



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? Please would you read the following information? Thank you.

Year 4 On the Radio

Some of our Year 4 children will be 'live' on Radio Merseyside on Friday 25th November at 8.30 a.m. to take part in "Challenge Tony". All classmates in Year 4 are invited to come to school at 8.30 a.m. to watch the radio show live as it happens.

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your fantastic generosity, for all the cakes sent in to school and for the money – together we raised £222.01 for Children in Need – this is fantastic – "A small school with a big heart!"

Nursery Writing Workshop (St Leo's and Southmead Nursery)

We are having a writing workshop in the nursery for all parents of the nursery children on 30th November. Morning parents can attend at 10.50 and afternoon parents can attend at 2.50 p.m. Please come along and find out how your child learns the pre-school skills for writing and also to find out how you can help your child at home.

Nursery Christmas Party (St Leo's and Southmead Nursery)

We will be having a Christmas party for the children in the nursery on Tuesday 20th December. On that day your child can attend Nursery for the full day – drop your child off at 8.30 a.m. and collect your child at 3.30p.m. It will be a great day filled with fun! If you can help by donating any party food, that would be fantastic, school will also provide party items.

Ambition Week April 24th 2017

I know that this seems such long way off but please make a note of the date especially if you can come in and speak to the children about your job. Last year we began this initiative for a day because it was so successful we have now extended it to a week. If you would be willing to come into school and talk to a class of children about your job and the skills you need to have to do it, please contact Mrs Smith, who will be delighted to hear from you. Also we would love to see any past pupils – who are now working, so if you know of any, please ask them to get in touch. The

children in our school are clever and talented, we want to inspire them and help them to have 'goals' to aim for. Any parents that took part last year, we would love to have you in school again.

Message from the Knowsley Partnership

The Knowsley Partnership, consisting of agencies including Merseyside Police and Knowsley Council, wanted to thank members of the public for their understanding and support over the last few days in respect of a number of incidents of unacceptable behaviour involving scrambler bikes.

We are aware from the number of reports received that this anti-social and criminal use is concerning and, at times, dangerous, and are working collectively using all tools and powers available to us to identify those responsible and take appropriate action.

We cannot however do this alone.

- Do you know where scrambler bikes are being stored?
- Do you know who is riding these bikes?
- Do you know when and where they are being ridden?

We are asking you to help us to stop this anti-social use of scrambler bikes. As well as causing damage to public open spaces their use often puts other road users and pedestrians at risk.

You can provide information, anonymously. You can report, in confidence to Merseyside Police on 101 or to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Cultural trips

All of the children in Years 3 to 6 have been out on a Cultural trip this week. We do not charge for these trips and the children have all enjoyed the experiences. It is an aim of our school that by the time they leave, every child will have visited –

The Museums
The Art Galleries
The Cathedrals
The Albert Dock
Crosby Beach

We can all be proud of the culture in our city.

Advent Food Bank

To celebrate the special time of Advent by thinking about others, we are asking the children to bring into school Food items for a Food Bank. Each class will have its own display and can start bring in items on Thursday 1st December.

The last day to bring food items to school is Friday 16th December. Please check the dates on any items before you send them into school – thank you.

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	“
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)

Nursery

If you know of any toddlers or babies, please encourage their parents to put their names down on our Nursery list in Mrs Clarke's office, to avoid disappointment of not being able to get a Nursery place.

Art Week Monday 12th – Friday 16th December

The following is information about what your child will be learning in school and helpful hints how you can help at home. Art is a fantastic subject and really develops the children's imagination, manipulative skills, motor skills, colour awareness and language. (The following is an example of what information you can find on our school website.)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Topic in school</u>	<u>At home</u>
<u>Nursery and Reception</u>	Cutting, gluing, painting, making models – using as many materials as possible.	Help your child to use scissors. Help your child to learn colours through games/play
<u>Year One</u>	How do you feel in this picture? To use <u>painting</u> to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.	Look at their reflection in the mirror and draw their own faces. Draw pictures of their families. Research artists that draw themselves e.g. Van Gogh, Rembrandt. Visit the Walker Art Gallery and find portraits. Which ones do they like/or not like – why?
<u>Year Two</u> <u>Drawing</u> What is a “still life” anyway?	To use drawing to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.	Talk about famous artists who draw still life e.g. Cezanne or visit artyfactory.com Set up still life's at home so your child can draw in a sketchbook e.g. flowers, pots, fruit, shoes, clothes etc.
<u>Year Three</u> Who is Picasso?	The children will be looking at and learning about various paintings by Picasso and will be painting their own pictures using his style.	Visit the Tate Gallery and have a look at the Picasso paintings.
<u>Year Four</u> <u>Painting</u> Which famous artist lived near here?	Frank Green The children will be looking at and learning about various paintings by Frank Green. They will be painting their own pictures using his style.	Research the local artist Frank Green. Look at buildings around the local area and around Liverpool. Make sketches of the buildings. Look for the most important detail and challenge your child to draw quick sketches in 2 mins, 3 mins or 5 mins. This will help your child concentrate

		on capturing the building's most important features!
<u>Year Five</u> <u>Drawing</u> Where's the detail in that picture?	To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing.	Research detailed pencil drawings and look at the line and shading. Discuss what they like/dislike about each drawing. Look at objects and challenge your child to draw the object using only pencil.
<u>Year Six</u> <u>Collage/painting</u> Can you spray that again please?	To develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.	Talk to your child about the rights and wrongs of graffiti. Does it have a place? Where it is acceptable? Is it art? Research famous graffiti artists e.g. Banksy. Look at different fonts on the computer. Which ones are interesting? How could they be developed to form a tag?

When the children are having theme days or themed weeks in school, there is information on our school website of how you can help your child at home. The above information about Art is all on the school website. We have put on what we call "Curriculum Maps" which breaks the curriculum down into year groups.

Have a look at our website, look at Classes and Curriculum. I'm sure that you will find the information helpful. We are currently changing the dates, but the information remains the same.

Student Teachers

We currently have student teachers working in all of the classes throughout the school so your child might come home and be talking about a new teacher. The students are all lovely and bring new ideas and teaching styles. All of the students are being guided by the staff in our school.

Christmas Book Shop for Parents

Tuesday 6th December in the school hall at 2.45 p.m.

Tables and Chairs

We have some tables and chairs which are in very good condition that we no longer need. If you know of anyone or of a small business that would like to have them, please contact us. They are all free but too good to put into a skip. Whoever would like them would need to organise collection.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, encouragement and kind comments? We really do appreciate all that you do. The children as always are fantastic!

Thank you

A very happy, proud Headteacher

Mrs J Grundy