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NEWSLETTER

26th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

St Wilfrid's Celebration – 12th October. Thanks to everyone who contributed to celebrating the feast of our Parish patron saint. Our children learnt a great deal about St Wilfrid and his life and a selection of their work is on display in class.

Relationship and Sex Health Education - A parent/carer guide to the RSHE programme 'Journey in Love' scheme was available at school during both open nights. This programme has been approved and recommended by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. 'A Journey in Love' follows the guidelines set out by the DfE and the Catholic Church. St. Austin's RSHE policy is in accordance with Catholic teaching and consistent with the Catholic mission and ethos of our school. This policy can be found on our school website. An APP will be sent out to parents on Friday to sign to say they have read this information.

Admissions September 2024 – If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 they will be due to start reception class next year. The deadline for submitting your application forms to both the Local Authority and our school is 15th January 2024. We will be holding 4 meetings, for parents/carers to visit the school and collect all the relevant forms. For details about the admissions process please see the Local Authority link [Liverpool City Council Admissions](#)

There will be a maximum of 2 adults per child allowed to attend, and strictly no children are allowed on this occasion. You **must** book a place at one of these meetings via our school office on 0151 427 1800 or email enquiries@st-austins.co.uk

Tuesday 7th November – 9.15am – 10.15am Wednesday 15th November – 9.15am – 10.15am
Wednesday 22nd November – 9.15am – 10.15am Tuesday 9th January – 4.30pm – 5.30pm

If you already have children in our school, you do not need to attend the meetings, you can collect the relevant form at the school office or email enquiries@st-austins.co.uk to request a form electronically. There is a maximum of 30 adults per meeting. You will be shown around the school by our year 6 children.

Year 7 Secondary school applications – A reminder to all parents/carers of children in year 6 to check their preferred secondary school websites for information about their admissions process including entrance exams into year 7 for September 2024. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2023.

Open Evenings - A huge thank you to all parents for attending our open evenings this week – there is always a great deal of positive dialogue between parents and teachers. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Safeguarding/ Online Safety - St Austin's online safety policy has now been ratified and can be found on our school website [Online Safety Policy](#) Following a recent Governors meeting, all staff, pupils, governors and volunteers have been asked to read and agree to the "Acceptable User Policy" (AUP) for our school. This will ensure appropriate behaviour is adhered to while on line using social media platforms. The AUP was sent to all parents via the APP on Tuesday. Many thanks to those who have already signed and agreed. To date we have acknowledged 255 responses from parents who have joined our whole school community in demonstrating appropriate behaviour and safety online. One signature will suffice for both parents. Thank you for this overwhelming response.

Road Safety – We have been contacted by a parent who witnessed a near miss with one of our children on Darby Road. As we have no patrol crossing, can I please ask parents to park with consideration and be mindful of children crossing at random places. I urge everyone to drive carefully on the roads around the school and to remind your child about the dangers associated with busy roads.

Parent Code of Conduct - The vast majority of parents, carers and other visitors to our school are supportive by acting in a reasonable way, ensuring that the school is a safe, orderly environment in which our pupils can learn. This code of conduct also extends to out of school events. Occasionally, however, a negative attitude is expressed in an aggressive or verbally abusive manner towards members of our school community and other parents which is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Could we remind all parents/carers that they must not, **under any circumstances**, approach another parent or child of another parent over any school related matter. Thank you, to the vast majority of parents, who always support our school ethos.



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Breakfast Club and After School Club - A reminder that you must complete a contract if you would like your child to attend breakfast or after school club, and payment must be by bank transfer or childcare vouchers. No cash payments will be accepted. If parents are late in collecting their children a £5 penalty will be issued, this is a cost incurred by school to pay for additional hours to our security team who lock up the school premises.

School payments – Please ensure you bring your accounts up to date by Friday 27th October. Please check the school APP for any outstanding payments. If you are unable to access your account details on the APP please speak to the office staff who will help. If you have any questions or queries regarding your accounts, speak to Mrs Doran at the school office.

Cross Country Update - Year 5 & 6 boys and girls have competed in four races of the Liverpool and District Primary Schools' Cross-Country League. The remaining 2 races will take place next year. To date our boys are 2nd and the girls 7th overall so far. Bravo! The organisers have timed the first forty runners and pupils have been selected to represent Liverpool against the other Merseyside boroughs and across UK at the Cross-Challenge event on Saturday 25th November 2023 at Sefton Park. We are extremely proud that two of our boys Henry (Y6) and Freddie (Y5) have qualified for this event. Congratulations, and the best of luck!

Kingswood Colomendy residential visit March 2024 – there will be a parent/carer meeting on Thursday 30th November from 4.00pm – 5.00pm here in school regarding the Year 6 residential visit from 24th – 27th March 2024. For those who are unable to make the meeting, a powerpoint of information will be sent via the school APP.

SAPTA – A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Scholastic school book fair this week, which was organised by SAPTA. All Monies raised over the week are matched by Scholastic, allowing school to spend on books for our children. Everyone will benefit greatly! Thank you to all the SAPTA volunteers who help run it.

SAPTA Christmas Fair – will take place on **Friday 8th December from 3.30pm - 5.30pm** where there will be a grotto, stalls, tombolas and refreshments for everyone to come along and enjoy. Further details will follow.

Staffing – sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Terry today, who is a member of staff in our After-School club. We wish her well for the future in her new role.

After School Club Friday 27th October – Due to an early finish, after school club will close at 4.45pm.

INSET DAY Monday 6th November - school and nursery will be closed for a staff professional training day.

End of term – School will close on Friday 27th October for the half term break at 2.15pm.

Start of term – School will open again on Tuesday 7th November at 8.45am.

Dates for the diary

27 th Oct	End of half term – school closes at 2.15pm
27 th Oct	After school club closes at 4.45pm
6 th Nov	Staff development day – (School closed to all pupils)
8 th Dec	SAPTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm
18 th Dec (PM)	Infant Christmas Play
19 th Dec (PM)	Infant Christmas Play

End of first half term - As we come to the end of another extremely busy first half term, which included an Ofsted inspection, can I take this opportunity on behalf of the staff and governors to thank you all for your support. Wishing you all a very restful and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th November.

Kind regards,

Colette Hickey
Headteacher



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