



Dear Parents/Carers

**After School Clubs**

Please see the back of this newsletter for the membership lists for this term's clubs.

If your child's name does not appear on this list and you think it should (or vice versa) please let us know as soon as possible.

Please note that not all of our clubs start next week.

THERE WILL BE NO NETBALL CLUB NEXT WEEK, APOLOGIES. NETBALL CLUB WILL START ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER.

**Back To School Service**

You are all warmly invited to the annual Back to School Service in Church at 10 am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>.

I am very grateful to Mrs Bayliff for arranging for nearly 40 children (and hopefully their parents too) to join us for Sunday's service.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

**PFA AGM**

This will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30 pm in the staff room. We will be filling the positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

PFA meetings are informal and fun. The PFA does a fantastic job in raising much needed funds for the school. As a parent of a child at St. John's you are automatically a member of our PFA so please come along and join us.

**Do You Have a Child born between 1.9.05 – 31.08.06?**

If you do and you would like him/her to join our school in September 2010 you **MUST** complete an application form. These forms are available from the office.

**Parents' Course**

Our Parents Support Advisor – Rachel Clarke - will be running her very successful course for parents - 'How To Get What You Want Without Shouting!' starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Please see the letter accompanying this newsletter for further details.

**Charity Cycle Ride**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September a number of council officials from Bootle Town Hall will be completing a 70 mile cycle ride that will take them past every school in Sefton.

They are raising money for the Walking With Giants Foundation and in particular for Alex Connerty who suffers from Majewski Osteodysplastic Primordial Dwarfism.

The cyclists will set off between 8.30 and 9.00 am from our school and finish up at Summerhill School in Maghull where Alex has just started in Reception class.

If you would like to sponsor the cyclists please complete the form at the school office.

**Head Lice**

As we return to school this becomes a problem again and staff have noticed pupils in school with head lice. Can we please remind you of the advice of our School Nursing Service to check you child's hair every week and get treatment immediately if your child has lice.

Additional guidance is available from Pharmacy Online on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Sarah Malm) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.

If you have particular concerns regarding head lice or any other medical issue please telephone the School Nursing Service on 01704 544766.

**A Reminder to Cyclists**

Once again it is great to see so many children coming to school by bicycle and scooter. Children are not allowed to ride their bikes on the playcourt before school starts and they should dismount as they reach the footpath. Provided that they are supervised by a parent/guardian they may cycle/scooter on the playcourt at the end of the school day when it is not being used for an after school club.

All cyclists will, once again, be asked to sign our Cyclists' Charter.

**Use of the school field after school**

Parents/carers are reminded that children are only allowed to play on the school field (including the adventure trail and tyre park) if they are supervised by the adult who is collecting them and provided the field is not being used for an after school activity.

**Webb Ivory Catalogues**

Can all families in Years 5 and 6 return the Webb Ivory catalogues on Monday either with or without an order.

We do pay for the catalogues and they have to be passed through school to other families.

Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance with this.

**Clubs On Next Week . . .**

- Monday: *Maths Games*
- Tuesday: *NWSS*
- Wednesday: *Fun Club, Vigor Boards*
- Thursday: *Drama, Playcourt Football*
- Friday: *Running*

**School Uniform**

Please remember that the process for buying uniform is to collect and complete an order form from the office. It will then be processed as soon as possible (usually within the next few days.) Payment needs to be made in advance.

It is very important to name all items of your child's school uniform. Your co-operation here is appreciated.

While every effort is made to recover any mislaid items you are reminded that our Parents' Guide states 'the school accepts no responsibility for items that are lost or damaged in school unless it can be proved that the damage has been caused wilfully and deliberately.'

**Scholastic Book Club**

Could all orders for books be placed at the school office by Monday. If your order is a gift then please mark the envelope/form stating this and the books will then not be given to your child to take home.

**Breakfast Club**

Remember that we offer very high quality childcare and a healthy breakfast to children from 7.45 am every morning. Book your child in at short notice and for the odd dates. The cost is £3 per session.

**After School Provision**

Our after school childcare provision is now up and running and was used very successfully by several families this week.

If your child attends one of the after school clubs that start next week, he/she can be collected by Miss Baxter when the club finishes and fed, supervised etc. until you are able to collect. Parents/carers will not be charged for the time spent in a club.

Booking forms are available from the office. Bookings need to be made at least 24 hours in advance.

**Parenting 2000 Coffee Morning**

You are very welcome to attend our weekly meetings every Wednesday in the Family Room. Please join 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.

**Dates**

*September*

- 12<sup>th</sup> Back to School Service at 10 am in Church
- 14<sup>th</sup> Clubs start this week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Welcome Back to School Meeting at 6.00 pm

*October*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Service at 9.30 am in Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> Individual and family group photographs
- 19<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening – 3.30-6.00 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening – 6-8.30 pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Class 6 to Robinwood, Todmorden
- Half term starts at 3.10 pm
- Class 6 return

*November*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Term re-starts at 8.55 am

- 21<sup>st</sup> Church Christmas Fair
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mufti day for Christmas Fair
- 30<sup>th</sup> Bags2Schools blue bag collection

*December*

- 4<sup>th</sup> Mufti day for Christmas Fair
- 5<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa
- 7<sup>th</sup> PFA Christmas Bingo
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mufti day for Christmas Fair
- Christmas Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa
- 14<sup>th</sup> Carols by Torchlight – 5.00 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Service at 9.30 am in Church
- Term ends at 1.45 pm

Best wishes



