



## DATES

### APRIL

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** – School re-opens at 8.50 am

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – whole school mini marathon for kNOwknifecrime

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – MADCOS RELAY MARATHON

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Bikeability (Y5)

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Bikeability (Y5)

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **ST GEORGE'S DAY**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** – RAF

Roadshow event – Y4, Y5, Y6

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Mini-medics parent workshop (pm)

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Health Screening

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Y 5 residential

### MAY

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Y5 return from residential

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** – **BANK HOLIDAY**; school closed

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Reception trip (pm)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Holy Communion

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – **START OF Y6 SATS WEEK**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** – School council lunch with Governors

**Week Com 20<sup>th</sup>** – Parents' Meetings

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – **HALF TERM**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Holy Communion

### JUNE

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** – **SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8.50**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5 trip (pm)

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Y6 to Y7 Transition day

# *St. George's Catholic Primary Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

## #kNOwknifecrime

I think it's fair to say that the first week back went with a bang. What amazing days we had on Tuesday and Wednesday with the **kNOwknifecrime** campaign throughout Sefton. 84 schools took part in total and a huge amount of money was raised towards the provision of bleed kits in our local community.

Our children were sensational during their mini marathons with Nursery doing a little each day. BUT...Wednesday was out of this world. There was such a buzz around the school and across the whole of Sefton. Our MADCOS schools were fantastic...all cheering each other on, supporting the cause and welcoming in each school as the blood kit was passed on as the relay baton.

The 19 children that ran from St George's were definitely future runners...it's fair to say the staff struggled to keep up!



I'm absolutely delighted to say, at this point, MADCOS schools collectively raised the highest amount of any other school group and exceeded the target with over £2, 200! HUGE THANKS to everyone who donated to support this cause.



It's not too late to donate and we are not just supporting our children but the community and the Sefton communities. This fundraising will save lives – the more we raise, the more kits can be provided. **Donate here:**

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/charity-champions-liverpool-the-north-west/fundraisers/sefton-schools-say-knowknifecrime/>

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

### **WELCOME TO MRS. HILL**

We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Hill to our school on Monday, as she takes over from Mrs. Daly during her maternity leave. It already feels like she's part of the team and been with us for years. We look forward to her being part of our term for the next 12 months while Mrs. Day is on maternity.

### **THE EASTER RABBIT RUN**

WOW! How amazing are our children and parents...and all those nans and granddads out there! The children just love the Rabbit Run – it's a great sense of excitement and healthy competition to see who can raise the most. **WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!!!!!!** In total, the families of our superb children raised **£3,073.00!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** How fantastic; we are thrilled. It will go along way to providing high quality resources and equipment for our children throughout the school, especially in these difficult times for schools and their budgets.

### **DATES FOR DIARIES**

The dates on the front page have been updated but more dates will be added as we go through the summer term. Please keep your eyes on them for weekly updates.

### **YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY**

If your child is taking part in the Bikeability next week, you should know the day they have been allocated. Remember to bring in their bike and helmet and be wearing suitable clothes for the day. Bikes can be brought into school and locked in the bike shed if you are arriving for breakfast club or staying for after school club.

### **PAYING FOR LUNCHES AND CLUBS**

Can I stress that it is **VITAL** that parents use the app to pay for Breakfast & After School Club, and lunches **IN ADVANCE!** *This isn't just a payment system, it is also a booking system.*

When Mrs. Jones was off at the start of 2024, I was trying to do her role and found it incredibly time consuming and frustrating keeping track of payments and keeping clear records. **ALL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE SCHOOL APP IN ADVANCE.** Payments can be made as follows:

**School Dinners:** Paid in advance for the week by 8.30 am on MONDAY

**Breakfast Club:** Paid before 8.00 am. In an emergency, payment can be made up to 8.30 am.

**After School Club:** Paid before 3.30 pm. In an emergency, payment can be made up to 4.30 pm for the first hour, and 6.30 pm for the second hour.

