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Dear Parent / Carer,

Parental Update 8

As we wrap up the first half term, I think we can look back at a positive start to the year. A big thank you to parents for your support in ensuring uniform was spot on from the start, which set the year off on the right foot. With over 25 school trips so far and with dozens of clubs and activities taking place, we are hopefully giving our students a magical experience as well as a strong education.

Looking ahead to next half term, at a strategic level, we will be reviewing our behaviour policy, support and systems, as we are keen that they are much clearer and more consistently applied, and that students understand why we have rules in place. We also come back to our Year 11 mock exams, training of our new Mentors in Violence Prevention, a couple of big careers events, Presentation Evening for the summer GCSEs as well as more trips and activities.

Whole School Focus – HOPE Campaign

Thank you for all of your donations to our HOPE (Help Other People Eat) campaign, it is really going to help families in our community!

Sam our chaplain, supported by our SVP students, help to look after the stock in our foodbank. We work closely with the Pastoral Support Managers from each year group and other members of staff to make sure we're getting food out to families all of the time. We currently have a number of regular families on our database that get deliveries either every two weeks or every month. We also have families who get food on a one-off basis. If you know of any families who need help, please let Sam know!

Our food cupboard does empty out quite regularly and we're always in need of supplies so please be aware that we sometimes have a little wait before we can add families to our regular round of deliveries.

Our service is very discrete, so you'd never see the team handing the parcels out, we have a team of adults from school who deliver the parcels directly to families. Throughout the week, as well packing parcels, we also have to check dates on all the food and keep the cupboard organised and collect the food from form classes and track each form group's progress.

Year 7 Welcome Mass

A big thank you to the families and staff who attended the Welcome Mass for Year 7 this week. It was lovely to formally welcome you into our Lasallian community in the magnificent Lowe House. A special thank you to Sam our chaplain, Miss Condon and the choir, who were brilliant, and our readers.

Foundation Governor

We are looking to recruit a Foundation Governor to the governing body. If you know of anybody who might be interested, then please share this link with them which has more details:

<http://www.delasalle.st-helens.sch.uk/welcome/vacancies/>

School Meal Prices (message from LA catering team):

The Council has a commitment to review fees and charges on an annual basis to ensure services remain sustainable. This has been undertaken for 2023/24 and it will result in increased charges for meals. The new charges, which are to be implemented from 1st November 2023, will be set to achieve an overall increase in income levels. Individual cafeteria items will be subject to different levels of increase depending on how demand for those items is likely to be affected.

St Helens Sexual Health Services - Have your say! (Message from the LA)

St Helens Borough Council is responsible for planning and funding local sexual health services. As part of a current review, we are seeking views from local people about sexual health services in St Helens.

We want to hear from those who live, work or learn in St Helens Borough, who have used sexual health services in St Helens or may need to use them in the future, and professionals who provide sexual health services or refer/support people to access services.

This is a chance for people to let us know what they think about sexual health services in St Helens.

There are three different surveys: for young people (aged under 19), adults and professional stakeholders. To access the surveys, please visit: <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/9741/Sexual-Health-Services-Consultation>. The surveys will be open until **Monday 13th November 2023**.

St Helens Half Term Activities

Please see attached the activity timetable for St Helens Family Hub & Children's Centres for the half term. Everyone is welcome to attend and all activities are free.

Attendance

Our attendance is still above average but has been hit recently by a range of absences. Please continue to do all you can to ensure your child attends school every day.

Latest attendance data from 4th September to 20th October:

- DLS Attendance: **92.8% (change of -0.2)**
- National Secondary Attendance: **92.1% (change of -0.2)**
- Difference: **+0.7% above the national (change -0.1)**

Student rewards

Additional Awards go to:

- Top Star point winner: James Sappa
- £10 voucher: Maddison Hodgkinson
- Year 7 Stars outside of school:
 - Grace Hill - Being brave when joining new team Sevenbrooks FC, showing resilience and determination in defence, helping her team to 5 victories in 5, and finally showing real footballing skills which has ensured fabulous recognition in the form of 3 MoM awards this season.
 - Adam Fyles - Selected to represent and play for Knowsley and St Helens Schools football team. Massive achievement and something to be super proud of.

Forthcoming Events (dates in **bold** indicate a change to normal finish times)

Half Term

Mon 6th Nov: School re-opens

Mon 6th – Fri 17th Year 11 Mock exams (non-practical)

Tue 7th and Wed 8th: Year 10 Art Fieldwork Trips

Tue 21st: Flu Vaccinations

Thu 23rd: Your Future Careers event for Years 9-11

Thu 23rd: Presentation Evening (last year's Year 11)

Fri 1st Dec: INSET Day: School Closed to students

Fri 22nd Dec: School Closes for Christmas (12.10pm) No Buses

And finally...I spoke too soon

Last week I joked about having a different half term to Mrs R and thereby avoiding some of the random activities that she sometimes signs us up for. As the saying goes, pride comes before a fall.

I clearly underestimated Mrs R's abilities and so, on Saturday afternoon, as the Liverpool Derby was about to get underway, I found myself as a new member of the Crosby Woodcutting group with mallet and chisel in hand, signed up for several weeks of sessions, each session lasting 4 hours.

As someone who was moved from woodwork to metal work in school because I was too heavy handed (I like to think it is just not knowing my own strength) this was quite daunting. In the end, however, it was quite enjoyable and therapeutic, better still I didn't break anything and still have all my fingers intact.

Have a good weekend.

