

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents / Carers,

After a year of hard work, our final term has arrived! This is such a busy term as we not only have SATs week, but we have the children's Leavers' Mass, Leavers' Play and of course the Leavers' Trip! A letter will follow very soon with the relevant information.

### **SATs Week**

The children have worked so incredibly hard in preparation for this week. They have already achieved so much and we couldn't be prouder. As we have said from day one, this is their time to show-off and shine like the wonderful stars we all know they are. They all deserve to do so well and we will be supporting them every step of the way. Just think, by the end of the week, we will all be waving goodbye to Mr/Mrs SATs. Well done guys- you're almost there! ☺

### **Topics for the Summer Term**

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| R.E - Come and See  | Serving-Pentecost<br>Inter-Relating-Reconciliation<br>World- Universal Church |
| Science   | Light up your world<br>Everything Changes<br>The Nature Library               |
| P.E   | Striking and Fielding- Cricket<br>Dance<br>Athletics<br>Sports Day            |
| (History, Geography, Design Technology,<br>I.C.T and Art) | In my Liverpool Home  |

### **Our New Religious Education Programme**

Within 'Come and See' this term, the children will be studying the three themes Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-Relating) and Universal World (World). As well as this, the children will have a focus week learning about Islam.

### **Science Sampling**

This year, we have been selected to take part in the Science sampling test. Each of these tests will take 25 minutes to complete and will be overseen by external administrators. These tests will not be taken by the whole cohort. Instead, a sample of up to 10 pupils will be selected to take part by the STA (The Standards and Testing Agency). The tests will take place on a day during the period Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The pupils selected will be confirmed up to 5 days before the agreed test date. Please be assured that these tests will only be used for national data. Individual results will not be returned to school or the pupils.

## Writing Assessments

The children's writing is teacher assessed throughout the year. An overall judgement will be made by the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## Punctuality / Absence

The children should line up at 8.55am on the playground unless it is raining heavily, in which case, classroom doors will be opened a little earlier. It is your responsibility to supervise your child up until this point. Any child arriving after the class has entered the classroom at 8.55am needs to go to the main door to be signed in by Mrs Glanvill or Mrs Campbell. If for any reason your child is absent from school, please contact us to let us know. If we do not hear from you, then Mrs Featherstone, our Learning Mentor, will ring to find out why your child is absent. If you need to collect your child at any time in the day for an appointment, could you please report to the office and your child will be collected from their classroom.

## Behaviour and School Golden Rules

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| Do be gentle           | Don't hurt anyone                       |
| Do be kind and helpful | Don't hurt people's feelings            |
| Do listen              | Don't interrupt                         |
| Do work hard           | Don't waste your or other people's time |
| Do look after property | Don't waste or damage it                |

## Code of Conduct

- Correct school uniform must be worn unless there is a particular explained reason. This includes P.E kit.
- Children should not run inside school. They should move around the building in a safe and sensible manner.
- At break time, children may eat a piece of fruit or a healthy snack. Sweets and chewing gum are not allowed in school.
- After leaving the building at lunchtime, children should not re-enter the school building without permission.
- Children will show respect to all adults in the school.
- No abusive language is tolerated.
- Jewellery, apart from a wrist watch, is not permitted.
- Nail varnish should not be worn.

## Sun Lotion

As the sunny weather is making an appearance, it is recommended that you apply factor 50 on your child in the mornings before they come into school. If your child has particularly fair skin, we will need a permission slip from you for your child to apply their own lotion before lunch time. The lotion will need to have their name on it. In these situations they will still need to have had lotion applied prior to coming into school.

## **Golden Time**

Children will gain their right to participate in a Golden Time activity by demonstrating an excellent attitude to their work, peers and staff. The children who have not gained this right will stay with another member of staff and will be given time to reflect on their behaviour and the reasons why they were unable to participate in the Golden Time activity.

