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Learn Love Pray

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children and staff have had a wonderfully busy term! We have welcomed many visitors to our school and the children have enjoyed a variety of trips and experiences. This term, they've loved exploring topics such as Art and Ancient Egyptians. As part of their learning, they visited both the World Museum and The Liverpool Museum, which brought these subjects to life in exciting ways.

As we are now entering the season of Advent, we will be collecting for our local foodbank. **If you would like to donate please give any tins, packets and sachets of food to your child or the school office from Monday 9th December to Friday 13th December. All donations will be given to South Liverpool Foodbank the following week.**

LIBRARIES
for **PRiMARIES**

Libraries for Primaries has teamed up with the National Literacy Trust, Arts Council England, Oxford University Press, and Penguin Books to bring quality school libraries to children. We're thrilled to announce that we've **won £500** to purchase a fantastic variety of books for our school library. This means our children will have more opportunities to read some exciting stories.

Thank you to all our families for their incredible generosity on World Food Day! Your contributions will directly help to purchase maize for foster children in Malawi, making a meaningful difference in their lives. **We raised £206!**



This term, our Religious Education (RE) topics focus on Advent and the coming of Jesus. After Christmas:

- Reception and Years 1–3 will explore the life of Jesus, from His childhood to adulthood.
- Years 4–6 will delve into learning about our local church community.

For more details about our RE curriculum, please visit our school website.

On **Wednesday 11th December** we would like to invite **all** children to a Christmas lunch **free of charge** and we will be asking the children to wear a Christmas jumper/or t-shirt or something **RED**.

Dates for your diary – Parents invited

Thursday 12th December 2.30pm - Music Performance for parents - **Year 2 – 6 only**

Tuesday 17th December 2.30pm - Christmas Performance for parents - **Rec, Y1, Y4 & Y5 only**



Doors open at 2.25pm, can we please ask that you are on time for the performances as the children have worked very hard and it can be a disruption for them if you are late.

Some of the visits and visitors in school this term

Friday 13 th December – Panto – The Emperor's New Clothes	Whole school
Friday 20 th Class Christmas Parties -	Whole School
Judaism Week	Whole school
NSPCC - Workshop and Assembly	Whole school
Anti-bullying Week - Odd socks	Whole School
Sugar Awareness Week	Whole school
St. Hugh's Feast Day 20th November	Whole school

World Food Day – raise awareness about hunger around the world	Whole school
Christmas Lunch - own jumper day	Whole School
Pantomime 13/12/24	Whole school
Imagine That!	Reception
Walker Art Gallery	Years 1, 2 and 3
Christmas trail at St Dunstan's	Years 3, 5 and 6
World Museum - Ancient Egyptians	Year 4
Metropolitan Cathedral Schools Advent Service	Years 4 and 5
Mini Police - Dog Presentation	Y5 and 6
Big Little Library	Y5
Litter picking in the community	Y6
World Museum - Bee Exhibition	Friday 6 Y5 and 6
Museum of Liverpool – River Mersey Workshop	Year 6
British Red Cross - First Aid Workshop	Y6

Punctuality A reminder that the school gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. The school gates are open at 8.45am to allow the children to get in with plenty of time to be settled ready for the start of their day. Once the registers have closed then your child is marked absent and this will affect their overall attendance. The school day finishes at 3.25pm.

The table below demonstrates how much school children miss if they are absent. We are aware that the circumstances around absences are mainly due to illness that the children have contracted. Our aim, with your support, is to positively promote attendance for all.

Some comments from children when they arrive late:

- I don't know what to do, everyone has started work
- I miss my friends and they miss me
- I don't want my parents to get into trouble
- I don't like being late for school
- I feel embarrassed, everyone looks at me

5 minutes late everyday = 3 days of school lost over a year

10 minutes late everyday = 6.5 days of school lost over a year

15 minutes late everyday = 10 days of school lost over a year

20 minutes late everyday = 13 days of school lost over a year

30 minutes late everyday = 19 days of school lost over a year

We understand that this time of year can be especially challenging for some families, please find some links below with information that can be of help and support.

Winter Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Liverpool Christmas Support 2024 - Feeding Liverpool

Feeding Liverpool – Community Food Spaces

Family Action

Finally, we would like to wish you all best wishes for the festive season and we look forward to seeing you at 8.45am, **on Tuesday 7th January 2025.**