



Northway News

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CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

96.9% What a GREAT start!

BEST INFANT CLASSES

99.8% - Y1 Miss Veney

BEST JUNIOR CLASS

100% - Y3 Miss Stupples

It's GREAT to be back!

It has been a fabulous start to this school year- how lovely to see the children back together with their friends and settling into their new classes. Thank-you to everyone who could make the Meet the Teacher mornings. We hope you found them useful and have a greater insight into the expectations for the coming year and how you can best support your child. We have been immersed in an Art project since returning called Food, Glorious Food! The work that has been produced is incredible and we look forward to showcasing it next Monday 16th September from 3.20pm in the Infant Hall. If you aren't able to attend, please check the school website for photographs. Huge thanks for Mrs Crellin (our Art lead) for organising this!

ATTENDANCE

We would like to remind you how vitally important good attendance is, which should be 96% and above. We know illness cannot be helped and we appreciate that. However, term time holidays impact greatly on children's education. They miss great chunks in their learning and then have to try and catch up on their return. Term time holidays are not allowed and will not be authorised. The updated Attendance Policy is available on the school website. It is Sefton's policy that absences will be referred for penalty notices depending on the length of time a child is absent from school. We consistently follow this policy so it is fair to all. We appreciate your support in helping your child to be in school as much as possible. Thank-you to all supporting the new start time as well - this has had such a positive effect on bringing all the children in at the same time to start their day. See you next week on time for quarter to nine!

PACKED LUNCHES

There have been a number of children bringing whole grapes in their packed lunch or for snack. It is fabulous to see the children with healthy options but please ensure you cut the grapes in half as they are a huge choking risk if eaten whole.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 16th Sept @ 3.20pm: Y1-6 Art Gallery (Infant Hall)

Tues 17th Sept @ 9am: Phonics workshop for Reception parents

Thurs 26th Sept: Open Day

Wed 2nd Oct: Individ. & sibling photographs for Rec-Y6 (Nurs in Jan)

Thurs 3rd Oct: American Dinner Day

Fri 18th Oct: Alder Hey PJ Day

Thurs 24th Oct: Finish for Half Term (**Fri 25th Oct:** INSET Day)

Mon 4th Nov: School reopens

Wed 13th Nov: Parents' Evening
School close: 1:30pm
After Sch Club close: 4pm



Y6 Team Captains

Our new Y6s have made an EXCELLENT start to life as our eldest pupils. We are so proud of all they have done already in their new roles as prefects and we enjoyed celebrating them by presenting their badges in assembly today.

Well done also to our new Team Captains for this year-

Aspiration - Stanley S and Elsie P

Courage - Matthew M and Georgia M

Honesty - Matthew C and Jessica C

Perseverance - Ted F and Sophia G

Resilience - William W and Alexa K

Click on our QR code to find out what has been happening each week in our curriculum.



Breakfast Club

From next Monday 16th September, Breakfast Club will be open at 7.40am. This is now in line with us offering Breakfast Club for one hour before children go into class. The last breakfast is served at 8.15am. The last entry for Breakfast Club will now be 8.25am.

School American Dinner Day

On Thursday 3rd October, the school kitchen are having an American day. Burgers and hot dogs will be on the menu. Please use School Grid if you wish to book your child in for this.

New Year, New School Rules

We have started the new school year with a reminder of our school rules and in assemblies each week we have been thinking in more depth about what each rule means and why it is important. **Our school rules are BE PREPARED, BE SAFE and BE RESPECTFUL.** We want children to become independent, resilient citizens who have the strategies to support their own mental and physical wellbeing and the strength and capacity to resolve conflict. Our work in school supports children to develop these skills and at Meet the Teacher this week, we enjoyed sharing the part that our Restorative Relational work has to play in this.

OPEN DAY

On Thursday 26th September, we are holding an Open Day for prospective pupils. It is a great opportunity to see the school in action for parents considering Northway Nursery or for Reception. We have tours available throughout the day at 11am, 2pm, 5.15pm and 6pm. If you would like to book a place on a tour, please contact the school office. Please share this with families or in the wider community.

Secondary School Admissions

A letter from Sefton Admissions has been emailed today to all Y6 parents and carers regarding applying for a secondary school place for next September 2025 by 31st October.

If you are wishing to apply for a secondary school in the Sefton area, please use the following link to complete the online application- [School Admissions | Sefton Council](#)

If you are wishing to apply for a secondary school in the Knowsley area, please use the following link to complete the online application- [Apply for a school place | Knowsley Council](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities

There was a fantastic amount offered by staff last year to enrich the curriculum and children's lives further through our extra-curricular clubs. We have planned this year out already to ensure all year groups will be offered clubs at some point. Again this year, the clubs offered by members of staff will mainly be free of charge. For certain clubs, there may be a slight charge for materials if required.

Sefton Parents and Carers Coffee Morning

We are pleased to announce we are beginning regular coffee mornings, in collaboration with Sefton Parent Carer Forum (SPCF).

Our COPVA team (Child On Parent Violence and Abuse) are working with SPCF to ensure that our parents and carers have a safe space to meet, chat and receive peer to peer support, without feeling judged, guilty or any of the other tumultuous emotions. Although any emotions are welcome in this space, parent carers can choose to be as involved or uninvolved as they feel comfortable.

The first coffee morning is taking place on 2nd October in SPCF's hub, Cambridge Family Wellbeing Hub, Cambridge Road, Bootle. 9:30am - 11:00am.

FAMILY SUPPORT INFORMATION

School Safeguarding Team: Mrs McKenzie, Mrs McGhee & Mrs Harrison. Please arrange a meeting via the school office, if you require support.

Maghull Food Bank: Based at St. Georges United Reformed Church, Northway, Maghull. Open Tuesdays 10am-12pm. No vouchers needed.

CAMHS Crisis Care Team: 0151 293 3577 or Freephone 0808 196 3550. This team offers 24 hour support to children and young people (under 18) who are in mental health crisis in Liverpool or Sefton.

Domestic Abuse support: SWACCA - www.swacca.com for women, young people and children throughout Sefton

Mental Health Support for Men: Sean's Place in Sefton and Liverpool www.seansplace.org.uk

Mental Health Support: MIND - www.mind.org.uk

Mental Health support for young people: Young minds www.youngminds.org.uk