



October Newsletter

Dear Families,

Parents' Evening

A reminder that parents' evening appointments close 24 hours before each session. Please make your bookings via Parent Mail.

At the meeting there will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's books and talk to their class teacher. Please be mindful of the 10-minute allocation whilst meeting with your child's class teacher. This will help to keep the evening running as smoothly as possible.

Breaktime snacks

Chocolate bars, cereal bars and crisps are not permitted as morning snack items. Only fruit, vegetable sticks such as carrots or cucumbers and toast, either purchased at school or brought in from home, are allowed.

Water bottles

We would like to remind families that we do not encourage juice in water bottles from home. We have always requested that only water is brought into school and for lunchtime, cartons of juice can be brought in your child's packed lunch. We realise that this rule has not been shared for some time but would appreciate your support by ensuring your child brings water only to school.

We appreciate that in some cases children may prefer juice, but this can usually be adjusted over time. If this would be difficult for your child and there are circumstances that you would like us to be aware of, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Toys brought in from home

We have noticed that several children have been bringing in Labubu teddies and toys from home. Unfortunately, this often results in the loss or misplacement of these items which in turn causes the children more worry and upset. Please can all toys and teddies remain at home.

Parking

Parking has become more of an issue with the limited number of parking spaces on site and this is presenting problems for our neighbours and our children's safety.

Please can we all be mindful of the safety of children when crossing nearby roads and be sensible and safe with our parking.

The use of the drop off is an option for older children so please take advantage of this space instead of parking across pavements and driveways.



Poppies

Poppies will be on sale from **Monday 20th October**.

There are no set prices for each item, just a donation. Year 6 children will set up a poppy stall in the atrium each afternoon for children to purchase their poppies and/or other items.

PTA Fireworks Event

Come and join us for our fantastic fireworks event on **Thursday 6th November**. **Doors will open from 4:30pm and will close at approximately 6:15pm before the display begins at 6:30pm.**

Cash and card payments can be made on the night for entrance, drinks and food. We will be serving chips from the kitchen with curry sauce, gravy and/or condiments.

There will also be a selection of goodies and glowsticks all on sale through the night.

Cross Country News

Four of our children have been selected to proceed to the regional cross-country trials on Saturday 22nd November at Sefton Park. Congratulations to Archie G, Rhys F, Xanthia and Rosie. You have shown real talent and should be proud of your efforts. This event is televised so watch this space for further updates.

Lots of children have taken part in cross-country this year and all our runners have really impressed Mr Gorbert with the improvements in their placings and their resilience in what I believe was an extremely tough race this week. We are all proud of you and thank Mr Gorbert for organising this for the children.

PTA Event Friday 24th October

The PTA has organised a 'Break the Rules' day on **Friday 24th October**. The children can choose from the list of rules breaks shown on the poster. The cost of each rule break is 50p so the children can choose how many rules they want to break and how much money they want to bring in.



Full of Beans Camp

The school benefits from every place taken up at each Full of Beans camp so please sign up if you wish for your child to attend this October's Spooktacular multi-activity camp. There are lots of fun activities planned from Monday 27th October to Thursday 30th October.

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 97.25% which means we have reached our target! Well done everyone and keep it up!

At the end of last term, Mrs Spencer, our previous attendance lead, gave each class their own Mr Potato Head. Every week we track the attendance of each class in our celebration assembly and the winning class is given a piece of Mr Potato Head. It's lovely to see the collective joy on the children's faces when we read out the attendance data.

St Luke's (Bombed Out) Church Poppy Project

This year, we are inviting children to take part in the St. Luke's Project ❤️ using upcycled plastic bottles to create poppies for a memorial garden. 🌸 The poppies produce a stunning visual tribute to those lost in war and will be planted on Remembrance Sunday & displayed for all to see.

If your child wishes to take part in this project, please bring in a plastic bottle which will be painted in school. This collaborative project encourages sustainability & creativity whilst engaging children in the history and meaning of remembrance.

And finally,

The dates for the remainder of the term are attached below. We are still awaiting the Christingle Service date and the Y3 & Y4 team will let you know as soon as this has been confirmed.



21st October	Parents' evening 3:30pm-6:00pm
22nd October	Parents' evening 3:30pm-6:00pm
23rd October	F2 & Y1 Trip to Tam O'Shanter Farm.
24th October	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
31st October	Deadline for secondary school applications
3rd November	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR AUTUMN 2
3rd November	Y5 Earth, Sun and Moon workshop with Hi-Impact (in school) Y6 Electricity workshop with Hi-Impact (in school)
4th November	Y3 Google Earth workshop with Hi-Impact (in school)
6th November	PTA Fireworks from 4:30pm
10th November	Anti-bullying week begins
12th November	Reception class family roast (details sent separately)
18th November	F2 & Y6 height and weight check with the school nurse
19th November	Nasal flu vaccine
20th November	Kittle individual and sibling photos
28th November	Nursery stay and play
9th December	EYFS & KS1 performance- two showings this year at 9:30am and 5:00pm
10th December	Christmas dinner day & Christmas jumper day
12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock Steady concert at approximately 9:30am • Santa dash- wear your best festive gear for our annual sponsored dash
15th December	Father Christmas Skype EYFS
16th December	Father Christmas visits Pensby for the day
17th December	KS2 carol concert at 5:30pm
19th December	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS AT 1:30PM