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CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 96%	
BEST INFANT CLASSES	BEST JUNIOR CLASS
97.4% - Rec Mrs Harrison	98.3% - Y3/4 Mrs Collins

Teamwork makes the dream work!

The weather stayed nice this week for the whole school pebble hunt. The children worked in their Teams (Aspiration, Perseverance, Courage, Honesty and Resilience) to locate hidden pebbles from around the school grounds. It was so fabulous to see children from different classes working together to support each other. It was also a great reminder of the positive messages we had considered during Anti Bullying Week. The pebbles are now going to be used to create a border in Kenyons Lane Park. We will share pictures once this has been created.

Y6 SATS May 2024

Y6 SATS will take place during the week beginning Monday 13th May. In line with Sefton's policy, holidays are not authorised throughout the year. However, it would be detrimental to any Y6 pupil to book something that meant they missed their SATs. We wanted to share this date in plenty of notice.

PTA News

Thank-you so much to everyone who purchased Christmas items through XMAS 4 Schools. This has raised over £400 for the PTA.

Members of the PTA came into school this week to organise the donations for the Christmas raffle. I will share pictures next week of the prizes! Tickets will go on sale in school from Monday 4^{th} December for children to purchase and will also be on sale at each Christmas performance.

Click on our QR code to find out what has been happening each week in our curriculum.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 30th Nov @ 2.30-3.30pm & Fri 1st Dec @ 8.30-9.15am:
Christmas jumper, coat & uniform swap and buy shop

Tues 5th Dec @ 8am: Reception Breakfast with Santa

Wed 6th Dec @ 8am: Y1 & Y2 Breakfast with Santa

Thurs 7th Dec @ 8am: Y3 & Y4 Breakfast with Santa

Thurs 7th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for Venus Centre)

Fri 8th Dec @ 8am: Y5 & Y6 Breakfast with Santa

Fri 8th Dec @ 9.15am & 2.30pm: Rec, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance

Wed 13th Dec @ 10.30am (Change of time): Stars Christmas
Performance

Wed 13th Dec @ 2.30pm: Rainbows Christmas Performance

Thurs 14th Dec @ 9.15am & 2.15pm and Fri 15th Dec @ 9.15am: Juniors Christmas Performance

Fri 15th Dec: Last day for Rainbows

Mon 18th Dec: Last day for Stars

Thurs 21st Dec @ 1.30pm: Rec - Y6 Finish for Christmas Holidays (After School Club only until 4pm)



Available Support for Families

We have recently been made aware of a great resource which details support and services available in the local area. You can download it as an app or visit the website- Mental Health Support Network provided by Chasing the Stigma | Hub of hope

You then enter your location and a directory appears to filter what support or service you might be looking for. It is a great one stop shop and good to have things listed in one place.

Christmas!

A reminder that we would prefer families to send in donations for the food bank this year instead of any gifts for staff. A wheelie bin will be in the main entrance from next week where you can pop in donations or please send them in with your child. Thank-you so much in advance- last year we had three car loads to take so let's try and beat that!

Also on Thursday 7^{th} December, children may wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper if they wish to. We are asking for a £1 donation for the Venus Centre to support a local charity. Children must wear the rest of their school uniform as normal.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - September 2024

A reminder for all Nursery parents and carers that you must apply for a primary school place for this September 2024 by 15th January.

If you are wishing to apply for a primary school in the Sefton area, please use the following link to complete the online application-

 $\frac{https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-or-secondary-school-in-september-2024/$

If you are wishing to apply for a primary school in the Knowsley area, please use the following link to complete the online application-

Apply for a school place | Knowsley Council

Winter Doodle Challenge

The Winter Calendar will soon be arriving in Doodle, a seasonal event where your child can earn festive rewards by Doodling 'little and often'!

Between the 1st-24th of December, encourage your child to complete at least one exercise a day in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish to open a calendar door.

They'll find festive goodies hiding behind each one - and if they open all the doors on one or both calendars, they'll receive a virtual Winter Calendar badge!

FAMILY SUPPORT INFORMATION

School Safeguarding Team: Mrs McKenzie, Mrs McGhee & Mrs Harrison. Please arrange a meeting via the school office, if you require support.

Maghull Food Bank: Based at St. Georges United Reformed Church, Northway, Maghull. Open Tuesdays 10am-12pm. No vouchers needed.

CAMHS Crisis Care Team: 0151 293 3577 or Freephone 0808 196 3550. This team offers 24 hour support to children and young people (under 18) who are in mental health crisis in Liverpool or Sefton.

Mental Health Support for Men: Sean's Place in Sefton and Liverpool www.seansplace.org.uk

Mental Health Support: MIND - www.mind.org.uk

Mental Health support for young people: Young minds www.youngminds.org.uk