



Dear Parents/Carers

We are a Healthy School!

Earlier this week St. John's became one of the first schools in Sefton to be awarded all the standards in the nationally recognised Healthy Schools initiative.

My very grateful thanks to Mrs Beth McCoy who has worked especially hard to provide all the reference material used by the judges.

To celebrate we will be issuing every child with a special limited edition St. John's school water bottle today. Your child's name will be written on the bottle in permanent marker. Please encourage your child to bring his/her bottle to school every day and to drink from it regularly. All teachers have a special place in their classrooms where water bottles are stored.

Easter Eggstravaganza

It was a delight to see so many parents in school yesterday afternoon to watch their children take part in Easter egg hunts, egg and spoon races and our Easter quiz.

I am very grateful to Mrs Bayliff and Mrs McCoy for arranging all the special events this week that have helped children celebrate Easter and understand its true meaning.

The winners of the raffle prizes are: cake – Kyle Woodward in class 2, Hamper – Connor Howard in class 5 (his parents may need to help him with the wine!) The winners of the 'Guess the number of eggs in a jar' competition were: Savannah Rouffignac, class 4 and Amy MacDonald (not yet with us.) These two girls will share the prize. There were 92 eggs.

Our Easter Eggstravaganza raised over £270. The School Council will use this to continue to sponsor Sibahle Makhuba at his township school near Cape Town.

Farewell Mrs McCoy

Mrs McCoy leaves us today as she is expecting a baby next month. I know you will join me in sending Beth and her husband every good wish in the coming weeks.

As previously announced, Class 5 will be taught by Mrs Stella McCoy.

Year Three Trip to Chester

I was glad to hear that Class Three's trip to Chester went so well.

Southport Schools Cross Country

Apologies to Amy Ryan in Class 5 who finished in the top six in her cross country race on 29th March. Amy's name was not included on last week's newsletter.

Well done Amy!

Easter Service

It was lovely that so many parents were able to enjoy our Easter Service this morning. The children sang and played their instruments beautifully.

Lost Property

Please claim all items of property from the bench under the rain shelter today. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Stranger Danger

I have been asked to remind you to be particularly vigilant with regard to strangers. There have been incidents of unwanted visitors on school grounds in Southport this week. This is obviously especially important over the Easter holidays as well.

School Meals

The cost of a school meal has this week increased by 10p per day. The daily cost is now £1.40 and the weekly cost £7.00. **If you have only paid £6.50 this week please send 50p to school when we return after Easter.**

Free Tickets to Watch Southport FC

I have a free adult ticket to Southport's remaining home fixture. This is available (on a first come first served basis) from the office from 1.45 pm today.

Club Arrangements

Our choice of summer term clubs will be issued in the first week of the new term. Clubs will start in the week beginning Tuesday 2nd May.

Parenting 2000

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday in the Family Room. Please join Anne-Marie and Rachel from 9 am. You are welcome to bring your pre-school children with you!

Headlice

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

Bonus Ball

The winner of the rollover was Pam Murphy with number 45 – well done!

Term Dates

April

25th Term begins at 8.55 am

May

1st Bank Holiday – school closed

4th Class group photographs

8th Year 6 SATs week

9th PFA at 7 pm

15th School tests for Year Four ONLY

17th Year 5 to ECO Centre

19th Circus Day

22nd School tests for Y3 and Y5 this week

Year Four to Yorkshire Dales

24th Year Four home

25th Farm Day

26th Half term begins at 3.10 pm

June

5th INSET day – school closed

6th Term re-starts at 8.55 am

Year Five Safe Cycling this week

16th Year 6 to Pleasureland

Mufti Day 1 for Festival

17th Church Gala

20th Uniform sale 3 pm and 6 pm

23rd Mufti Day 2 for Festival

27th Wally Cain Dance Festival

30th Mufti Day 3 for Festival

July

1st Festival

6th Year One to Farmer Ted's

Performance of 'Pied Piper'

12th Year Five drama day

13th Sports Day

17th Discos

19th Year 6 Leavers Production

20th 9.30 am Leavers Service

Term Ends 1.45 pm

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter next term begins at 8.55 am on **TUESDAY 25th April.**

Best wishes

Mr D Hains
Headteacher