



# Phenomenal PTFA

What a glorious day it was last Sunday when we organised our first summer Party in the Park event since before the pandemic in 2019. Despite some spots of rain, we were drenched in amazing sunshine for most of the day and we all had a great time.

Obviously, it goes without saying, that we are incredibly indebted to all our PTFA parents who have conducted meetings on a monthly basis since February to arrange, organise and co-ordinate this event. Under the calm leadership of Mrs Kathryn Harrison, the team worked tirelessly to make this event special. And special it was.

My gratitude to all the staff who attended and helped to run stalls and organise the choirs and to the masses of parents and friends of the school who attended. It was a fantastic turnout and it was brilliant listening to the children sing, playing football, bouncing on the inflatable assault course, splatting the rat, making slime, eating, drinking and...making sure Mr Beech was drenched in water and sponges all day. A great effort from Mr Beech!

As a result of all the hard work that was done to make this a success, the net profit was a staggering £2,148. This is way beyond our expectations for this first event and we owe everyone who contributed to this a lot of gratitude. Our next task will be to use this for the benefit of all the children and we will report back to parents as to how this money has been used. Thank you all once again.

## Year 6 World Cup Rugby League Festival

Well done to the 12 boys and girls who came 5th out of 10 teams competing in this warm-up to the World Cup coming to our shores very soon. We scored some great tries, defended well, behaved like true sportspeople and enjoyed a free ice-cream at lunchtime! A really enjoyable experience with our Year 6s flying the flag for St Mary's.

## Transitions

Well done to our Year 6 boys and girls who have spent a whole week at Hope Academy finding out who their new teachers are going to be, having a taster of their facilities and making new friendships. In addition to this, it was great to see so many new families and children enjoy their morning at the infants this week as well. We are really looking forward to the new academic year. Unfortunately, due to some junior staff being struck down with Covid, we were unable to have the 'in school' transitions this week and it is our intention to have some transitions next week but it will depend on staffing levels. We will keep you informed of any developments.

Finally, Year 6 SATs will be shared with the children next week and I will say more about that in the newsletter next Friday. In the meantime, enjoy a hot and sunny weekend.



# Dates for your Diary 2022

**Tues 12th July** - AM Year 1 prize-giving at 9.15am parents welcome.

**Wednesday 13th July** - Nursery prize-giving and Graduation assembly at 9.15am parents welcome.

**Thurs 14th July** - Reception prize-giving celebration at 9.15am parents welcome.

**Tuesday 19th July** - Year 2 leavers assembly & prize-giving at 1.30pm parents welcome.

**Tuesday 19th July** — Nursery last day

**Wednesday 20th July**— School closes 3.15pm (Infants) 3:30pm (Juniors) for summer holidays

**Monday 5th September**— School re-opens 8.40am

Funded by the Department for Education, our FREE holiday activities and food (HAF) programme was a huge success last summer, providing healthy food and enriching activities for primary and secondary school-aged children eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Dates for upcoming HAF events are 25 July 2022 to 26 August 2022

Is my child eligible?

The HAF programme is primarily for children aged 4-18 years who are eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. Children who are in receipt of a support plan or on a EHCP are also eligible for the HAF programme.

Please note that not all activity providers will be able to accommodate the full age range of the programme. Please check with the provider what age group is appropriate to their activity.

How do we access the programme?

To access the programme, simply book a place through one of the providers we list. Please note that booking details differ depending on each provider.

How do I know my children are in a COVID-secure provision?

COVID risk assessments for all HAF activities have been completed and quality assured. These will continue to be updated as national and local government guidance changes. We also have contingency plans in place to deliver activities through alternative venues or formats in the unlikely event that they cannot operate safely.

Do you have provision for children with SEND?

We have SEND specific and SEND accessible activities for children across the programme. Look out for this key guide:

**SS - SEND Specific:** solely for children and young people with SEND and their families.

**S - SEND Friendly:** venue or event where providers have general SEND awareness and small adjustments can be made.

**SA - SEND Accessible:** physically accessible venue or event.

**F - Family Friendly:** accessible for all families.



## Whole School Leavers' Mass

Next Friday, 15th July, all children from Y2-6 will be attending 10.00am Mass to celebrate Y6's time with us at St Mary's.

Families, particularly of Year 6 children, are very welcome to attend.

Children will be walking to church on Friday morning so will possibly need a raincoat.

# Year 5 at Knowsley Safari Park

After arriving at school on Monday, we packed up our survival kits (lunch and water) and made our way to start our Safari at Knowsley Safari Park. We knew we had arrived as we entered the Birds of Prey, which we saw more of later. Continuing our foot safari, we walked past a mob of meerkats (yes! They are called a mob) and were amazed by giraffes which towered over us. We were restless though; we were on the 'Tiger Trail'. Some lucky children caught a glimpse of an Amur tiger hidden in the trees. We were fortunate enough to watch the Sealion display where we learned the difference between sealions and seals as well as watching them perform some amazing tricks. We revisited the Birds of Prey to watch them show off their flying prowess, however it was 'Steve' the vulture who stole the show!

