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**"Aim high – Live life to the full!" (John 10:10)
School attendance is everyone's responsibility!**



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Headteacher's Key Information Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since returning after the Easter holiday, the children across the whole school have settled back in superbly and they are all working so hard. We cannot ask more of them, you should be very proud parents. This morning I showed a group of visiting teachers around all year groups and they were so impressed with the children's behaviour and quiet learning.

I have a number of key updates for you in this letter, so here we go!

Congratulations to Mrs Griffin (Deputy Headteacher)

I am delighted to now be able to inform you that Mrs Griffin (our Deputy Head) has been appointed to her first Headship at St Paul and St Timothy's Catholic Infant School in West Derby. We know that she will be a huge success, they are a very lucky school community to have her as their Headteacher. We are obviously so disappointed to see Mrs Griffin leave as she has been such a long-standing, excellent staff member for 26 years, with many as our Assistant Headteacher and since January, our Deputy Headteacher. Once we have any further news regarding a new leadership appointment, I will be back in touch.

The Upcoming Year 6 SAT's

On Monday 13th May, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SAT tests. They have all worked so incredibly hard in the build up to doing them, as have the Year 6 teaching team (plus other staff who have freely offered their time in support of the children). I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them in advance as they simply could not have done anything more (children and staff alike) – their attitude has been incredible. Parents, please ensure that your child attends for 100% of the time in particular that week so that they have the opportunity to achieve what they deserve to after all of that hard work. The Year 6 team will send you another letter to help clarify details for SAT's week, including the opportunity for all children to come in together for breakfast – which they love to do!

Parking & Safety

Over the years, I am sure the vast majority of you are fully aware that I have sent many communications about keeping our children as safe as possible when in and around the



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school site, especially at the drop off and pick up times of every day. That includes cars parking on the double yellow lines and the 'stay safe' zig-zags that lead up to our vehicle entrance gates. Anyone who chooses to do that also blocks emergency access if ever we needed an ambulance or fire engine. No one can or should park there, ever. By doing that, it sadly endangers children walking in or out of school at those very busy peak times (and sometimes those cars actually attempt to move when children are walking around them). The last thing anyone wants is for a child to be seriously hurt. I am raising the issue constantly with Liverpool City Council as the land is theirs, not ours. Our school jurisdiction ends at the gates. I am also regularly contacting the Archdiocese (who own the land where all the Cadent Gas works have been taking place) – as we are hoping to extend our school grounds to include an additional car park and turning circle that we believe will greatly help. I am expecting increased Police, PCSO and Traffic Warden presence in the very near future as that has again been requested by me as their presence positively impacted last time. Also, in the very near future, we hope to have assemblies with the team from The Bobby Collieran Trust all about Road Safety as Mrs Griffin is inviting them in.

"Good Luck" to our First Communion children and their families

The first of this year's Communion Masses takes place tomorrow in our Church. The whole school community hopes that they thoroughly enjoy their very special moment. Thanks to Father Stephen and the Parish team for their support in preparing the children so well.

Home Learning

We changed our homework / home learning policy in September to focus whatever time you could afford at home upon the basic skills of number bonds, multiplication facts, learning their spellings (or sounds) and reading practice. Please keep on giving as much time as you can to support your child / children at home as it is so invaluable – especially 1:1 or family reading time as often as you can. Just 10-15 minutes per night makes such a big difference and I guarantee that your child would love to snuggle up and read with you.

Volunteer Readers?

Miss Hagan (Assistant Headteacher and Reading Leader) has lettered parents / carers enquiring to see if anyone can offer some time during the week to come in and hear children read. If you can, or you know of another family member who could, please ask them to contact the office via admin@bsprimary.com and share their details. Thanks.

Enjoy a lovely long weekend and thank you so much for all the backing that you offer us!

Best wishes,

Mr Davey
Headteacher.

