



12th December 2016

*Sefton's Primary Sports School of the Year 2016*

**Dear Parents,**

### **Best Wishes Mr Doran**

Our caretaker, Mr Mike Doran is retiring at the end of this term and we would like to thank him so much for everything he has done for our school and its pupils since he started with us in 2009. We wish him a very relaxing time and hope that he will find many opportunities to pursue his interests in this next chapter of his life. His calm and cheerful manner and great commitment to the wider school community will be greatly missed. Good luck and best wishes Mike!

### **Christmas Concerts**

13<sup>th</sup> December Y2 classes' performance 2.30pm  
 14<sup>th</sup> December Y3 Y 4 classes' performance 2.30pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> December Reception & Y1 classes' performance  
**9.30am and 2.15pm \* See separate letter**  
 16<sup>th</sup> December Y5 and Y 6 classes' performance 2.30pm

### **New Caretaker Mr Jack Matthews**

We have appointed a new caretaker, Mr Jack Matthews who will be taking over from Mr Doran after the Christmas holidays. Mr Matthews is looking forward to his new role and has been working with Mr Doran last week and later this week.

### **Christmas Fair – Success**

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas fair which, again, was a great success! A profit of £1250 was made so thanks go to Anne Marie Whelan and committee and all the helpers who made the event such fun for all the family!

### **Choir Performance**

*Next Monday's singing club will perform at Warren Park for the residents and after school for parents from 3.45pm in the school hall.*

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Cinema and Party**

The children will be going to the Plaza cinema on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in the morning to watch Disney's Moana. They will have their own class party in the afternoon. Details to follow

**At the end of term House Team leader is St Andrew's House.**

### **Attendance Matters More than Ever!**

#### **05/12 – 09/12/16**

Well done to Mrs Claro's class for your attendances last week, ending 18/11/16. This is superb!

Ms Bowden Reception	92.4 %
Mrs Lennon Rec Year R 1L	83.4 %
Mrs Greaney Year 1G	96%
Mrs Claro Year 2C	99.1%
Miss Smith Year 2S	88.7%
Miss O'Sullivan Year 3O'S	94.6%
Mrs Sugden Year 3 / 4S	91.4%
Mrs Ashcroft Year 4A	96.3%
Mr Smith Year 5S	95.9%
Mrs Metcalfe	94.4 %
Mrs McAnespy Year 6	90%

Our whole school attendance data has been below national expectations for some time and this was discussed recently at a governors' meeting and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Sue Kendall will be writing to all parents to ask for your support in this area.

### **Punctuality**

Last week we had a visit from the education and welfare officer to look at our rates of pupil punctuality. Thank you for all your efforts to get the children into school on time.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Well done to all the children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Wednesday. Many thanks go to Fr John and visiting priests.*

### **School Football Cup and League**

#### **Result Echo Shield**

Well done to the team who beat Forefield 3-1 in the Echo Shield. They progress to the next round in the New Year.

### **End of Term Closure Date**

School closes on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016** at **1.30pm**. **Children will return to school after the Christmas holiday on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

### **We Pray for the Clinton Family**

A former member of staff, Kevin Clinton (Caretaker) passed away last week. He had worked at the school for over twenty six years so please keep his family in your prayers.

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**Kieran A Loftus Headteacher**

