



SUMMER Term 2017/18

Safeguarding/Child Protection Officer—Mrs R Tyler

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you know, we have so much to get through in the next few weeks and, as always, it is an extremely busy time for all of us as we look forward to trips, performances, sports and transition days. Y6 are now on their last lap at St Brigid's before they embark on a whole new adventure at secondary school. There is a great deal going on for all of our pupils between now and the end of term and so it is important that your child is in everyday so that they don't miss out.

Bishop's Visit—Last week we were visited by Bishop Tom Williams. He spent the morning in school and visited all classes to talk to the children about the work that he does across the Archdiocese and celebrate the fabulous work that they do too. He has asked me to tell you all that the real measure of a great school is children with smiling eyes—and our children's eyes were positively grinning! Well done to all of our children for being a real credit to themselves, their families and our school.

Parish News—Father David has asked me to remind you that this Friday marks the official consecration of St Albert's church and there will be a celebratory mass at 7pm followed by a buffet and drinks in the club. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will be presiding over the mass and it would be great to see as many of you as possible there to support our parish.

Don't forget that the Parish Summer Fayre will be taking place on *Sunday 15th July*. If you have any unused items of clothing or books that you would be willing to donate or would like to support the work of the parish in any other way, Father would be most appreciative.

Phonics Test Week— Well done and thank you to all of the Y1 pupils who have been working extremely hard over the past few weeks to show off their fantastic phonic skills. Every pupil has given 100% and I am so proud of every single one of them. Thank you to Mrs Hunter and Mrs Edwards who have done a sterling job in making sure that our children are challenged and supported so that they are well ready for Y2.

MATHS FOCUS & Liverpool Counts—Congratulations to all the children staff and parents who have really been supporting us as we work towards achieving our Liverpool Counts Award. I am pleased to tell you that the assessor came in on Tuesday morning and has awarded us with the SILVER mark. He was keen to point out that we are well on our way to Gold so we will be continuing with all the good work that currently goes out and adding in even more events and competitions. Our Maths Ambassadors were a real credit to us, making sure that our visitor was very well looked after during his time here and that all the good work that goes on at St Brigid's was made explicit. We were also lucky to have two lovely gentlemen from Santander in school on Tuesday (my brother, Rob, and his friend, Rich). They were in to deliver financial awareness sessions to our Y5&6 children who thoroughly enjoy the discussion and subsequent activities. We will be inviting them back to join us in the autumn term and hope to put on a parent/carer session so that you can make the most of your money!

Attendance—This term, we have seen a lot of reoccurring illness and it has been particularly difficult for many families of pupils who are normally never off school. There are however, a number of pupils who have had too many odd days off and have taken holidays during term time. As a result, our overall attendance percentage is being badly affected.

Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
93.9%	96.7%	95.9%	94.6%	96.7%	97.2%	94.8%

Whole school from Sept to 22nd June = 95.7%

Many congratulations to the 67 pupils whose attendance is outstanding (98%+) - this is an increase on the 56 pupils who had 98%+ this time last year. A big well done to the other 48 pupils who are currently above the school target of 96.1%. Your child's report will be going out in a couple of weeks and there will be a full breakdown of your child's attendance to date. For future reference, our holiday dates for 18/19 are set and include two weeks at Easter and Whit so that you can make the most of the cheaper week and, therefore, DO NOT need to take your child out of school during term time.

All holidays and unexplained absences will be followed up with Knowsley's School Attendance Service.

Healthy Living in Knowsley—You may be aware that, as a borough, we have significant number of children and adults who are classed as over-weight or obese. We do a lot of work in school around healthy eating, exercise and making good choices (health wise). Please support us in helping our children to be as healthy as possible and give them





the best life chances. Anyone bringing in packed lunches should make sure they are healthily balanced—please do not send in doughnuts and chocolate bars—these should be kept for a treat. For further information visit the NHS Healthy Lunchbox website.

