



Newsletter

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Spring Term 2024

Welcome to the new families that have joined us at the start of this term! We hope that your children settle quickly into their new classes. For those who are returning after Christmas, I hope that you have had a good break and are ready for the new opportunities that lie ahead of us in 2024.

PTA Events 2024

Winter Bingo will take place this term. Please put the dates below into your diary.

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Wednesday 24th January 2024

Thursday 1st February 2024



The next PTA meeting will be held on Friday 26th January at 2.30pm at school. Come and share your ideas for the rest of the year.

Christmas Service

The children did a wonderful job leading our service at Holy Trinity last term. The modern script and catchy songs brought the Christmas story alive. The children's enthusiasm throughout the service was infectious!

Our next service will be during the last week in March where we will be celebrating Easter. I will confirm the date as soon as possible.



What's happening?

January

- 8th School opens for all children
- 10th Swimming begins for Y3 and Y4
- 16th Winter Bingo 3.20pm
- 22nd EYFS Reading Festival activity.
- 23rd KS2 Reading Festival - Alex Wharton
- 24th Winter Bingo 3.20pm
- 24th Reading Festival for KS1 - Hannah Maclennan
- 26th PTA Meeting 2.30pm
- 30th Reading Festival for Y3/4 - Natalie Denny

February

- 9th School closes for half term
- 19th School re-opens for all pupils.

March

- 7th Philharmonic Concert - Y4

Pupils in Y3 and Y4 will be going swimming this term. Please ensure that your child has everything they need to participate in lessons.



Details have been sent in a separate letter.

Reception Places for September 2024

The closing date for applications for children to start school in September 2024 is **Monday 15th January**. An application for a primary school place must be made for all children aged 4 by 31st August. Late applications cannot be submitted online.

Applications can be accessed on the link below:

[Apply for Reception and Secondary Year 7 - Liverpool City Council](#)



The Christian understanding of hope illustrates how trivial our everyday use of the word can be. We *hope* that it will not rain for the picnic or that the car will start!

At a deeper level, hope is a universal human phenomenon. People hope for peace in time of war, food in time of famine, justice in time of oppression. Where hope is lost there is despair and disintegration. Hope generates energy and sustains people through difficult times. For some people, hope is so strong that it inspires self-sacrifice to turn hope into reality.

True hope is much more than a general idea that things will get better. It is more than a belief in progress, which sees a world and people getting better all the time. There has been genuine progress: in technology, communications, medical care and the protection of people's rights through law. Nevertheless, terror and oppression, death and disease, greed and self-serving still govern the lives of millions.

Christian hope is grounded in the character of God. Often, in the Psalms, the writer says to God "My hope is in you." It is a hope rooted in the love and faithfulness to God. Hope is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon. It does not remove the need for 'waiting upon the Lord' but there is an underlying confidence that God is a 'strong rock' and one whose promises can be trusted. The writer to Hebrews describes Christian hope as 'an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.' Even when experiencing difficulties, the Biblical writers trust in God's unfailing love.

Matthew 12:21 All the world will find hope in His name.

Book Recommendation

Suitable for children 6+ years.

Pat the bat is bored. Everyone else is asleep, but Pat doesn't want to be like everyone else, he wants to stand out. He dreams of being as special as the superheroes in his favourite comics. He dreams of being... Superbat!



With some super sewing skills Pat makes himself a superhero outfit, complete with cape and mask, and is ready to take the world by storm. But what about his superpower? Figuring that out is much trickier. He certainly has some super special skills, but the problem is all the other bats have them too. What will it take to be a real superhero?

A bright, fun story about self-belief with striking graphics that pop from the page combine to make this a brilliant and heartwarming read.

Attendance and Punctuality December 2023

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
EYFS	87.5%	96.9%
Class 1	90.1%	94.2%
Class 2	90.5%	94.3%
Class 3	94%	94.3%
Class 4	92.6%	93%
Class 5	93.6%	96.2%
Class 6	90.4%	95%
School Average	91.2%	94.8%
National Average	93%	

The Government have maintained a high target of 97% for attendance this year. The National average is currently 93%. We currently have 21 pupils with 100% attendance and 60 pupils with 97% or above.

You will continue to receive the monthly notice of your child's current attendance. **This is for information only.** Mrs Brooksbank or the Educational Welfare Officer will get in touch with families where attendance is of some concern.

Punctuality for many children is excellent. Thank you to those parents who make the daily effort to bring their children to school on time! There has been further improvement on arriving on time for school. The children are enjoying the class prize of toast for winning the punctuality trophy on Fridays.

Congratulations to the winners for the Attendance and Prize Draw last term:

Attendance		Punctuality	
1 st Prize	George Howard	1 st Prize	Shariq Basheer Ahmed
2 nd Prize	Ali Choudhury	2 nd Prize	Emilia Thompson
3 rd Prize	Alexis Mukaila-Ramsden	3 rd Prize	Levi McMaster

Term Dates are available at the Welcome Desk and on the school website to ensure that holidays are not booked during term time. Fines will automatically be issued for families taking holidays in term time. This is a Local Authority policy.

CLUBS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Day	Club	Who can go?	Time	Staff Responsible
Monday	Pupil Leadership Group	Members	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Brooksbank
	Guitar Club	KS2	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Holland
Tuesday	Homework Club	Members	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Miss Vaughan
	Games Club	Y2	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Midgley
	Multi-Sports Club	Y3/4	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Woods
Friday	Mindfulness Club	Various	1pm - 1.30pm	Mrs Humes

Please collect your children promptly from the activities listed above. Thank you.

ASD Training for Parents

There is a training opportunity for any parent whose child has a diagnosis of ASD. The course will allow you to build your knowledge on autism and meet / share information with other parents. (All sessions need to be attended to complete the course).

Date: Wednesday 17th, 24th, 31st Jan and 7th Feb 2024

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Virtual / zoom

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below and we will forward a zoom invite via your email address. You can use a computer, tablet, or phone to access zoom.

Email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Autistic Spectrum Disorder training - Liverpool City Council](#)

Breakfast Club and School Dinners

It is really important that attendance at Breakfast Club is booked and paid for via the school App prior to attendance.

Similarly, if your child requires a paid dinner you must pay on the App prior to the day that the meal is required. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reading Festival

There will be some opportunities this term for children to meet authors virtually as a part of Liverpool's Reading Festival.

All year groups will participate in an age appropriate session exploring a new text with the author of the book.



More details can be found in 'what's happening'.

Looking after your Mental Health

In many ways, mental health is just like physical health: everybody has it and we need to take care of it. The video link below helps to explain how we can look after ourselves better.

<https://youtu.be/DxIDKZHW3-E>

Toddler Group

Toddler group **has moved from Fridays to Tuesdays** during term time. The time remains unaltered, 9am - 10.15am.



When you have dropped off your school aged children please take your little ones to the hall for an hour or so and enjoy some time with other parents whilst your children play.

Refreshments are available for both adults and children.

LIVERPOOL LITERACY CYCLE

2024 YEAR OF WRITING

Welcome and formal handover by
Lord Mayor Cllr Mary Rasmussen

1PM - 4PM

SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY

DISCOVER ROOM AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

WILLIAM BROWN STREET L3 8EW

KINGS & QUEENS COMPETITION BOOK LAUNCH
AUTHORS, WRITERS & PUBLISHERS STALLS
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PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q & A
WRITING COMPETITIONS
LITERACY PARTNERS
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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



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