## **Praising and rewarding**

As well as Golden Time, children are encouraged and praised daily for their hard work, manners and positive attitude towards all children and staff. Praising of good behaviour helps to reinforce the message to all children as well as motivate them to continue to set high expectations for themselves. As well as 'smelly' stickers ☺ and general praise, the following reward systems are used throughout the school: certificates, Headteacher Awards and a termly achievement assembly in which, amongst other things, attendance and punctuality are also celebrated. Everyday, one child will be selected from the dinner hall who has demonstrated respect to sit on the Golden Table on Friday and be treated like Kings and Queens! ☺ As well as this, one child in each class will be selected as 'Star of the Week' to attend afternoon tea with Mrs Hannah on a Friday afternoon. ☺

## **Red and Yellow Cards**

Staff may issue a red or yellow card as another way of reinforcing school rules. Red and Yellow cards can be used throughout the day and at dinner time when children fail to comply with the behaviour code. Yellow cards will be issued after a verbal warning for minor incidents. Red cards will be applied for more serious incidents such as physical harm, insolence etc. A yellow card will result in a ten minute suspension from playtime, and a red card will result in the child missing the remaining playtime that day and the next. If a child is issued with a red card, a letter will be sent home on the same day informing parents. Two yellow cards in a week will result in a red card. A record of all yellow and red cards will be kept.

## **PE**

The children will have 2 hours of PE every week. This amount of regular exercise is vitally important; therefore, please ensure that they have full PE kit in school at all times which includes the correct school PE uniform. If your child doesn't have a PE kit, they will be offered a school kit from a bank of spares that parents have donated. Our PE time slots are Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

## **Uniform**

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform and that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name to prevent items getting lost. Also, please ensure that long hair is tied back at all times.

## **Water Bottles and Snacks**

Please encourage your child to bring in a water bottle. They will have opportunities throughout the day to refill their bottle if necessary. Please ensure your child brings their bottle home for washing and brings it back to school refilled in the morning. The children

can also bring in a snack to be eaten during break time. Please encourage the children to bring a healthy snack. We **do not** allow chocolate or sweets for snack.

### **Dinner Money and Packed Lunches**

Dinner money has not increased this year and therefore remains at £1.70 per day ie. £8.50 per week. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, they can place them on the shelf in our class cloakroom. Again, please try to pack a healthy lunch for the children. Payments for school meals can also be accepted by credit cards or debit cards via the Parentpay app. All parents have been set up with user names and passwords which were sent home last term. Please contact the office if you require further information regarding Parentpay.

### **Art T-shirts**

Children need to have an old t-shirt or shirt to protect their uniform during art activities. If they have not already, can they please bring one in as we no longer have any spare tops.

### **Reading Books and Diaries**

All children should try to spend about 10-15 minutes a day reading their books. Please can all parents monitor and record their child's reading in their reading diary as the children are encouraged to bring these in weekly to be checked and signed off. The children are able to change their reading book in the library however they can also read their own books from home if they wish to do so.

### **Class Read**

As we prepare for our yearly Leavers' Play, the children will be reading and learning our chosen script once ordered. Information regarding this will follow shortly.

### **Book Tree**

Please remember to visit our Book Tree at the front entrance. Please feel free to borrow a book from the basket. However, we would be grateful if you would remember to bring it back.

### **Times Tables**

Many of the children do know their times tables, but if your child still doesn't I cannot stress enough how important it is that they learn them off by heart ready for High School. Having their times tables already in their head will make things so much easier which I am sure they have come to realise in their preparation towards SATs.

### **Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spellodrome**

Please encourage your child to use these websites at home. These websites are a fantastic resource that the school purchase each year. The children all know their passwords and they are also in the front of their reading diaries.

## **Modern Foreign Languages ( MFL)**

The children have French lessons with our Modern Foreign Languages Teacher, Mrs Kennedy every Thursday afternoon. The children are really developing their understanding and taking part with lots of enthusiasm thanks to Mrs Kennedy and all her hard work.

## **PSHCE**

Mrs Featherstone will focus on “Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education’ with the class every Thursday afternoon.

## **Mobile Phones**

Some children do walk to and from school and I know parents like to ensure their child has a mobile phone in school. If this is the case, then mobile phones must be switched off and sent to office each morning. The children should not be using their mobile phones on the playground before and after school on the school site.

## **Collecting children from School**

As a school rule, we ask that if children are being collected by someone different than the norm, that a note is sent into school. Many thanks for your support with this. ☺

## **Questions and appointments**

If you do have any questions about your child then please do not hesitate to contact me in school. I am generally in school for 8:00am everyday until about 5:00pm so I am available to discuss any issues or problems that may arise. It is however, very hard to discuss issues at 8:55am when I am collecting the children from the playground or at 3:20pm when I am dismissing the children.

Many thanks,

Miss Ashdown and Mrs Riley ☺