



## Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope you all had a rested and enjoyable half term. It has been an exciting start to the half term already. Lots of clubs have started back this week and it has been so lovely to see so many children enjoying these extra-curricular activities. Next week we have a Northway Dance Off on Monday where classes will be showcasing a dance routine, they have been practising, to their partner classes. Keep an eye on the school website next week for videos and photographs of the event.

## Christmas

With Christmas around the corner, we are already planning. The Christmas performances are one aspect of our usual Christmas activities. As you can appreciate these take a lot of time to plan and organise so we have had to already consider how we might showcase them this year. With cases rising and us not wanting to risk bringing so many families together to share them, we will be filming a whole school performance and will share this on the school website like last year. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to share their creative talents and enjoy performing together. We hope you enjoy watching it with your family and will share details when it is available online so you can arrange your own family premieré as a wonderful start to your festive period. This is just one of the many Christmas activities staff are planning to celebrate so keep an eye on the class pages on the website throughout December for photos of the fun.



We will be taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from England from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. It's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com).

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7:30AM GMT and 7:30PM GMT on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on a given day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours - some will play more, some will play less.

## PARKING

There have been numerous complaints from residents and parents recently about the dangerous parking after school to collect children. It has been reported to us that twice this week, the crossing patrol lady has nearly been crushed by cars trying to park too close together. We have also been sent photographs of cars blocking driveways. We know we are limited for space for parking when collecting but parking unsafely or restricting driveways is NOT acceptable. It is going to cause an accident and could seriously harm a member of our community. We have contacted Sefton traffic wardens to help us monitor this. Failing that, we will need to call the police to deal with situations. Please help us to keep everyone safe by considering where and how you are parking.

## Doodle Webinars

DoodleLearning are hosting free 20-minute parent webinars to help you get the most out of your child's Doodle subscription!

These are being run on **Tuesdays at 8pm on the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th November, and 10am on the 23rd November.** In the webinars, you'll learn:

- How Doodle works
- What the programmes look like from a child's perspective
- How to use the Parent Dashboard and DoodleConnect to motivate your child
  - How to get help with anything Doodle related

Please visit [doodlelearning.com/parent-webinars](https://doodlelearning.com/parent-webinars) to find out more about the topics of upcoming sessions and to join the webinars.



**Happy Bonfire Night!**

**Whatever you may be doing,  
please stay safe and enjoy  
fireworks at a safe distance.**

**Have a lovely weekend!**

