



# NEWSLETTER

## HEAD TEACHERS UPDATE

# Summer Term 1

### Holy Communion

Congratulations to all our Communicants in receiving Jesus for the first time. I was delighted to be able to celebrate the mass with them and I pray that they will continue to grow in faith and love.

The children will also be given another opportunity to wear their communion attire on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June when they take part in a communion celebration in school. Please note that a photographer will be available for individual photos.



*'One Bread, One body'*

### DIARY DATES

- 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Whole School Bullybusters assemblies
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Year 6 Roma Holocaust Exhibition
- 24<sup>th</sup> May: Key Stage 2 Bullybusters workshops
- 25<sup>th</sup> May: Silly Sock Day (£1 donation)  
Whole School  
3:15pm **School closes for Half Term**
- 11<sup>th</sup> June: **SCHOOL REOPENS**  
9:30am Reception: School Health Screening Checks (Hearing, Vision)
- 12<sup>th</sup> June: 9:30am Reception: School Health Screening Checks (Hearing, Vision)
- 13<sup>th</sup> June: 8:30am School Nurse 'Drop in' session (All Welcome)
- 19<sup>th</sup> June: **Science Day**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June: 10 am Communion Celebration for all Communicants
- 25<sup>th</sup> June: Year 5C at KIND (all week)
- 4<sup>th</sup> July: 8:30am School Nurse 'Drop in' session

We are delighted to welcome Miss Townsend to our teaching team. Miss Townsend will be covering Mrs Cameron's maternity leave.

### EYFS 'Loose Parts'

Our EYFS staff and Senior Leaders went to visit another outstanding setting on Election Day. The focus of this visit was to look at the benefits of a nature play space that supports learning. The availability of loose parts is essential for this to happen.

This concept first came from Simon Nicholson in the 1970s who believed that loose parts in the environment empowers the children to express creative possibilities. After seeing this in action, we too plan to further enhance our outdoor areas.

Incorporating more 'loose parts' will help to develop the children's flexible thinking. This is where **we need your help!** We desperately need to source materials to create the 'cosy spaces'. Please look at the list below and if you think can help, contact our EYFS department (Nursery and Reception - Miss Kendrick and Miss Bethel).

- Fallen tree logs, tree stumps, planks, twigs, willow rods, barrel planters
- Wooden cable reels 
- Pebbles, stones, gravel, shells, pine cones, bark chips
- Top soil, sand, drain pipes, small wheel barrows,
- Metal containers 

### PUNCTUALITY

**FROM:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept  
**TO:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April

**97%**

**VERY GOOD**

### ATTENDANCE

**FROM:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept  
**TO:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April

**95.87%**

**VERY GOOD**

### CONTACT DETAILS

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### TERM DATES

Half Term:

School closes Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 3:15pm

School reopens Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 8:55am



## NEWS



### School Council Update

This term, the School Council have been canvassing at a grassroots level by patrolling the playground and speaking to children about what they want from their School Councillors. The suggestions have flooded in and one area the Councillors are keen to explore is fundraising for new playground equipment.

Many children have also raised their concerns about the amount of homeless people in our community. With Miss Bolger's support, the School Council have organised talks with a Liverpool company who are investing £20,000 into creating care packages (toothbrush, flannels, sleeping bags etc) for the homeless. The company are keen to involve our school Councillors in the packaging of these parcels.

What an amazing response!



The Council has also organised a 'Silly Sock Day'. Silly Sock Day will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May with a £1 donation going to the 'Help the Homeless' fund.



### Attendance and Punctuality

Unfortunately, a chickenpox outbreak has had a real impact on our attendance figures this term. Hopefully this has now subsided.

We are very proud of our pupil attendance figures and ask for your support during the latter part of the Summer Term. Research shows that good school attendance impacts upon the children's success in learning.

Don't forget for a chance to be in our 'Prize Draw' during the Golden Assembly...**YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!**

## SPORTS



Our school swimming team did not disappoint again this year, with an amazing double win for the boys' and girls' teams.

In March 19<sup>th</sup>, we headed over to the Aquatics Centre to join 8 other schools in the North Liverpool Gala.

From Front Crawl to Butterfly, the children blew the competition away sending us through to the City Finals!!

What an occasion these finals are!

Schools from across Liverpool compete, showing a level of skill and technique that befit a mini national team! These children are clearly the ones to look out for in future years!

The competition was soon over, as the swimmers sped their way through the races. Our team were up against some tough opposition but showed great determination and finished strong. We are pleased to announce that St Vincent's girls and boys were placed 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Thank you so much to all our swimmers and their families for supporting us on the day!

Girls team: Coco, Francesca, Portia, Anaja and Tara.

Boys team: Ciaran, Reece, Conn, Alex, Partha.

Thank you for your continued support!

*Mrs Salters  
Headteacher*

## BREAKFAST CLUB MENU

- Monday - Beans/Scrambled Egg on toast
- Tuesday - Bagels or Yoghurt/Fruit
- Wednesday - Bacon Muffins
- Thursday - Full 'St Vincent's' Breakfast
- Friday - Continental Breakfast



A choice of cereals & vegetarian options are available daily.

The inflation busting price of 50 pence remains with the optional voluntary contribution of £1 per day