



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

Please be advised that all school documentation is available in different formats, on request.

RE TOPIC

This month's RE topic is Belonging (Baptism/Confirmation). This topic focuses on the call to belong, the creative potential that belonging develops and how Baptism and Confirmation are the sacraments of the gift of God's love and friendship.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reminder for Year 6 parents/carers. Please be advised that applications for high school must be submitted online by 31 October. You are asked to choose 3 schools in order of preference. If you only put your first choice and do not get a place, the LA will allocate you a school and it could be one that you would never choose, so it is better to put down at least two schools. Please also remember that applications for Catholic high schools must include a copy of your child's baptism certificate if you have one.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (OUT OF HOURS)

Please remember that you need to book onto these clubs a week in advance. Please be considerate and check availability on the online form that Mrs Scarll puts out each week. Also, please pay all monies online or, if that is not possible, pass into the office in an envelope with your child's name on. Out of Hours staff will not take money on the door.

UNIFORM

The children look so neat and smart on their return to school. Thank you. Please conform to the rules regarding school uniform for the remainder of the year. PE is a compulsory subject of the curriculum. School PE kits are required for PE lessons. No football kits please! Track suits are encouraged to be worn on the day of PE lessons to save time.

HOMEWORK

We all want our children to do their best throughout this academic year, as we still play "catch up". We want them to be successful in their achievements, so we hope that you will continue to support your children with any work that they bring home and ensure that they read for at least ten minutes each evening. Once they have read, please remember to sign their reading record book. Also, please ensure that your children spend at least five minutes per night on the Doodle Maths program and children from year 2 up, also spend five minutes per night on the TT Rockstars program. The children should all have their login details but if they don't, Mr Sands can provide them.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Information about all subjects (curriculum maps, rationale and learning milestones) can be found on the school website. Teachers will also send out 'Knowledge Organisers' with details of what the children will be studying in each subject.



FLU IMMUNISATION

If you have not yet completed the online the consent form from NHS Mersey Care regarding the flu immunisation, please do so as soon as possible. Paper copies are available at the school office upon request.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Both the Department of Education nationally and Liverpool City Council locally are placing a huge emphasis on attendance and punctuality this year. The DfE has asked schools to remind parents that it is **“a parent’s duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school”** and **“schools and local authorities (have the ability) to issue sanctions including fixed penalty notices.”**

Schools in Liverpool are being reminded that regular absenteeism and lateness is a safeguarding issue and can be evidence of neglect. We are being encouraged to engage with other agencies (such as Social Workers, Health or even the Police) to help tackle regular absenteeism and lateness in school.

We **MUST** achieve the **97%** attendance target set by the Government. Our families did extremely well in the years prior to Covid to improve attendance as a school, so please continue to support us in this matter and give our children the best chance to make progress.

Class	Percentage
CLASS 1	92.9
CLASS 2	95.5
CLASS 3	95.1
CLASS 4	90.9
CLASS 5	95.1
CLASS 6	93.6
CLASS 7	94.8
CLASS 8	90.3
CLASS 9	91.1
CLASS 10	93
CLASS 11	96.2
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.5

CONTACT DETAILS, CONSENT FORMS AND MEDICAL FORMS

We cannot stress enough how important it is that school is able to contact families in an emergency, that we have your consent for photographs and have up to date information regarding children’s medical conditions. Forms have been sent and I urge you to complete and return to school as soon as possible. We require at least three contact names and numbers for your child, if possible. This is incase we are unable to contact first emergency contact.

If you live in a building that requires a code or a specific method to access the building, please inform us or give us the contact details of someone who knows how to access the building; this



is purely a child protection matter and any details disclosed will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We would also ask that if any of your contact details change throughout the year, you make the school aware of this.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

If your child has transitioned from Year 2 to Year 3 and you believe that you are entitled to free school meals, the onus is on parents/carers to make an application to the council for free school meals. The school cannot make this application on your behalf and you must pay for meals or provide a packed lunch while the application is processed.

If you believe that your child is eligible for free school meals please make an application to the local authority (even if your child is in KS1) as the school receives extra funding for all pupils entitled to free meals.

Payments for school lunches must be received each Monday for meals to be eaten that week. School cannot afford to pay costs on behalf of families. **Debts will not be allowed to be accrued for longer than one week. Please do not cause the school embarrassment by having to say that we cannot provide a meal due to outstanding debts.** Parents who owe outstanding money from the last academic year should contact the office to make arrangements for payment.

HOLIDAYS

Holidays will not be authorised during term time and Local Authority fines will be issued to families. Any unauthorised absences will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer and penalty notices will be issued by Liverpool Education Authority. Children will miss out on important learning and this could result in affecting their academic performance and attainment. We have been asked by the LEA to prosecute any parent/carer who takes their child out of school unauthorised during term time.

DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

Thank you to those who have refrained from bringing dogs onto the playground following our recent request. There have still been one or two people bringing dogs; can we ask that you please don't. Thank you for your support.

DOJO

If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up for this App. It's an efficient and eco-friendly way of school communicating with families.

Can we also ask that you only attempt to make contact with teachers on Dojo between 8.30am and 4pm; we will always attempt to deal with any queries between those times.

WEBSITE

We ask that you check the website on a regular basis for updated information. If you have any ideas for information you would like to see that is not at present available, please do not hesitate to contact us. All reasonable requests will be considered. We try to update it as quickly as we can and all newsletters that are sent out are posted on the website



MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM (Archdiocese)

This is offered by Jackie Brougham who can be contacted on
Tel: 0789 179 5145 or by Email: jackiebrougham@btinternet.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Nurse to complete Health Questionnaires with Year 6 on 5/10/23

Immunisation Team (Flu Vaccine) on 9/10/23

School Photographer in school on 10/10/23

EMHP Coffee Morning for parents on 20/10/23 at 9am

Parents' Evening on 25/10/23 from 3.30-6pm

School closes for half term on Friday 27 October 2023 at 3.00 pm

School reopens on Monday 6 November 2022 at 8.45 am.