***HOWEVER, at times, we are nearing our capacity. If your child is not booked in through the app, they may not get a place in club.***

If you have booked in advance, and your child is then absent, funds will be credited to your account.

### **PARENTS' APPOINTMENTS**

These are booked for the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May for Reception, Year 2, 3 4 and 5. More details will follow with specific days for each class. Again, we'll be using the School Cloud; information will be sent out.

### **GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN'S ABSENCE**

As parents will be aware, we monitor attendance and inform parents when their child's attendance falls below 90% (Persistently Absent). As part of this monitoring, we track to see if attendance then improves. Where it doesn't, we follow our attendance policy and request all future absences must be supported by medical documentation (doctor appointment slips, prescriptions, prescribed medication (named and dated)).

To support parents in knowing when to keep their child off and when they can be sent in, we are circulating two sources of information.

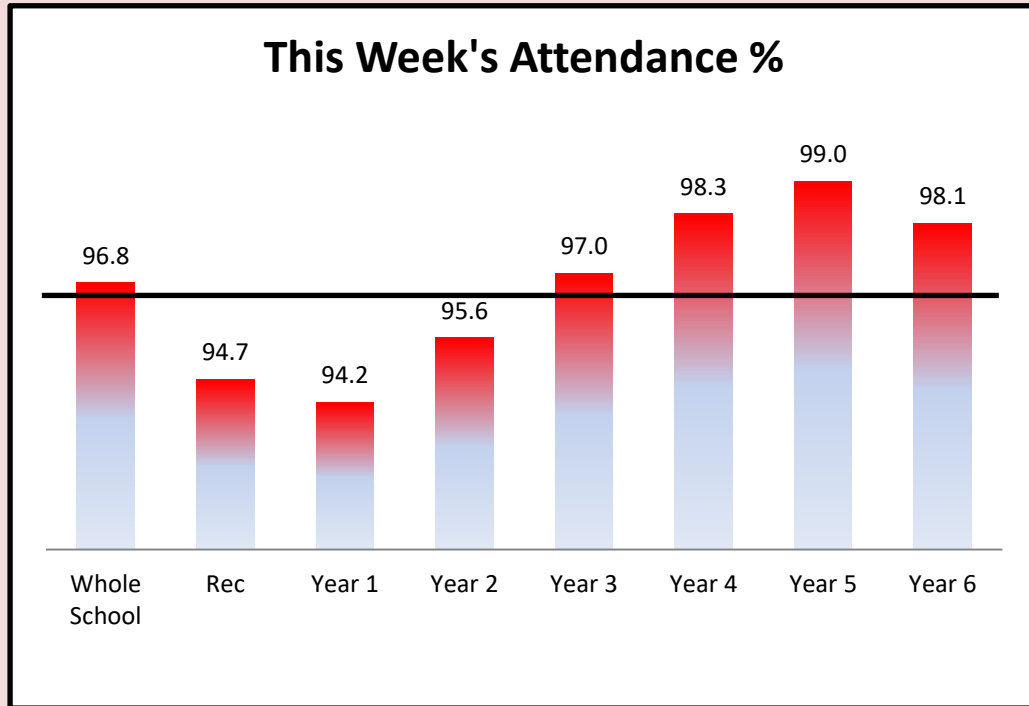
- 1) Is my child too ill for school: This is a link to an NHS website that we have circulated in the past. It goes through some of the common reasons why parents keep their children off and explains when they can happily be sent in.
- 2) A Public Health England document that details most ailments, the treatment and when they can be sent in.

Hopefully, these will support parents to improve attendance, and know when they are possibly infectious so to keep their children at home.

## ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.**

**WOW...4 classes above this week and the school is above our target by 0.8% - our best attendance in months!**



**WELL DONE to KS2!**

**And HUGE congratulations to Year 5 who has topped the school this week!**

