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Dear Parents, Carers

After our first full week in school, may we take this opportunity to thank you for ensuring that children are so well turned out in their uniform and so smart. Many shared their exciting adventures over the holidays and the last week's weather made up, in some part, for the very rainy weather when the children were away from school. We extend a very special welcome to all our new children in Reception who have made a very settled start and the children who have arrived in our school in various year groups. A real strength of our school is its community identity and I am sure that all who are new to us will quickly settle.

Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped our classes on their trips out last week in the fine weather.

As you know, the school was inspected by Ofsted on 13th and 14th July 2023. You will receive a copy of the report which arrived at the school today in the email which follows this letter. We were very pleased indeed with the outcome.

Mrs Clayton moved on to a new post in July and Mrs Cooke has taken on the role of SENCo in the meantime.

Curriculum Meetings

We will be arranging curriculum meeting dates in the next few weeks so look out for them

Fr Dominic will lead the Year 5 children for a retreat at Sacred Heart Catholic Academy next Wednesday and the Year 5 parents have received all the details this week

Robinwood residential arrangements for Year 6 have been made for February 2024 and all Year 6 parents have letters about the arrangements.

The school hall has been decorated over the holidays and we are very pleased with the result. Thanks go to School Business Manager, Mrs Fleming for all her arrangements with contractors. On the subject of the school interior, no schools in Sefton or across Liverpool Archdiocese family of schools have been affected by the recent RAAC concrete issue.

School Sport

Clubs will be recommencing over the next few weeks and a number of cross-country meetings are in the school diary for the coming term. The next cross-country meeting will be with Liverpool and District Catholic Schools at Croxteth Park on Thursday 21st September 2023. Letters have gone out to all concerned.

Sacred Heart's Associate Headteacher Mr Cassidy met with our children today and brought some former pupils back to school to share their experiences.

Open Evening for Parents in Y6 Y5 (and even Y4 as time passes so quickly!)

Thinking about the next steps in your child's education why not see for yourself ?

Next week **Sacred Heart Catholic Academy** hold their open evening on **Tuesday 19th September 4.30pm to 7.30pm**

Reading, Reading, Reading

Please continue your efforts with home reading again this year. We noted the impact of home support last year as in many cases, children grew in confidence and made good progress. We look forward to this going from strength to strength again this year.

NCMP Height and Weight and Flu Vaccination Letters

Look out for a variety of letters being sent out from school which require parental consent in certain year groups or whole school vaccinations

Secondary Transition

Please note that all parents are expected to apply for a secondary school place online via the 'Citizen Portal' which is available on the Sefton website. The Citizen Portal is easily accessible on all devices including mobile phones. Parents can also view/download detailed admissions guides online, including 'A Guide for Parents 2024-25' and 'Sefton Schools Admissions Information 2024-25'. These guides set out important information regarding the admissions process including deadlines and the admissions criteria for all Sefton schools. The Citizen Portal online application is available via www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool from 1 September 2023 **until 31 October 2023..**

Enjoy the weekend with your families and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Yours sincerely,



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