



"A place to allow everyone to flourish"

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

I hope that you are all happy and well? Please would you read the following information? Thank you.

Half Term

We close for the half term holiday on Friday 20th October and open on Monday 30th October. I hope that during the half term holiday that you are able to have some quality time with your children – they are not little for long!

Hobbies/Interests outside of School

Many of our children attend clubs outside of school e.g. Brownies, Swimming, Ballet, Jazz, Football, Rainbows etc. If your child wins an award or certificate please let your child bring it into school and we will photocopy them for our display. It is wonderful to see the talents that the children have and inspires other children to do the same.

Helping my child with their learning

It is really important that if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 that he or she knows the times tables confidently in any order. All parents can help by playing counting games at home; by encouraging your children to practice their times tables and by asking them times tables questions in different orders. Keep it short and fun but ten minutes a day will really accelerate your child's learning in Maths.

Attendance

Every week we monitor which are the best classes for attendance. It is really important that every child achieves 100% attendance and now a large number of children have done so – congratulations to them all. The best classes overall for attendance this half term (since September) are Year 3 and Year 6. A big well done to both classes and thank you to their parents.

First Holy Communion, First Confession – Year 4

Thank you to those parents of children in Year 4 who are due to make the sacraments this year. Please make sure that you have completed the forms and returned them to school before Friday as we need the relevant information.

Weather

As you are aware, Winter is approaching. Please make sure that your child's names are on hats, coats, gloves and scarves – to help keep them safe. If it snows without warning please assess the safety yourselves of the journey to school. All children are allowed to wear wellies and all children will enter the school through the doors opposite the gates.

History Week

When we return after half term we will be having a History Week in school. If you would like to know what your child will be learning about have a look at our website – there is a lot of information on it and it is regularly updated.

Laser Pens

Please would you make sure that your child does not bring a laser pen to school – they are a health and safety risk to other children and not appropriate. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Important Dates (Reminders)

Monday 13 th November	Ant Bullying Week
Wednesday 15 th November	Reception Parents read with children.
Wednesday 15 th November	Nursery Workshop for Parents.
Wednesday 15 th November	End of R.E. Topic Celebration Year 2.
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need – own clothes.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Year 6 Parents read with their children.
Friday 24 th November	Music – Composer's Day.
Monday 27 th November	Maths Day.
Tuesday 5 th December	Science Pantomime Show for Reception – Year 6.
Thursday 7 th December	Year 5 Xmas Performance at 2.30 p.m.
Friday 8 th December	Year 1 Xmas Performance at 2.30 p.m.
Monday 11 th December	Design Technology Week.
Monday 11 th December	Year 3 Xmas Performance at 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday 12 th December	Nursery Parents read with their children.
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception Xmas Performance at 2.00 p.m.
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 2 Xmas Performance at 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 14 th December	Year 4 Xmas Performance at 2.15 p.m.
Thursday 14 th December	Xmas Film Night £3.00 Years 1 – 6.

Friday 15 th December	Year 6 Xmas Performance at 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday 19 th December	Xmas lunch.
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Party (Donations of party food appreciated).
Thursday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas holidays at 2.00 p.m.

Knowsley Safeguarding Children Board Website

This website is available to the public and professionals providing advice and information on safeguarding matters. It has a children's page and a parents/carers page both of which are really helpful. There is also information about Child Protection and Safeguarding on our School Website.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term with the children, remember a family visit to the park in Autumn is free and such a lovely activity to do as a family.

Thank you for your continued support, your children are a privilege to teach.

A very happy, proud Headteacher,

Mrs J. Grundy.