



Dear Parents/Carers

Easter Holiday

We wish you all a very happy Easter break. Next term begins at 8.55 am on Tuesday 17th April.

Parents' Questionnaire Findings

With this newsletter you will receive a booklet containing the findings of our recent Parents' Questionnaire.

Thank you to all those who took the time to respond. We found your comments to be very supportive and also very useful in helping us decide where improvements and developments can be made.

Mad Science Club

Following yesterday's excellent assembly, children in Years 3-6 were invited to take part in a Mad Science club starting in May.

To be viable the club needs 15 members (we have received 4 applications already.) It will take place on Tuesdays after school starting on May 8th. You will receive further details of the club early next term. If you would like your child to join please return the reply slip and a cheque for £52 by Thursday 19th April.

Sponsored Run

A team of 36 children, parents, staff, school nurses, former pupils etc. will take part in the 3 km race in Victoria Park this Sunday (1st April) at 10 am.

I am very grateful to all those who have volunteered to run and to the great many of you who have already sponsored our team. Please send sponsor money into school as soon as possible after the start of next term. We hope to have raised enough money to buy a Proshot Ball Chute for our playground – you can see a picture of this at the playground gate.

If you have nothing on on Sunday morning, please lend us your support – thank you!

PFA Next Meeting

All parents/carers are very welcome to attend the next meeting of the PFA on Wednesday 9th May at 7 pm.

Sporting Events

Congratulations to our swimmers and High-5 team who both performed admirably this week in their respective events.

PFA Events

My very grateful thanks to the PFA for organising this week's very successful bingo evening on Monday and discos on Tuesday. Valuable funds were raised for the school.

Summer Term Uniform

Don't forget next term girls may wear summer dresses and sandals if they wish. If you are buying a new dress it should be burgundy/white check. If your daughter stills has a pink/white dress from last summer, this is also acceptable.

During next term a decision will be made by governors on the possible simplification of our autumn and spring term uniform (as mentioned in the Parents' Questionnaire.)

School Nurses

Unfortunately finance cuts and staffing issues have meant that the presence of our School Nurses on the playground on Wednesday mornings has to be temporarily suspended.

I have written to the School Nursing Service to explain how valued this drop-in provision is at St. John's and that we hope it will restart as soon as possible. I will keep you posted.

If you do need advice and/or support from our school nurses please let me know, I will be glad to put you in touch.

Easter Service

Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us on Monday morning in church. I hope you enjoyed our celebration of Easter.

Lost Property

Please make sure that your child brings all his/her belongings home today.

All items of lost property are on display under the rain shelter by the school gate. Any of these items that remain unclaimed at 2 pm today will be donated to charity.

Bonus Ball

Last weeks winner was Mr Dan Hains with number 38 – well done!

Headlice

Please check your child's hair for headlice every week. Additional guidance is available from Crossens Pharmacy on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Gill Thorpe) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.

Breakfast Club

Remember that we offer very high quality childcare and a full, healthy breakfast to children from 7.45 am every morning. Many parents have found this highly convenient if their working hours vary or involve an early start.

You can book your child into Breakfast Club at short notice and for the odd dates that suit you or every day. The cost is £3 per session.

Booking forms are available from the office or Mrs Rachel Clarke (Breakfast Club Manager) who is based in Class Four.

Parenting 2000

You are very welcome to attend our weekly meetings every Wednesday in the Family Room. Please join Anne-Marie and Rachel from 9 am. Pre-school children are also welcome.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and to find out more about a wide range of activities and sources of support for parents.

Term Dates

<i>April</i>	
17 th	Term starts at 8.55 am
20 th	First cycle training session for Y5
27 th	Y5 cycling session 2
30 th	Class and team group photographs
<i>May</i>	
4 th	Y5 cycling session 3
7 th	SCHOOL CLOSED for Bank Holiday
9 th	PFA – 7 pm
11 th	Y5 cycling session 4
	Visit of the Bishop of Warrington
14 th	SATs and school tests this week
18 th	Y5 cycling session 5
	PFA Family Fun Evening
23 rd	Class 4 to Yorkshire Dales
25 th	Class 4 return
	Half term starts at 3.10 pm.

Best wishes

Mr Daniel Hains
Headteacher