

ST. WILLIAM OF YORK CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sefton Schools say #kNOwKnifeCrime

A huge well done to all those children who took part in the #kNOwKnifeCrime Schools Relay last week. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and had the honour of finishing the Crosby Schools leg of the relay at Holy Family High School. There was a tremendous amount of publicity around the event and I'm pleased to say that the combined donations from all the different groups across Sefton was in excess of £12,000 which is a fantastic achievement.

High Fives/Netball

Our High Fives/Netball team played their first league match this week against Ursuline. Although we lost the match it was their first time playing as a team together and all the children did their very best. Well done and good luck in your next game against Great Crosby on Monday.

School Spider – All communications & online payments

We are no longer be using Parentapp for communications as we have moved to School Spider. It is important that you download the School Spider app so you do not miss out on information. The system also allows you to book and pay for After School Club & School Meals. School Meals & After School Club bookings need to be made via the app in advance. Bookings cannot be made on the day. To download, go to the app store on your phone & search School Spider, search for our school & follow the instructions to set up an account. You need to use the same email address that school have for you.

Merseyside Fire Service

The fire Service came into school today to speak to the children in Years 3, 4 & 5. The children took part in a Q & A and also got to see the Fire Engine in operation.

Girls Football Teams

Our girl's football teams from Y3/4 and Y5/6 took part in tournaments today. All the children played brilliantly and were a credit to the school. Y3/4 won their tournament & Y4/5 had some very tough competition & played really well. Well done everyone and good luck in your remaining league fixtures!

Reception Class Music Project

Children from our Reception Class are taking part in a ten week Music Project which is being run by the SOMI Academy and in conjunction with LIPA. Specialist music teachers have been coming into the school to teach the children how to play simple rhymes on a variety of musical instruments

Attendance

The government have launched a new campaign aimed at improving school attendance, it's called Moments matter, attendance counts. Posters and adverts are being circulated on social media, the news and in the press. Below are the current attendance figures per class for this week. Our target is over 96%. Well done to Year 2 who all had over 96% attendance this week. Any child who has below 90% attendance is classed as being a 'persistent absentee' & school have to work closely with parents to ensure that improvements are seen. A reminder that Holiday requests need to be applied for in advance & can only be granted if there are exceptional circumstances. A fine will be issued of £60 per child for general family holidays in term time. Please see our Attendance Policy on the school website for more information. Attendance Support Plans issued will be reviewed & will continue into this academic year. We will also have our Sefton Education Welfare Officer on site doing a 'late gate' as we have concerns about the number of children arriving late each day. Children need to arrive by 8.40am as the gates will be locked at 8.45am & children need to be in class at 8.45am ready to start their school day. This



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applies to all classes in main school including Reception class (Nursery start at 8.45am). Any children arriving after 8.45am will need to be signed in late at the school office. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am with last entry being 8.35am. Last time for food is 8.25am.

Rec	92.1%	Y1	91.7%	Y2	96.6%	Y3	90.9%	Y4	94.7%	Y5	88%	Y6	88%	All school	92%
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Doctors, Dentist & Hospital Appointment

A reminder to try to make routine Doctors & Dental Appointments outside of school hours. For all appointments in school hours we need to see the appointment letter, text or card.

Sefton MHST (Mental Health Schools Team)

Sefton MHST will be working with our Year 5 children on Tuesday afternoon. They will be undertaking a variety of activities aimed at supporting their own well-being and developing friendships.

Ofsted

Following on from our recent Ofsted Inspection we hope to be in a position to share the final report with you next week.

Year 4 Geography Field Trip

As part of their Geography topic on rivers Year 4 will be visiting Cuerden Valley next Wednesday. Letters have been sent home to parents/carers regarding the trip but if you do need any further information then please speak to Miss Shellien in Year 4.

Pastoral Care Lead

Mr Davies is on the yard every morning before school should you have any queries or need any advice, you can also speak to him about any concerns you have around your child in class and then he can speak to the class teacher (He will have on his high visibility jacket so can be easily identified). You can also make an appointment to speak to him should you wish to discuss something further.

Healthy Snacks/Packed lunches

We have noticed a number of children bringing in sweets/chocolate bars as part of their snack/packed lunch. As a school we are always trying to promote healthy lifestyles and would appreciate your support in providing healthy alternatives.

Free Breakfast Club

Our Free Breakfast Club continues to be extremely popular. It runs every morning in the school hall from 7.45 am, however the cut off time for when food can be served is 8.25 am with the doors closing at 8.35 am. This free facility is available to children from Reception upwards so please do come along.

Nursery Places

We have a limited number of 3 year old places still available so if you have children of nursery age or know of friends/family who are looking for places and are new to the area then please get in touch to arrange a visit to our fantastic facility.

After School Club

We have places available in our After School Club. Our prices are still very competitive compared to other schools & in addition our Breakfast Club remains a free facility. The First Hour is £6 & the full session is £12. We also have a new booking system on School Spider which allows parents to book and pay for sessions in advance.

Mass times at St William of York Catholic Church

9.30am Sunday morning at St William's & 11.15am Sunday morning at St Mary's Little Crosby

Clubs Next Week – Confirmed places only

Monday – Netball Match – letters have been sent to those children playing

Tuesday – Y2 & 3 Football 3.15-4.15

Wednesday – Cross Country 3.15-4.15

Dogs

A reminder to parents that dogs cannot be brought onto the school premises.

Kind regards **Mr. M.Murphy** Headteacher



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