

ST. LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD CATHOLIC NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest newsletter...I can hardly believe we are in May already! Hopefully we will start to see a change in the weather moving forward and we will be able to enjoy the summer term to the fullest!

Bank Holiday Monday

Please remember that it is a National Bank Holiday on Monday...this means that school will be closed for all children and staff. We look forward to seeing all of the children back in school as per normal on Tuesday 7th May!

Attendance

Our school target is 97% for the year. We need all classes to be above this target each week in order for us to exceed our annual target.

Cohort	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School Average
Class %	98.3%	96.2%	95.7%	91%	95.7%	94.8%	86.4%	94%

We have a mixed bag for attendance this week...Reception class have smashed it and in most other classes we were doing well until Thursday, but sadly we have had a lot of absences today. Please ensure you do your very best to ensure your child attends school every single day, we still have lots of children whose attendance is below 90%. I will be looking at all attendance next week and contacting the parents of all children whose attendance is causing a concern.

Lateness

Each day this week we have had more than 20 children arriving after 9am. This is not good enough as classroom doors open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. We have an expectation that our children arrive on time so that they do not miss any valuable learning time. We will be contacting the parents of all children whose lateness is causing us a concern next week.

Holy Communion

Next week a lot of our Year 4 children will be making their final preparations for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion which will take place next Saturday. This is a very special time for these children and we are looking forward to celebrating with them!

Year 6 SATS

Year 6 have their final week of revision next week in preparation for the End of Year 6 SATs which take place the week beginning 13th May. We are very proud of the effort they have put in throughout the year and cannot wait to watch them shine and show what they are made of!

RSE (Relationship and Sex Education)

Today, Mrs Pimblett shared information with parents on Dojo regarding our RSE curriculum. We have been following this curriculum for a number of years now and have shared communication with parents about it in the past. Although it is called 'relationship and sex education' the core body of the curriculum focuses on each child's relationship with their family, friends and with God. It is a beautiful curriculum which enables all of our children to accept who they are as they grow and change from childhood to adulthood. RSE is statutory in all schools and our scheme has been written by the Archdiocese. All Catholic schools in the Liverpool Archdiocese follow this scheme and further details about it are on our website, and have been since we introduced it over ten years ago.

I will be holding a parents meeting next Friday at 9am in the school hall to share some lesson examples with any parents who would like to know more about this.

Lourding Lions

Children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 have brought home application forms today to become a 'Lourding Lion.' This is a new pupil responsibility we have introduced which will give 2 children from each class the opportunity to lead reflections throughout the school with their peers. These application forms must be returned by next Friday by any child who wishes to apply.

London 2024

Our Year 6 children travel to London in less than 7 weeks time! I would like to remind all Year 6 parents that the final balance for this trip **MUST** be paid by next Friday in order for their child to be able to go. There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 21st May at 2.30pm** in the Year 6 classroom to discuss all travel arrangements.

Dinner money, After School Club and Breakfast Club

This week, Mrs Clarke and Miss O'Connell have been looking at money owed for school dinners, breakfast club and after school club. When added together, the total is more than £2000, this is money which the school has to pay out if parents do not. We live in a time where school budgets are extremely tight and unfortunately we are not in a position to cover these debts. The very little money we do have as a school is always spent directly on the children for their education, trips and special events. If we have to pay for dinners and clubs we will be forced to re-evaluate our stance on not charging for any of these events. I will make contact with all parents who owe in excess of £10 next week to advise of the exact amount owed.

Thinking about Scripture

As a Catholic school, we are asked by the Archdiocese to share scripture with our children so that they can have a better understanding of who God is.

Over the past few months, a number of people in our school community have lost loved ones, are dealing with sickness or have been supporting loved ones who are ill. The scripture below is for our school family members who remain in our prayers....

Psalm 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Meaning: This verse highlights God's compassion and ability to bring healing to emotional and spiritual wounds, offering comfort and restoration to those who are hurting.