomime. Nursery and Reception will watch Robin Hood Pantomime in school by a Theatre Company. There is no charge for either pantomime.

Christmas lunch for children

We will be having Christmas lunch for the children on Monday 19th December.

Christmas Party

The children will be having a Christmas party on Tuesday 20th December. Donations of party food would be very much appreciated and school will also provide food.

Own Clothes Day

The children can wear their own clothes on
 Tuesday 20th December
 Wednesday 21st December.

Christmas Holidays

School closes at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 21st December.
 School opens on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Cold Weather

Cold weather is on its way. Please let your children wear layers under their uniforms. Outdoor shoes should have good grips to help avoid falls and slips. If it snows the children will all enter the school through the door opposite the gate. Please make sure that children's names are on coats, hats, scarves and shoes.

Thank you so much for all of your help and support. The children are fantastic, a privilege to teach!
 A very happy, proud Headteacher,

Mrs J Grundy.