

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)



Issue 5

Friday 8th October 2021

Certainly a better week weather wise at the end of the week than the start! However, a valuable time to remind everyone to bring coats (and scarves, gloves, hats etc) as the weather starts to become ever more wintry. Please remember the importance of naming every single item of clothing sent into school so we can reunite items if misplaced. If names are written inside, please check regularly that writing is legible. Teachers check regularly that children have everything but it can be difficult to keep track of every item for 30 children and you would be amazed where we have found cast-off jumpers and coats in the past!

Trips

Year 2 had an amazing trip to Liverpool this week as part of their geography work; check out page 2 of this newsletter for a report and photos! Thank you to the children for their enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour and to the staff for organising and leading such a memorable day.

Next week it is the turn of Year 5 who will be heading to Southport to find out more about the town's Victorian history.....

We are also delighted that our choir will be visiting Dovecot Manor care home to sing some of our Harvest songs and bring a bit of autumnal cheer to the residents.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those who have managed to download the School Spider app and signed up ready to book slots for our upcoming Parent's Evening or have signed up through the website. If you are having issues, please contact the office to check the email details we hold. School Spider are the company who host our website so everything will be easier in the long run – thank you for your patience!

Parking

With the poorer weather on a couple of mornings this week we have also had a couple of phone calls from local residents complaining about cars blocking roads and covering drives. Can I please remind everyone of the need to park courteously for the continued safety of our whole school community and neighbours. We have asked for the community police to pop along every now and again at the start and end of day to keep an eye on a couple of parking problem spots – Tarvin Close and the pavement opposite the front of school in particular. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Pupil Voice

Pupils in Years 2 – 6 currently have the opportunity to apply for places on our school pupil voice team. This year, we have amalgamated the work of the JOY team and School Council into one larger team; this will be named the JOY team as JOY is integral to our school vision and ethos. A job advert was delivered to Years 2 – 6 and all children have the opportunity to apply if they wish – the deadline is Friday 15th October. After that date, we look forward to the new team getting stuck into improving our school and the wider community.

Year2 Visit to Liverpool

Year 2 had a fabulous day in Liverpool on Wednesday.

We looked at The Three Graces from the Museum of Liverpool life and couldn't believe how huge the Liver Birds were.



We had such fun in the museum, looking at all the interesting displays and loved the water play in our special session.



The open top bus ride was fantastic, with so much to see. At the end of the day, we returned with 26 happy but very tired children and some wonderful memories of the City of Liverpool.



St. John's Superstars!

Superstar Award

Year Group

J.O.Y. Award

Amos	<u>Reception</u>	Billie- Jules
Christopher	<u>Year 1</u>	Riley
Leland	<u>Year 2</u>	Zoe
Alissa	<u>Year 3</u>	Isabelle
Fred	<u>Year 4</u>	Megan
Max	<u>Year 5</u>	Jaxon
Kacey	<u>Year 6</u>	Kevin

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Please keep an eye on the newsletter each week as the list of dates will be added to / amended over time. Further details of key events and festivals will be sent out nearer the time in case we need to make any logistical changes. Teachers will keep you updated on Class Dojo regarding key events for your child's class.

11th October – Choir visiting Dovehaven Care

Home to entertain with some Harvest songs

13th October – Y5 visit to Southport for a Victorian trail! A separate letter has been sent for this trip

22nd October – Buddy assembly for parents of Rec & Y6 in the hall at 9:15 am

22nd October – End of the half term at 3:05 / 3:10 pm

1st November – INSET day. School closed to pupils

2nd November – Return to school

4th November until 12th November – autumn parent teacher meetings. These will take place over the phone again.

21st December – Christmas Service in Church - further details to follow

22nd December – End of term. School closes at 1:45 pm. No FAST club on this date.

ATTENDANCE

Whilst COVID is still very much around and in the news, it is important that children are in school as much as possible to catch up academically and socially. Each week the class with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly

Reception	95.3%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	98.8%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 4	91.4%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	97.7%

Useful contact details

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Prayer for the week

Dear God,

Help us to follow the example of people in your world such as Martin Luther King who fought for equality. Help us to treat everybody with equal respect; as we would like to be treated ourselves. Amen