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Dear Parents, Carers

Welcome to Mrs Sandra Fleming School Business Manager

Mrs Fleming has commenced a new post in school as Saint Edmund and Saint Thomas' School Business Manager since 1st March 2023. She brings much experience to the role and I know that our school community will make her very welcome and we look forward to a long and happy association over time.

Residential Success!

The Year 6 children had a great time at Robinwood, Wrexham after the half term holiday and I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs Metcalfe, Miss Hannah, Miss Sharrockwoods and Mrs Martin for giving up their time and ensuring that the trip was a great success!

Developing Technology

The school uprated broad band speeds over the half term with a DFE Connect the Classroom grant funded Project and increased interactive boards in small group intervention rooms. Amidst keeping a pace with the development of technology, you should all be receiving your monthly internet safety newsletters. The feedback has been very positive as these letters raise awareness to online games and access your children may have at home.

School Sport

The school is organising its third cross country meeting at Hillside School Stuart Road Playing Field today. Thanks to Ms Pritchard and Coach Rose for all their efforts in making these events such a success. Recently, they entered a team for Sefton in the regional heat of the National Cross-Country championships Well done to all our children who attended on a Saturday morning to compete at Sefton Park. Jimmy McGrory, Jessica Riley, Jessica Moss Roman Dalton, Jasmine Williams, Alicia Baranowska, Martha Ayton, Jayden Williams, Oliver Mills and Sammy O'Brien and special congratulations goes to Jimmy McGrory who has been selected to represent Merseyside in The National Finals at Loughborough!

Congratulations to the Y3 4 and Y5 Y6 dodgeball teams who have progressed to the Merseyside finals and will play these events in the next two weeks. Congratulations to the Y5 Y6 Indoor athletics team who will play in the Merseyside Finals on 29th March 2023.

Year 3 girls football team are participating in a triangular competition with St Johns and Waterloo Primary School this Friday.

Attendance Matters and so does Punctuality

Some children run the risk of losing an attendance mark if they arrive **after the register has closed** Our attendance policy is on the website so please do everything in your power to get the children in before the gates close. Please note that letters regarding punctuality and absence below 90% will be issued tomorrow.

Attendance for last week 6th March – 10th March

| Rec D | Rec P | Y1B | Y12G | 2M | Y3SW | Y34C | Y4C | Y5T | Y56 H | Y6 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 94.1% | 87.7% | 93.8% | 94.8% | 95.9% | 99.0% | 94.3% | 94.1% | 93.0% | 94.2% | 86.8% |

Parents' Meeting

The school will be setting a parents' meeting date for after the Easter break and a date will be sent out shortly. An annual report will also follow in July. We will be arranging a booking system over the next few days and ask that you consult diaries as we are booking a little way in advance.

Reminder Industrial Action

School closure of most classes on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. **Class 4C only** will remain open.

Welfare Staff

We are always keen to have a few welfare staff on a reserve list to cover for absences. If you are able to help out on a casual basis, please give your details to the school office. Thank you.

Reading at Home

You will be aware that we are continually persuading all children to read regularly at home. The impact of this is dramatic in school and many younger children really benefit from somebody willing to listen to them for ten or fifteen minutes. We appreciate that the end of the day is a busy time for families but we know that when time is set aside for this activity, the children make fantastic gains in school so please do all in your power to listen to children read. Thank you
WELL DONE TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO CONSISTENTLY ATTEND BREAKFAST READING CLUBS. YOU DESERVE YOUR SUCCESS!

Science Week Theme Connections

Mrs Greaney (Science Lead) has written to you regarding science week this week and the children will be researching a famous scientist amongst other home and school activities.

(Early Years Inventors), (Y1 and Y2 Authors), (Y3 and Y4 The Engineers) and (Y5 and Y6 The Architects)

The Inventors: How are we connected to the weather?

The Authors; From field to fork – learning about the journey of a vegetable. Investigating plants and animals in our local environment.

The Engineers: Nature Connections: exploring ecosystems

The Architects: How has technology changed the world?

Holiday Dates for 2023/2024

Please note that the holiday dates for next academic year will be published on the website this week. We do not authorise leave in term time.

Spring Term Finishes on Friday 31st March 2023 at the normal time of 3.05pm for Reception to Year 6 and 3.15pm in the Nursery

Coach Rose Sport Camp Easter Holiday

Week One Mon 3rd April 2023 -Friday 7th April Week Two Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th April 2023

Kieran A Loftus Headteacher

Alison Pritchard Deputy Headteacher

