



Welcome back... It's lovely to see the children back in school, looking so smart in their new uniforms and settling down to work quickly. Lots is already happening in school so keep watching the website & Twitter

Our Junior Mayor meets Royalty

Our very own Junior Lord Mayor, Freddie, joined Liverpool's Lord Mayor to welcome Prince William to the opening of the new trauma centre at Aintree Hospital last week.



Freddie has had a number of other important engagements during his term of office, including laying a wreath at the Merchant Navy Memorial Day Service and attending the Netherley Show.

The prince asked Freddie how he came to be Junior Lord Mayor – and Freddie was able to tell him it all started when he stood for School Councillor last year. See over for more on this year's School Council Elections!

Lego Club News

Fantastic news for our SENCO, Mrs. Gough, whose Thursday Lego Club has been shortlisted for a national award. Nasen (the national association for special educational needs) has honoured the club in the category 'Exceptional Parental Engagement'.

This is an amazing honour for the club, for Mrs. Gough and for the school and parent volunteers who have helped her run it since its start in 2016. The club is open to all pupils accompanied by parents and gives an opportunity for families to get to know one another and the school in a relaxed setting. Parents seeking advice or help also find it an easy way to drop-in and talk to Mrs. Gough or other school staff.

Mrs. Gough & Mrs. Molyneux are travelling to London in October for the awards ceremony – we wish them the best of luck!

Media Showcasing at Everton



Our outgoing school councillors were at Everton's People's Hub last week as part of the Everton in the Community (EiTC) Showcase. They met the new EiTC player ambassadors – Phil Jagielka, Leighton Baines, Michael Keane and Tom Davies – and took part in a multisports session with Michael, who said, "It was great to see them getting involved in not just football but lots of other sports." Great memories for the pupils involved too!

School Council

Years 2 to 6 are taking part in our annual school council elections at the moment. Nominations are in and speeches will be made to year-groups by the end of this week. Campaign Week follows, when candidates use their persuasive powers to gather support and posters/flyers/badges spring up all over school.

Voting takes place on Thursday 28th September, overseen by our returning officers, with the announcement of the new School Council on Friday 29th September.

Good luck to everyone who has been nominated. Not everyone can top the vote, but you are already a winner if you are willing to put yourself forward to be of service to your fellow pupils.

Save the date

End of half-term: 20th October

Parents Evening: 13th November

Reception Christmas Performances:
10am and 6pm 12th December

Y1 Christmas Performances:
10am and 6pm 13th December

Y2 Christmas Performances:
10am and 6pm 14th December

Whole School Christmas Cinema Trip:
18th December

Close for Christmas: 21st December

Start of spring term: 8th January

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School Attendance Target this year: 96%

Our school attendance last year was 95.2% - better than the previous year but still below national average. However, the vast majority of our pupils have excellent attendance – we have never given out so many 100% attendance awards. Thank you for your support! The two biggest areas we need to address to hit our attendance target are term-time holidays and persistent absenteeism.

Term-time holidays

Government guidance to schools is clear – headteachers can only authorise holidays during term-time in exceptional circumstances and parents will be fined for unauthorised holidays. We have tried to assist you for the third year running with the expense of holidays by offering a two-week break at the end of May (28th May to 8th June) when prices are much lower, particularly in the second week.

First-day Calls

We work to local authority safeguarding standards when dealing with unexplained absence. If we do not receive a call by 9.20am to report a child absent with a reason, we will try all numbers available to us to get in contact. If we are still unable to get in touch we will take further action to check the reason for absence.

If you are interested in seeing your child's attendance record or percentage at any time, please just ask at the office and we can provide this for you.