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NEWSLETTER

6th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year - On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to wish you all a very happy new year. Our children have settled in really well after the excitement of the Christmas break and we all look forward to another exciting term.

Parish News - Father David was delighted with the number of families who were able to attend Mass over the Christmas period and have asked me to pass on his sincere thanks.

Children in years 3 and 6 celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany today at St Francis of Assisi Church. Many thanks to the parents who were able to walk to and from Church with the children.

Guild of St Stephen – Congratulations to Chloe and Imogen on being enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. We know that they will continue to serve and contribute to the life of our Parish.

First Holy Communion preparation meetings - all at 7.00pm in St Francis of Assisi Meeting rooms. Please attend all three sessions. Please choose your preferred day, attending either Monday or Tuesday. You do not need to inform anyone; an attendance register will be taken at each meeting.

Session 1: **Monday 8th May or Tuesday 9th May**
Session 2: **Monday 15th May or Tuesday 16th May**
Session 3: **Monday 5th June or Tuesday 6 June**

First Holy Communion dates

10th June – First Holy Communion
17th June – First Holy Communion
24th June – First Holy Communion

Reception class admissions – The closing date for reception class admissions for September 2023 is Sunday 15th January, so please ensure your application is in school no later than Friday 13th January. If you have not yet completed your application please do so before this date for your application to be considered.

Nursery – Applications for the nursery for September 2023 are now available from the school office, or can be requested via email at enquiries@st-austins.co.uk. The closing date for nursery class admissions is Friday 10th February. Please complete your application before this date to be considered.

Safeguarding - Our school always follow all national and local authority recommended guidelines with regards to any safeguarding issues and the safety of all our children is paramount at all times. A reminder that we need the contact details of at least three emergency contacts. This is a recommendation following a serious case review where a school and the other children services including medical and social welfare services did not have a contact number for a family which led to serious consequences. We will be checking contact numbers over the next few weeks however if you know that you have less than 3 contacts or if your contacts have changed please let our office staff know as soon as possible so that we can amend our records. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance and punctuality - 86 children across the school achieved a fantastic 100% attendance last term. This is an outstanding achievement, especially with all the viruses and illnesses that have been going through the school. They were rewarded, in the last week of term, for their outstanding attendance with playing a variety of board games in the Key Stage 2 hall. All of the children really enjoyed this and it has fired them up to continue with great attendance in the Spring Term.



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Safer Internet Day 2023 - will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. Children in school will be taking part in a range of activities throughout that week to promote safer internet usage. The UK Safer Internet Centre has a wealth of information to help parents and carers with the key role they play in keeping their children safe online - read more at [UK Safer internet centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

Liverpool Parenting Newsletter Jan-Mar 2023 – Please see the following link for Liverpool City Council's Parenting newsletter. Here you will find a variety of information on services, events and courses to support parents. [Liverpool Parenting Newsletter Jan - Mar 2023](#)

School newspaper - On the final day of the last term, we were delighted with the quality of the articles in the school newspaper and look forward to our next edition at the end of the Spring Term. Please see the school APP for the recent edition.

Save the Children – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Save the Children Christmas jumper day back in December. We raised a fantastic £283.

M&M Productions – On Monday 23rd January M&M Productions will be coming to school to perform the pantomime "Robin Hood" for all our children. There is no set charge for this, the performance is for all the children to enjoy!

Neighbourhood Parking - We hope to start 2023 as we mean to continue. Can you all please park respectfully around the school area. This ensures the safety of all our parents/children, and cars, following an incident at the end of last term.

End of half term – School will close on Friday 10th February for the half term break at 2.15pm.

Start of term – School will open again on Monday 20th February.

Dates for the diary

15th Jan - Closing date for reception application forms for Sept 2023
23rd Jan - Pantomime 'Robin Hood'
10th Feb - Closing date for nursery application forms for Sept 2023
8th Feb - Open Evening
9th Feb - Open Evening

Thank you all for your continued support.

Warmest Wishes

Colette Hickey
Headteacher



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