Andrew Rannard

Headteacher

Student Rewards

This week's Lasallian Star Awards go to:

| Form Class | Year 11 | Year 10 | Year 9 | Year 8 | Year 7 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|-----------------|---|
| J | Bel Gyurler | Sam Allen | Zach May / Kate Finnigan / Alfie McFarlane | Thomas Godding | Harry Burrows |
| O | George Lavelle | Ava Hesketh | Billy White | Jess Holmes | Frankie King |
| H | Lex Noone | Millie Broudie | Oliver Busby | Matilda Anders | Poppy Egan, Elijah Houghton, Amber Moss |
| N | Sophie Penman | Fin Kelsall | Holly Clarke | Jacob Woods | Mia Rigby |
| B | Madelana Saunderson Quintas Lopes | Rebecca Pye | Lareina Mohammed | Alfie Westhead | Isabella Davies |
| D | Freddie Greenall | Megan Thomason | Connie Reid | Georgia Northey | Harry Crawley |
| L | Elliot Cunningham | Alfie Heaton | Brandon Albaladora | Roxy Hopkins | Robbie Smith |
| S | James Whittle | Bella Scales | Jamie Davies | Finn Myers | Jack Fishwick |
| Engagement | Zach Best | Lola Woods | N/A | N/A | N/A |

St Helens Family Hub and Children's Centre Offer 30th October to 4th November 2023

Monday

AM

Baby Group
(0-12mths)
9.30am - 10.30am
Newton Family Hub

Slow Cooker
Challenge
(Due to popularity
places are limited)
11.30am - 1.30pm
Central Link Family
Hub

Tuesday

AM

Spooky Mini Chef's
(4-11yrs)
10.30am - 11.30am
Central Link Family
Hub

Baby Group
(0-12mths)
10.00am - 11.00am
Sutton Family Hub

Read and Rhyme
10.30am
Eccleston Library



Wednesday

AM

Coffee/Tea Tots
10.00am - 11.00am
Sutton Family Hub

Sensory Baby Group
(0-12mths)
10.00am - 11.00am
Parr Children's
Centre

Let's Get Ready for
Nursery
(6-36mths)
10.00am - 11.30am
Newton Family Hub

Thursday

AM

Sensory Baby Group
(0-12mths)
9.30am - 10.30am
Sutton Family Hub

Let's Get Ready for
Nursery
9.30am - 11.00am
Sutton Family Hub

Baby Group
(0-12mths)
10.00am - 11.00am
Parr Children's Centre

Spooky Silent Disco
(2-11yrs)
10.30pm - 11.30am
Thatto Heath
Children's Centre

Friday

AM

Sensory Baby Group
(0-12mths)
10.00am - 11.00am
Haydock Library

Autumn Crafts
including
refreshments
(2-14yrs)
10.00am - 11.00am
Newton Family Hub



Saturday

AM

Parent's In Mind
9.00am - 12.00pm
Sutton Family Hub

M.A.T.CH Group
(0-11yrs)
10.00am - 12.00pm
Sutton Family Hub

Change Grow Live
Drop-in clinic
(0-18yrs)
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sutton Family Hub

St Helens Family Hub and Children's Centre Offer 30th October to 4th November 2023

Monday

PM

Sensory Baby Group
(0-12mths)
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Newton Family Hub

Little Wizz Kids
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Sutton Family Hub

Musical Instrument
Making
3.30pm - 4.30pm
(0 - 11yrs)
Parr Children's
Centre

Tuesday

PM

Baby Group
(0-12mths)
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Central Link Family
Hub

Sensory Baby Group
(0-12mths)
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Moss Bank
Children's Centre



Wednesday

PM

Autumn Crafts
including
refreshments
(2 - 14yrs)
1.00pm - 2.30pm
Fourways Children's
Centre

Spooky Silent Disco
(2-11yrs)
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Sutton Family Hub

Thursday

PM

Baby Group
(0-12mths)
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Moss Bank
Children's Centre

Slow Cooker
Challenge
(Due to popularity
places are limited)
1.30pm - 3.30pm
Sutton Family Hub

Friday

PM

Slow Cooker
Challenge (Due to
popularity places are
limited)
1.30pm - 3.30pm
Newton Family Hub

Mini Chefs
(Invite only)
3.00pm - 4.30pm
Sutton Family Hub



Saturday

PM





St Helens Family Hub and Children's Centre Offer 30th October to 4th November 2023

If you have any questions relating to our activities, or if you would like to reserve a place on any of the Family Hub and Children's Centre groups, please call Parr Children's Centre on **01744 671788** or Central Link Family Hub on **01744 673445**. Alternatively, you can message us via our Facebook page! **St Helens Family Hub and Children's Centres**

Group Descriptions

Autumn Crafts - an interactive arts and craft session using natural resources.

Baby Group - a group aimed at babies aged 0-12 months to promote bonding and developing new skills. Meeting new mums/dads and learning through play.

Musical Instrument Making - enjoy making your own musical instruments using a variety of resources. Maybe join a band!

Spooky Mini Chef's - a fun and interactive cookery session for children aged 4 - 11 yrs.

Sensory Baby Group - a fun and stimulating sensory session for babies 0-12months.

Spooky Silent Disco - enjoy dancing to your individual favourite music via wireless headphones.

Slow Cooker Challenge - enjoy preparing, cooking and eating affordable healthy meals for the whole family. All participants receive a free slow cooker on completion.

Coffee/Tea Tots - is facilitated within our family friendly café where you can relax and enjoy free healthy food and drinks; toys and books are available for little ones.

Let's Get Ready for Nursery - fun and interactive sessions which will support you and your child to become school ready and support your child's learning through play, extend their creative thinking as well as encouraging practical tasks.

Little Wizz Kids - a fun, stimulating and interactive play, learning and development session for new-born babies up to children aged 36 months. The group will support families to build attachment and positive parenting behaviours; strengthen parent-child interaction within the Early Learning Environment, and support school readiness.

