



**ST. LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all happy and well, enjoying the sunshine whilst it lasts? Please would you read the following information?

**Summer Weather** (reminder)

Please remember to put a high sun factor protection cream onto your child before he or she comes to school. Your child can bring a cap or a hat (with names on) sunglasses (if they can look after them) and a bottle of still water, all of which will protect your children and enable them to enjoy the sunshine.

**Uniform**

Please can I remind you that plain black footwear is our school uniform? A small number of children are coming to school in different colours and this is not fair for the rest of the children and parents who are following/supporting the school rules. Thank you to those parents who have bought black pumps – a great idea!

**Year 4 Party**

All of the children in Year 4 are invited to a party on Friday afternoon in school to celebrate some children making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The children can wear their own clothes for that day. If you would like to donate items for the party please send them into school on the day. School is also providing party food.

**Cathedral Girls Choir**

Are you a girl in Year 5? Do you enjoy singing and working hard in a team? If so, you are invited to come and meet the choristers at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool and sing in the largest Catholic Church in the country for a day! We are holding a 'Be a Chorister for a Day' event on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016 from 10.30 – 16.00. Come and find out more about being a chorister and have fun playing, singing, eating and exploring. Application forms and further information are available on the Cathedral website or by contacting the music office. Places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. [www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk) Music office: [music@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@metcathedral.org.uk) 0151 708 7283

**Virtual Speed Bounce**

I am delighted to inform you that our children recently took part in a sports competition with other schools called 'Speed Bounce'. We had overall winners in Year 1, 2, 3 and 5. This is fantastic – well done children.

## **Building Programme**

As you are aware the building programme has begun and is going according to plan, when it's finished it will be so much better for the children. All of the builders have D.B.S. checks (C.R.B.) and meet me regularly to update me on the progress to date.

## **Belongings being brought into school**

Please will you help us? An increasing number of older children mainly in Years 5 and 6 are bringing items into school which should be left at home. E.g. perfume, make up, glitter, fake tattoos, stationary, toys! These should all be left at home. When they go missing or other children are accused of taking them, it puts staff in a very difficult position. Unless an item has your child's name on there is no proof who it belongs to or they simply get lost. Please check your child's bags before they come to school and make sure that they are not bringing items to school. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter, we cannot take responsibility for items brought into school. So keep them at home for fun times!

## **Summer Trips**

Year 3	Tatton Park
Year 5	Crosby Lake
Year 6	Chill Factor
Year 1	Safari Park
Year 4	Formby, Freshfields
Year 2	Legoland
Reception	Underwater Street

I am sure that the children will have a great time and will have fun with their friends.

## **Special Promotion Dinner Day**

Our special Summer promotion dinner day will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – all dinners will be only £1.00 if you usually have to pay for a dinner.

## **Envelopes**

Please can I remind you that when you are sending any money into school e.g. toast, milk, summer trips, photographs, Breakfast Club – any money at all, that it be placed into an envelope (an old reused one is fine). Please write your child's name on it, class and what it is for. If children bring money into school and put it into their trays it can get lost. If staff are handed various amounts of money with messages natural mistakes can be made. All of the envelopes get sent to the office where they can be recorded correctly. Thank you to the many parents who already do this.

## **Schools 4 Health**

Please find attached an activity timetable for girls activities (some FREE) as part of a National public health campaign "This Girl Can" which aims to encourage girls and women to exercise and get active.

## **A message from Knowsley School Meal Service**

We're delighted to announce that we've achieved the Bronze Food for Life Catering Mark. This means that the meals served at your school have met the high standards demanded of the Soil Association Bronze Food for Life Catering Mark. The standards mean you can be sure the food is freshly prepared, using seasonal vegetables, with meat that adheres to the UK animal welfare standards and eggs from free range hens. It also means the meals contain no nasty food additives

or trans fats as well as meeting the government guidelines for food and nutrition. For more information on the Catering Mark have a look at [www.sacert.org/catering](http://www.sacert.org/catering).

### **Year 6 S.A.T's**

A huge congratulation to all of our Year 6 children who have been working so hard and who last week completed their S.A.T's. Every child has made progress this year and we are proud of all of them.

### **Uniform Display**

One of the uniform suppliers for our school will be displaying the uniform in school the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> June until 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to come in and have a look please do so. If you wish to order items for September you will be able to complete an order form **with payment** and all will be delivered before we finish for the summer. Our uniform is also available on Tesco on Line and without the logo in most large stores.

### **Entering Class**

Please can I remind you that all children can now go straight into class at 8.45, they no longer need to wait outside. A small group of children are arriving at school before 8.45 without an adult – please would you make sure that your child does not arrive before 8.45 unless he or she is attending Breakfast Club/Early Morning Club.

### **Reception Intake meeting**

There will be a meeting for all parents of the children due to start school in Reception in September on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2 O'clock. There is now a waiting list for parents who are still trying to get a place at our school which is currently full. Parents are regularly contacting me, asking me for a place for their child. If you know of any babies/toddlers please advise them to put their names down on our "Registerable Interest list" in Mrs Clarke's office. This does not guarantee a place but it does mean that we can help/offer advice early rather than when it's too late!

### **Reception Playground**

Thanks to Art4Design our Reception playground is now looking fabulous, the children and staff are delighted. We are very, very grateful to Mrs McDonald Holmes, Mr Holms and all who have been involved in building, helping and giving freely of their time. It is wonderful. If you know of anyone interested in future project work please contact [patricia@art4design.co.uk](mailto:patricia@art4design.co.uk) or for more information please visit [www.art4design.co.uk](http://www.art4design.co.uk)

### **Tissues**

A huge thank you to all those parents who are sending their children into school with their own packet of tissues. This is really helping to reduce the spread of germs and the children now know how to "catch a cough" or "catch a sneeze". Thank you.

### **Whit holiday**

School closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15.  
School opens on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

As always, please may I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness, support and encouragement? We all appreciate what you do and your children are a privilege to teach.

A very happy, proud Headteacher of an over-subscribed school.

Mrs J Grundy.