



**ST. LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SERVING THE COMMUNITY**  
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24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all happy and well, enjoying the sunshine when we have it! Please would you read the following information some of which contains important dates? Thank you.

### **Hot Weather**

Please can I remind you to make sure that you have applied a high sun factor cream to your child's skin before they come to school (please do not send cream into school.) Your child can wear a sun hat and wear sunglasses – please make sure that your child's name is written on both.

### **Book Sale for Parents in July**

Mrs Parry is doing another book sale for parents. There will be lovely books for sale at a bargain price. The Book Sale will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30** in the school hall, please come in and have a look.

### **Sports Week – 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July**

We will be having Sports Week on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Due to the ongoing building work and the hall being out of use, it won't be the same as last year but we will do our very best to make sure that there is a range of sports activities; competition and fun. The children can come to school Monday to Thursday in full school P.E. kits (white T shirt, black shorts, black pumps) with a track suit on top if you wish. On the Friday the children can wear football kits and trainers (not football boots) if they wish. Fingers crossed for good weather.

### **Year 6 Leavers' Celebration – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 10 O'clock**

The Year 6 children will be doing a little celebration assembly for parents on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10 O'clock. The children will need to be in full school uniform including plain black footwear (black pumps are fine). The children can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon.

### **First Holy Communion Children**

Father Michael has First Holy Communion Certificates for the children. When you take your child to Mass, make sure he sees you and he will give your child his/her certificate.

### **Art Week Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

The children will be learning about various artists and different techniques of art in school. There is information about what your child's class will be doing on our school website.

### **Intake meeting – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2 O'clock**

There will be an information meeting for the parents of children who are due to start school in September on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2 O'clock in the school hall.

### **Hinduism Week Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

It is really important that we learn about other religions and cultures, especially in the current world climate today. The children will be exploring Hinduism, the Culture, Art and practice. I am sure that the children will find it interesting and fun.

### **Safeguarding**

Staff are becoming increasingly concerned about the safeguarding of children and the use of social media. A small group of children in Years 5 and 6 are bringing phones into school and are hiding them. They are using them as soon as they are out of the school building and not always in an appropriate way. They are using all different kinds of social media of an evening and some have told us that they are up late of a night – communicating and playing games with each other not supervised. Unfortunately when friendships break down they are also using them to be unkind to each other. Recently a very small group of children have lost their tempers and sadly what they have **said** has been very inappropriate for **staff** and **other children** to hear but more importantly proves that children are seeing and hearing inappropriate content and language. We are so concerned that if it continues to happen we will be left with no choice but to refer to the Police and Social Services in order to protect the welfare and safety of **all** children and staff. Please keep phones at home and **supervise** your **child** if he or she is using social media of any kind. I am very sad that I have to write this in a newsletter but it is to **protect** the children.

### **Parent Text Update**

Please would you complete the attached form to ensure that we have your updated contact details? If you have changed your phone please let us know. Please make sure that you have parent text in order that you do not miss important messages/reminders from school. Thank you.

### **Very Sad News**

We have recently had very sad news Mrs Delaney, who was a wonderful Governor and very involved in our school, recently passed away. Mr Campbell, head teacher of St Edmund Arrowsmith and again very involved with our school has also recently passed away. Please keep both of them and their families in your prayers.

## **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

The children will be having a party in school and can wear their own clothes (Year 6 afternoon only). If you would like to help by donating party food please send it in on the day, it would be very much appreciated. School will also be providing food.

### **Scouts**

1<sup>st</sup> Whiston Scout Group, George Howard Centre, Lickers Lane, Whiston L35 3SR

Girls and boys aged 6 – 18.

Beavers age 6 to 8, Tuesday 6 p.m. till 7.15 p.m.

Cubs ages 8 to 11, Tuesday 6.30 p.m. till 8.20 p.m.

Scouts ages 11 to 14, Tuesday 7.30 p.m. till 9 p.m.

Contact Wesley Sloane on **07446 839721** or **07805665605**

[Wes@whistonscouts.org.uk](mailto:Wes@whistonscouts.org.uk) [www.whistonscouts.org.uk](http://www.whistonscouts.org.uk)

### **School Closes**

School closes for the summer holidays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at **2 O'clock.** The children can wear their own clothes if you wish.

School opens for Years 1 to 6 on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

School opens for Nursery and Reception on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **Industrial Action**

I have been informed that the Teachers are taking Industrial Action (strike) on **5<sup>th</sup> July.** The Nursery and School will be closed on that day. This is never an easy decision for teachers but they feel that they do not have a choice and are very concerned about the future of education. We really do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### **Drug and Alcohol Helpline in Prescot**

Rehab 4Addiction offers a free and confidential helpline for people suffering from substance addiction. If you live in Prescot, contact Rehab 4Addiction on **0800 140 4690.**

### **Knowsley Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

Visit [www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk](http://www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk) where you can find out about local services and make choices about what support is right for you or your child. You can contact Knowsley's SEND local offer team on **0151 443 3247.**

### **L.F.C. Foundation Summer Holiday Camps**

For more information call 432 5689.

### **Message from Knowsley Council**

There will be many young people in Knowsley living with someone who isn't their parent or a close relative. A teenager could be living with their boyfriend or girlfriend's family, or children could be living with a family friend following a family crisis. These situations are examples of private fostering. Private fostering is when parents agree for a child to be

cared for by someone other than themselves – or close relatives. If this is the situation for your child you need to inform the council about it so that support and advice can be provided for you and their carer, as well as ensuring your child's needs, such as educational and health, are met. Further information is available on the [council's website](#) or by phoning **0151 443 2600**.

### **Year 5 Bike Training**

The children recently completed their Bike training and they were all fantastic – well done children.

### **Uniform for September**

There will be uniform on display from **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Please feel free to come in and have a look. If you wish to order any items please complete an order form with payment. (See attached) All orders will be collected on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. There is also Tesco On Line and local supermarkets that sell our school uniform.

### **Sponsored Count**

The children were fantastic and the Sponsored Count was a huge success. Thanks to your support and generosity we raised £384.00 which is fantastic! A huge thank you.

### **Term dates and holidays 2016/17**

School opens: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Close: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 **HALF TERM BREAK**

Open: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Close: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

Open: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

Close: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 **HALF TERM BREAK**

Open: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Close: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 **SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY**

Open: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Close: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 **WHIT HOLIDAY** (Including Bank Holiday Monday 1st May)

Open: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Close: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

It has been a very busy, exciting term so far and we still have the summer trips to look forward to. Thank you as always for your support and encouragement.

A very happy, proud Headteacher

Mrs J Grundy.

**Contact details**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Carer's names \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Who is this person? \_\_\_\_\_

E.g. Grandparent, neighbour

Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Child's N.H.S. Number \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

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Any other information \_\_\_\_\_

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