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13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents, Carers

As the children are nearing the end of the first half term, we wish to remind you that the finish date is **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023** and that they will return on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

**Reading** Thank you for all you are doing to promote reading at home by ensuring that your child is listened to regularly. The reading log which goes between school and home is greatly valued by school and with great engagement between home and school, our children make great progress!

### School Open day Sessions

**The school will open its doors on 15<sup>th</sup> November (Morning) and 29<sup>th</sup> November (Afternoon) for parents who are thinking about their children starting school next September.**

### School Sport

There has been a very busy cross-country series of meetings with events at Croxteth Park, Newsham Park, The Northern Cricket Club, Merchant Taylors Playing Fields and next week's rearranged Stanley Park meeting. The children represent Saint Edmunds and St Thomas very well indeed and they are well supported by their parents. I wish to thank the staff who have attended those races and supported the organisation of the Sefton races which are organised by Ms Pritchard. In the most recent meeting at Merchant Taylors Playing Field, special congratulations go to Jess Moss 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Girls Year 5 race and Roman Dalton 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Year 5 Boys.

In the Liverpool and District Cross Country League, Roman Dalton had 2<sup>nd</sup> position and the boys' team are joint second in this league. Well done to all the boys including Jaiden Roden Bilby, Jayden Williams and Barnabas Wettstein! Alicia Baranowska, Jess Moss and Jasmine Williams are all contributing well to a girls' team who are joint first in this league. Well done to all the girls!

In the most recent race meeting at Merchant Taylors Playing Field, some 350+ children participated in this event from over 20 Sefton schools. Our children will look back on their representation, training and achievement with pride.

Our thanks go to Sacred Heart students and Mr O Malley who again supplied us with a great team of race marshals and some *hares* to lead the runners!

### Parents Evening

Parents evening for all children will take place on the following days **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023** and **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**. We will use an online booking system as in previous years through the school website. Letter to follow.

### Attendance and Punctuality

We are committed to raising levels of attendance and we are working with a new education welfare officer Cathy Carlsen to assist us in our goals. Punctuality is very important and Sefton attendance team will operate a Late Gate visit from time

to time. If your child has an official medical appointment school must be notified in advance with sight of a confirmation document. If we receive no notice or confirmation the register will be marked as unauthorised

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Y 12 G	Y2	Y3	Y34	Y4	Y5	Y56	Y6
98%	90.2%	93%	97%	95%	97%	99.6%	91.5	95%	94%	95%

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### End of School Day

**Exit Points :** Nursery Reception :School Field Gate  
**Year 1 and 2: Carpark Gate**  
**Year 3 4 5 6 Footpath Gate**

**Please do not call your children to leave by another gate. This compromises our safeguarding policy and distracts staff. We will remind the children of which gate they must exit from**

### **School Photographer Tempest**

Tempest school photographer will be taking individual photos of the children and also with siblings on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

**NCMP Height and Weight Year 6 Measure** will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am Y6 parents have already received a letter with opt in/ out response

### **Trips and Year 6 Residential Trip to Robinwood**

Please pay through School gateway for Year 5 and 6 history trip to Western Approaches and Year 6 residential to Robinwood. We need to hear from all Y6 parents in relation to Robinwood so please contact Mrs Hoban in the school office.

**Request from the PTA – PTA** ask that if you have any school related queries please contact the school office and not use the PTA Facebook site. This is to be used solely for PTA events. Many thanks

### **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](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool) from 1 September 2023 **until 31 October 2023.**

### **Christmas Performances dates for your diary**

**Reception and Nursery 18<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm**  
**Key Stage 1 Years 1 and 2 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm**  
**Key Stage 2 Years 3 4 5 6 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm**

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

Yours sincerely,




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