We returned to the bus to visit more amazing animals on the Safari drive. We got to see rhino, the newly arrived zebras, yaks, moose, and a close-up encounter with the lions. Needless to say, having spent all day exploring, we were exhausted and a well-deserved snooze on the bus back to school was embraced by some.



## Millionaires' Tea Party

This year's Junior School reading millionaires were invited to a tea party on Wednesday afternoon, along with their family members. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's success. Mrs Whitfield would like to thank all who attended the event and school would like to thank Mrs Whitfield for organising the event.



## Y6 leavers' events

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| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July    | 10.00am               | Whole School Leavers' Mass in Ss Mary and John Church.                    | Families welcome.                                 |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July    | 2.30pm                | Y6 performance of 'The Wizard of Oz'                                      | Tickets available soon                            |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July    | 6.30pm                | Y6 performance of 'The Wizard of Oz'                                      | Tickets available soon.<br>2 per child initially. |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July   | 6.00pm<br>–<br>7.30pm | Leavers' party. Children are to be dropped off and collected by an adult. |   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July | 9.30am                | Leavers' assembly in the school hall.                                     | Families welcome.<br>2 adults per child ini-      |



A massive thank you for all your support, and a huge thank you to all our volunteers for making the Summer Social a success. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

**You raised a fantastic £2148.06 for our school!**

It was so good to see everybody face to face again and we can't wait for our next event in September - PTFA Welcome BBQ - look out for the date coming soon.



Father Benedict and Mrs Bryant, our parish catechist, would like to thank all parents and carers who attended Tuesday's welcome meeting for With You Always.

If you missed this meeting and would like your child to receive Holy Communion next year, please speak to Father.



Thank you to all the Junior school children who helped out at the Summer Social on Sunday.



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AT ST HELENS LIBRARIES

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Challenge is 'Gadgeteers' encouraging children to discover the amazing science and innovation all around us!

The Summer Reading Challenge arrives in St Helens Libraries this July and encourages children aged 4-11 to challenge themselves to read 6 books over the summer, collecting stickers along the way. Children who complete the challenge will be awarded a special 'Gadgeteers' certificate.

Children can join the Summer Reading Challenge this summer with their St Helens Library card. Just visit your local library for more information.

Keep up to date with what's happening in your local library by visiting St Helens Library Service website [www.sthelens.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/libraries)

or by following St Helens Library Service on social media:

Facebook: St Helens Libraries

Twitter: @STHLibraries Instagram: sthlibrariesandarts



### Mini First Aid Course

Year 2 had a great morning learning some basic first aid. They all received a certificate and a booklet to complete to help remind them of the first aid training they have learnt. Next week Nursery, Reception & Y1 will have their training.



**ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY AND GET THE  
CHILDREN'S UNIFORM EARLY**



**FREE Uniform giveaway.**

Business For Youth are working with Rebuild with Hope, to give some new and used school uniform, to those that may need a little help.

**No questions asked.**



**SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY**

We shall be open to N Le W residents on

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**At**



**CROSS LANE UNITED REFORM CHURCH**

**Cross Lane, Earlestown.**

**From 9.30 am -4 pm**

**You do need to be resident in N LE W**



**SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY**



**Together we can help each other**





The DfE SEND Review Green Paper is currently out for consultation. This is a really important paper that will lead to major changes in how children and young people with SEND are supported by local Education, Health and Social Care services.

Anyone can take part and submit their individual views. The deadline is 11.45pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and this can be done online. The link below will take you to the Green Paper and the link to the website for the consultation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-review-right-support-right-place-right-time>

As your Parent Carer Forum, we want to give you the opportunity to come together, find out more and then we will submit a collective response.

We are holding 2 sessions, a daytime and an evening on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at  
@ The Carers Clubhouse, 18 Cotham Street,  
St Helens, Merseyside, WA10 1SJ (opposite Town Hall).

AM Session – 9.30-12.00  
PM Session – 18.00-20.00

To book your place, please email [Lesleebasaga@sthelenscarers.org.uk](mailto:Lesleebasaga@sthelenscarers.org.uk) stating which session you would like to attend.

Look forward to seeing you then.



# STARS OF THE WEEK AND BEE AWARDS

|                | Star of the Week | Kindness Award |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Nursery</b> | Elliot           | Ted            |
| <b>RM</b>      | Malwina          | Hardy          |
| <b>RB</b>      | Hailie           | Lilyann        |
| <b>Y1B</b>     | Igor             | Matthew        |
| <b>Y1G</b>     | Joey             | Oliver         |
| <b>Y2M</b>     | Phoebe           | Thomas         |
| <b>Y2T</b>     | Norah            | Rosa– Maria    |
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|             | Star of the week | Bee Award       |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Y3R</b>  | Matty            | Rosie           |
| <b>Y3L</b>  | Arabella         | Fraser          |
| <b>Y4F</b>  | Matilda          | Jacob           |
| <b>Y4M</b>  | William          | Sonny           |
| <b>Y5R</b>  | Lily C           | Elijah          |
| <b>Y5HM</b> | Charlie          | Ethan           |
| <b>Y6W</b>  | Darcey           | All non Transi- |
| <b>Y6D</b>  | Darcey           | All non Transi- |

## Respect & Manners Award

**Infants: Oliver L**

**Juniors: Paulina & Lily C**

