

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

School closes **Friday 19th July at 1.30pm**

### Dear Parents/Carers

We are fast approaching the end of another exciting school year with much to celebrate.

Some of the highlights include:

- Being awarded the Artsmark Gold Award. This award from the Arts Council England, gives schools a clear framework to help unlock potential and to ensure children enjoy extraordinary experiences.
- In partnership with Edge Hill University, registering to become a member of the Sefton Coastal and Beach School Network. We know from Forest School how much the children gain from learning outdoors and interacting with the natural world. Making the most of our close proximity to our wonderful coastline seems like the next logical step.
- In May, the school was accredited with the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award (ATSSA).  
This very special award recognises our school's commitment to develop a culture of compassion and nurture. It followed on from whole school training and a two day audit.

### STAFFING NEWS

We welcome back Mrs Elliott who is returning part-time following Maternity Leave.

Congratulations to Mr Sutcliffe, following his recent marriage.

Sadly, we reluctantly say goodbye to three wonderful colleagues who are retiring at the end of term:

Mrs Leaper, our longest serving teacher has inspired and nurtured hundreds of children, mentored and guided younger staff and survived the myriad of changes to education since 1975!

Mrs Hughes, another seasoned practitioner, has worked here and St Winefrides as a Nursery Nurse/Teaching Assistant for over 25yrs. Her patient coaxing and gentle cajoling have helped countless children to become literate and numerate, grow in confidence and deal with all sorts of difficulties.

Mrs Speed has worked as a lunchtime supervisor since 1999 and more recently in our Breakfast Club. We will miss her quiet voice and in-depth knowledge of each and every child in her care.

## **TRIPS AND VISITORS**

Taking our children out of school and inviting a variety of visitors in, are essential elements in our curriculum. Hopefully our school website gives you a flavour of these.

I am always thrilled by the comments we receive on the children's behaviour and enthusiasm, wherever they go or whoever comes to visit. Again, please see these on our Guest Book Comments page.

### **Our visits this year included:**

- Y6 Netball World Cup – Echo Arena
- Y5 Liverpool John Moores University – using simulators
- Y5 Vocal project – Savio Salesian College
- Y4 Science Museum and Bridgewater Hall, Manchester
- Y3 Chester Roman Experience
- Y2 Philharmonic Hall
- Y6 Liverpool International Tennis Tournament – Liverpool Cricket Club
- Y2 Chill Factore (indoor ski slope) Trafford Park
- Y6 Quick Cricket
- Y6 Quad Kids Athletics – Litherland Sports Centre
- Y1-Y6 representation at Daily Mile celebration event – Litherland Sports Centre
- Y5 Bike Right – Cycling Proficiency Training
- Y5 Formby Woods
- Rec Windmill Farm
- Y6 Residential – Winmarleigh Hall
- Y6 Get Away, Get Safe – anti-gangs, week-long workshops
- Y5 Alice in Wonderland Experience – St George's Hall
- Y5 Crucial Crew – understanding the role of the Emergency Services.
- Y6 Scientists from The Office for Nuclear Regulations – Hands on Chemistry

### **Visitors to school included:**

Levi Tafari - Poet

Joshua Khan - Author

Arlene Gormley - Author

In April, we turned the school hall into a Careers Carousel and exposed the children in Y6 to a wide range of employers from Architecture, Veterinary Science, Engineering and many more, the event was a huge success.

The NSPCC provided Key Stage assemblies and workshops for Y5 and Y6 on Keeping Safe/Speaking Out. Y6 also attended a Merseytravel event, preparing them to avail safely of public transport on transition to high school.

### **Fundraising**

We raised £2000 through a whole school football fun day for Soccer Aid. This amount will be match funded by the government. This was a fantastic event and another excuse for us to get excited about 'the beautiful game'!

## **SPORTS DAY**

Thank you to all who attended. I hope you enjoyed either or both days. It was wonderful to have so much enthusiasm and support for the children.

My plea for next year would be that those who attend, stay for the duration of the event, not just to see their own child compete.

Huge credit again to Mr Tyson for exceptional organisation.

Congratulations to all our children who each did us and you proud!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Prizegiving:** Friday 12th July at 10am (by invitation only).

This year's guest speaker is Margaret Aspinal, Chair of The Hillsborough Family Support Group.

**Friday 19th July** - School closes at **1.30pm**.

There will be **NO** After School Club that day.

**Wednesday 4th September** - School re opens for **Years 1 - 6**.

**The arrangements for Early Years are as follows:**

**Rec S** (Miss Finley) start Wed 4th Sep Half days Only for 2 weeks - *individual letters given, setting out the start/finish times for these 2 weeks*

**Rec A** (Mr O' Reilly) start Wed 4th Sep Half days Only for 2 weeks - *individual letters given, setting out the start/finish times for these 2 weeks*

**Monday 16th September** - Both Reception classes will start full time

**Nursery**

**Monday 9th September** - Nursery A Start

**Wednesday 11th September** - Nursery S Start

**Friday 13th September** - a reminder that Friday 13th Sep is an **INSET** day.

School will be closed to children on that day.

All the term dates for the coming school year and for the 2020/2021 are on our school website. Please share these with family and friends to avoid holidays in term time.

Thank you all for your support and friendship throughout the year.

I hope you have an enjoyable Summer Break



**SCHOOL RE-OPENS WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**