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Value of the Week
Generosity

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'A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.'

[Proverbs 11:25](#)

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our Year 5 pupils who received their First Holy Communion last weekend.



Congratulations to Isabella (6AC) for her being successfully elected as this year's Head Child and to Abbie (6LT) for being successfully elected as this year's Deputy Head Child. We know they will do a wonderful job. Happy Birthday Abbie!



Gallery

Thank you to Year 6 on their super organisation of MacMillan Coffee Morning and thank you to all parents who supported it.



Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure (Please refer to key later in the newsletter)
3CF	Kendall	Zara	Sofia	95.6%
3GT	Lillie-Mae	Evie	Dylan	96.9%

3HM	Evie	Amelia	Nevan	97.6%
3ST	Claire	Theo	Eliza	95.7%
4CD	Jack A	Noah	Sofia	98.3%
4HW	Max	Jude	Joseph	96.7%
4KH	Holly	Hayden	Emily	93%
4SC	Niamh	Freya	James	97.2%
5AH	Ava	Isaac	Louie	94%
5JK	Jay Jay	Jennifer	Ivey	95.3%
5KL	Sienna	Isla	Autumn	94.7%
5PS	Sophia	Kai	Thomas	96.7%
6AC	Isabella	William	Charley-Jane	93.1%
6JP	Nevaeh	Daisy	James	94.8%
6LT	Agnes	Maisy	Stevie	93%
6SA	Amelia F	Jacob	Sankeerth	83.6%

Attendance for the whole school is 94.8%

Dinnertime winners:

Attendance

One of our school priorities this year is to raise attendance and to reduce Persistent Absenteeism (a persistent absentee is defined by the Government as a pupil whose attendance is 90% or less. A child's success in school (both academically and socially) relies on good attendance. If they are missing from school, they are not only missing out on valuable lessons but they are also missing out on the opportunity to forge friendships. If any parent would like some support in securing good attendance for their child, please contact school.

As a rough guide to how good your child's attendance is, please refer to the chart below:-

Equates to	ATTENDANCE	
	100%	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	85%	GRAVE CONCERNS

THIS KEY WILL IDENTIFY HOW WELL YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS DOING (SEE ATTENDANCE ABOVE)

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Joseph M	Karthik	William	Diya
Class with the best engagement	3ST	4HW	5JK	6SA
Most Improved	Azaniah	Lottie	Alvina	Stevie

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew				172	
St David				168	
St George				201	
St Patrick				195	

Sport News

This week a group of Year 5 and Year 6 boys took part in the Huyton League. The boys won one game and drew two. We had lots of boys who played their first game for our upper school football team as we like to try to rotate our players to give lots of children a chance to represent our school. A special well done to Louie who was our player of the day.



We also had a group of Year 5 and 6 boys represent our school in the EFC Premier League competition. We played 12 games but despite only being beaten once, we failed to qualify for the next stage at Finch Farm. We will however, give it another go on 25th October in the LFC Premier League competition. Some

great performances with all boys on the score sheet. A special mention to Brodie for the goal of the day and Jake for his player of the tournament award. Joseph was also awarded a certificate for adhering to the Premier League value of 'Being Ambitious'.



On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 girls football team will play their first matches in the Sylvia Gore League. This is the first time a girls league has been set up in our local area for schools. We can't wait to see our girls play!

On Thursday, another round of the boys Huyton League fixtures will take place.

The Book Fair

The Book Fair will be arriving in school on Wednesday 4th October. Parents/carers will be able to attend the Book Fair in the school hall with their children after school on Wednesday 4th October - Monday 9th October from 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm. Books can be paid for easily while you are at the Fair by scanning a QR code on your phone to access the parent pay website.

Each class will be allocated a day when they can browse the Book Fair and create a 'Wish List' of books that they wish to purchase. This list will be brought home and parents can make the decision as to whether they wish to order some of the books listed. All payments are to be made online with the Book Fair's secure payment system: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>
The list of books purchased, along with your payment reference number, must be returned to school no later than Tuesday 10th October.

Each book purchased helps build school rewards, which we can use towards stocking up our school library and classrooms with free books!

Space Week

Next week is World Space Week. To celebrate this, we will be learning about exoplanets (planets beyond our solar system). There will be a school competition to design one of your own weird, wondrous exoplanets.

Photograph Day

Get those smiles ready-it's School Photograph Day on Monday (2nd October). If your child has PE this Monday, please send them into school in their uniform and PE kit in their bag to get changed into.

Online Safety Session for Parents & Carers

As part of our school's Online Safety subscription, the virtual Parent/Carer information session will be held next Wednesday (4th October 2023 - 4pm - 4.45pm). Please find below the link to access the session. Please share as required.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODdiYzc3ZDktMjJmNS00YTEyLWJkM2QtZmI0NjZjZTFhOWY3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%225772fa8f-9814-4199-ae2-9195804f833e%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees. Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in: Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile. (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).

If you don't have Teams you can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox. As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.

Anti-Bullying email address

As a school we are keen to ensure that every child's experience is a positive one. If any child feels that they are encountering difficulties with other children, they should alert school using the following e mail address:-

anti-bullying@smmj.org.uk

A member of the Pastoral team will regularly check these emails.

Online Filtering and Monitoring

Filtering and monitoring systems are used within our school to keep pupils safe when using our school's IT system.

Filtering systems: block access to harmful sites and content.