St Brigid's Transition Day: Wednesday 4th July—Planning for transition is an important part of the work we do in helping our pupils prepare for change. Next week, the children will be moving around the school and getting to know their new teachers and classroom environments as they begin to think about their move to the next year group come September. I have made a couple of changes to the staffing arrangements for next year to ensure that we utilise our strengths to the maximum—the teaching arrangements are as follows:

EARLY YEARS

NURSERY

Mrs Richards/Miss Edwards

Reception

Miss Dailey

KEY STAGE 1

Y1

Mrs Hunter

Y2

Mrs McKay

KEY STAGE 2

Y3

Mrs Burns & Mrs Buckley

Y4

Mrs Edwards

Y5

Mr Owen

Y6

Mr Riley

Children's University—The celebration event at Liverpool Hope University will be taking place this Monday morning (2nd July) and Mrs Burns has been busy organising the event. We will be joined again by Keith McDowell (school governor and Knowsley's Lead for Family Learning) who will talk to the children about the real difference that they are making to their education by participating in 'out of school hours' learning. I am so proud of the children who will be receiving their awards and having their efforts formally recognised during such a prestigious event. I am sure that our pupils will be a credit to themselves, their families and our school on their graduation day and I look forward to seeing many of you there to celebrate with your child.

World Cup Maths Challenge (Thursday 28th June)—Well done to the England team for securing their place in the knock out rounds. To celebrate all things mathematical about the World Cup, our children came to school dressed in football kits/ PE kits/shorts and T shirts yesterday and they had a fine time. Throughout the day, our teachers and maths ambassadors worked with the children to celebrate maths in a variety of fun and active ways. Congratulations to Alfie K (Y5), who was the proud winner of the World Cup quiz and a big thank you to all of the children who took part—hopefully, as a family, you all enjoyed the quality talking time with your loved ones.

Hot, hot, hot!!! - While the weather is scorching, please make sure that your child is wearing plenty of sun-cream before they come to school and, don't forget, children are free to wear their PE kits rather than full school uniform so that they can stay as cool as possible. We have been making the most of the shaded areas on our school ground and the children were delighted with their ice-pops after lunch yesterday.

SPORTS DAYS—We have planned in our Sports Days for next week in the hope that the weather stays dry (Rec/ Y1/2—Thursday at 9.30am and Y3/4/5/6 on Friday at 9.30am). If we are lucky enough to be able to use the school grounds, you are all welcome to come and support—we may even get time for a parents race! If not, we will go ahead in the SPACE hall. If this is the case, unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate spectators but will make sure that there are plenty of photos on the school website. I will keep you updated via our text messaging system.

Events for the last few weeks:

Monday 2nd July	Children's University	-identified pupils at Liverpool Hope University (am)
Wednesday 4th July	Transition Day	-Y6 at secondary schools / N to Y5 in new classes
Thursday 5th July	INFANT SPORTS DAY (R/Y1&2)	-9.30am PE kit (if outdoors—all welcome)
Friday 6th July	JUNIOR SPORTS DAY (Y3/4/5/6)	-9.30am PE kit (if outdoors—all welcome)
Tuesday 10th July	Farm Visit to NURSERY	-Nursery pupils
Wednesday 11th July	Infant trip to Safari Park	-PE kit / school jumpers
	Y4 Violin Concert for parents	-11.30am in school hall (all welcome)
Friday 13th July	Reception Class Assembly	-2.00pm in school hall (all welcome)
Monday 16th July	Y6 trip to Ladyewell	-all day
	Y3/4 trip to Chester	-all day
Wednesday 18th July	Joint Leavers' Mass at St Albert's	-all welcome
Thursday 19th July	Y5 trip to The Hive (Warrington)	-all day
Friday 20th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly	-all welcome (2.00pm)
Monday 23rd July	Y6 Trip to Blackpool	-all day
Wednesday 25th July	School Closes for SUMMER	-12.30pm



Maths Corner

1. Think of a number.
2. Multiply it by 3.
3. Add 6.
4. Divide this number by 3.
5. Subtract the number you first thought of.

The answer is 2.

With best wishes, **Mrs R Tyler** (Headteacher)