Monitoring systems: identify when a user accesses or searches for certain types of harmful content on our school devices.

Our school is alerted to any concerning content so that we can intervene and respond. Please remind your child about the correct, responsible and safe way of accessing the internet. If your child has accessed inappropriate material within school you will be contacted by their class teacher or a member of the SLT.

Reminder

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on 17th October at 9.00am to administer the nasal spray vaccine to all our children. The online e consent link is now active from 1st September. Please see below the link and the QR code to complete a consent form for Flu.



<https://econsent.mersecare.nhs.uk/>

If you need to complete the form over the telephone or require a paper copy don't hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team using the following details:

**Helen Rampling, Immunisation Team Administrator, Child Community Health Service, Knowsley Children's Care Admin Hub, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, 1st Floor, Manor Farm PCRC, Manor Farm Road, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 0UB
Tel:- 0151 351 8805**

High School Admissions

For our Year 6 parents, applications for high school are now open and will close on **31st October 2023**. Application to high school should be made via the council that you reside in.

Details will be available on the council website.

Should any parent require any support in completing the high school admission form, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school and a member of our team will assist you.

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club (£2) - 8.00am to the start of the child's registration session.

After School Club (£7) - End of the school day to 17.30pm.

We ask that parents do not send cash into school but instead pay via our ParentPay system.

It is essential that parents book their child a place for each session that they require. Children should not be sent into the Breakfast or After School Club without first having booked a place via parent pay.

Year 3 pupils have brought home their ParentPay login details this week.

Reminders

In order for us to include your child's image (eg. in the newsletter, on the website, on Twitter) we require consent from parents. With this in mind may we request that you click on the link below to indicate the permissions that you give to school?

<https://forms.gle/YuTCB1s47i5Lv4Zs8>

Please note that you may withdraw permission at any time. If you do wish to change your mind at a later date, please e mail school on:-

slt@smmj.org.uk

CLC

Next week, pupils in 4HW and 4KH will benefit from Computing sessions with members of the CLC

Pupil Absence

Please can all parents report pupil absence through the school office and not through the class teacher?

AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR DIARY

Dates are subject to change in certain circumstances-in the case of changes, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible.

October

Week Beginning 2nd-World Space Week

2nd School Photograph Day

4th The Book Fair arrives at school

5th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC

Week Beginning 9th-Year 3 Child Centred Reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)

11th Bishop Tom in School

12th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC

Governor Morning

PTA Disco- Years 3 and 4 (3.15pm-4.15pm)

Years 5 and 6 (4.30-5.30pm)

13th St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass

Week Beginning 16th-Year 6 Swimming

Year 4 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)

17th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)

Flu immunisation

18th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)

19th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC

Governors' Buildings, Staffing and Finance Meeting (9am)

Week Beginning 23rd-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)

24th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)

25th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)

Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)-venue to be confirmed

26th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC

Year 4 Harvest Assembly (9.30am)-venue to be confirmed

27th Coffee Morning (9.30-10.30am)-doors will open at 9.10am

School closes for the half term holiday

31st **Closing Date for Secondary School Applications**

November

Week Beginning 6th November-Year 6 Child Centred reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)

6th-Return to school following half term holiday

9th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

10th Pre-Loved Book Sale (Clare Lawson Room)

Week Beginning 13th National Anti-Bullying Week

Year 5 Swimming

14th PTA Meeting in 3CF (3.30pm)

Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2

15th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2

16th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

Governors' Curriculum Meeting (2pm)

Week Beginning 20th Year 5 Swimming

Assessment Week in School

21st Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2

22nd Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2

23rd 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

29th 3GT Assertive Mentoring Conversations

30th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

December

1st **School closed for INSET Day**

Week Beginning 4th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

4th - 5JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5th Year 4 Communion Session 3

5th - 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5th - 6LT Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th - 5AH - Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th Year 4 Communion Session 3

6AC Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

7th - 5KL Assertive Mentoring Conversations

8th Christmas Jumper Day

Coffee Morning

Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm

Week Beginning 11th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

11th Stay and Pray Choir Event

12th Year 4 Communion Session 3

Year 3 Nativity Performance for Year 2

13th Year 4 Communion Session 3

Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (1.15pm)-venue to be confirmed

14th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

15th Breakfast with Santa

Year 4 Reconciliation

Christmas Lunch

18th Christmas Carol Concert for Parents (9.30am)

Christmas Party

19th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Sleeping Beauty

20th End of Term Mass

Christmas Talent Show

Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in during the Summer Term. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Origami	
	After School		Junior Choir 26/9/23			Rebound Dance
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime		Homework club 4CD		Origami	
	After School		Junior Choir 26/9/23		Rebound Dance	
YEAR 5	Before School			Boys Football 20.9.23	Girls Football 21.9.23	
	Lunchtime				Origami	
	After School Football 24.9.23	Art Club 25/09/23 Speech Choir 18/09/23	Athletics 19.9.23		Senior Choir 29/9/23	
YEAR 6	Before School	Table Tennis 6LT	Bleep Test	TableTennis 6SA	Girls Football 21.9.23 Table Tennis 6AC	Table Tennis 6JK
	Lunchtime	Cross Country Chess Club		Cross Country	Origami	
	After School	Art Club 25/09/23 Speech Choir 18/09/23		Football 20.9.23	Senior Choir 29/9/23	

Social Media

Why not give us a follow on Instagram or Twitter? @smmjjnr

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

