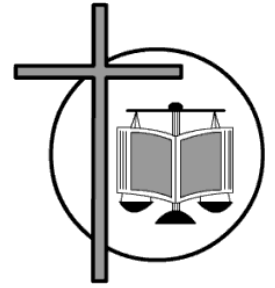


# ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

*"we walk, learn, love and smile together with Jesus"*

NEWSLETTER 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,



## Attendance

Well done Elm and Ash classes in Y1 for achieving 97%+ attendance over the last two weeks! The children in those classes enjoyed some lovely activities! For the children who achieved 100% attendance – well done! Extra rewards for you too!

Unfortunately, there were only two classes who achieved excellent attendance. Let's have a push and get everyone in school for the last two weeks!

## Sports Day Dates

The children have had lots of fun this week with their Sports Days! I think we have got future Olympians at St Francis de Sales! Don't forget to check out Seesaw for lots of pictures.



## **Lotions and Potions**

Reception have been enjoying making lotions and potions this week with our lovely massage lady, Sarah. I am sure you will all be enjoying a hand massage with these gorgeous creams!

## **Support during the Summer Holidays**

As we know, the Summer holidays can seem a very long time for parents and can also prove to be expensive with activities and days out planned. Please see the letter that has been posted on our Website and Parents' App regarding the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme that is being delivered across Liverpool.

The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children.

Children will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the summer holidays, including specific provisions available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills.

To find out where your nearest scheme is please visit [www.merseyplay.com](http://www.merseyplay.com)

## **Covid**

### **Key messages from Liverpool City Council**

Cases of COVID-19 are continuing to rise in the city and the Delta variant is spreading faster than the previous variant. Although good progress is being made with the vaccination programme, the number of children having to isolate is growing.

On average there have been 50 cases per day over the last 7 days. This compares to our highest point (7 day average) of 36 per day in October 2020. We currently have over 6000+ students and school staff isolating in the city. Because of this, schools have been asked to apply additional COVID-19 safety measures which may sadly disrupt end of year events. But it is really important we all adhere to the guidance and additional measures to reduce risk and return to normal as soon as possible.

Schools and families are doing a great job – we are really grateful for all your hard work in creating COVID-19 safe environments and supporting home learning. It is important for us to reduce transmission of the virus and help lower the number of pupil and staff absences from schools.

We can all help by doing the following:

- It's important you and your family get tested regularly – secondary school children should get tested twice weekly at schools (or at home if not school) or as recommended by public health.
- Testing should always be supervised by an adult and in line with manufacturer's instructions.
- When children are asked to isolate by schools they must stay at home and not mix with anyone outside their usual household bubble – this includes children from their school class.
- If you develop any of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms (see below) get a PCR test and let the school know asap – the whole household must isolate.
- Get vaccinated - you can get the vaccine if you're aged 18 and over.
- Face coverings are necessary in secondary schools to reduce the risk of transmission and should be worn unless someone is medically exempt. Although face coverings help reduce the spread of infection - in a non-clinical setting wearing one does not exclude someone from needing to isolate if they are a direct or close contact of a confirmed case.
- Social distancing is still essential for parents and visitors arriving at schools, even if you're wearing a face covering.
- If you have been told by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate because you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has, you may qualify for a payment. You need to be employed or self-employed and in receipt of certain benefits, or on a low income. Visit: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/communities-and-safety/emergency-planning/coronavirus/help-for-people-and-communities/benefits-advice-and-support/test-and-trace-support-payment/> or call 0800 169 3032 to find out what support is available.

## **Testing Advice**

***Please don't guess, get a test!***

*If you have any **MAIN SYMPTOMS** of COVID-19, such as a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss or change to your sense of smell or taste stay at home and book a **PCR test**.*

*You need to isolate until you know the result. Book at [\*\*www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test\*\*](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call 119. You can also order tests to be delivered to your home.*

*If you feel unwell, or have **ANY OTHER SYMPTOM** such as a headache, stuffed or runny nose, tiredness or weakness, aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhoea or nausea, you need to take a rapid **home LFT**.*

*If the result is positive, then book a PCR test and stay at home until you know the result.*

*If you do need to isolate after a positive test, remember support is available – visit [\*\*www.liverpool.gov.uk/coronavirus\*\*](https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/coronavirus) for details.*

*If you have **NO SYMPTOMS** you should still get tested twice a week. You can collect rapid home LFTs from your local pharmacy or order them online. You can also visit community test sites or attend one of the mobile testing vehicles. There is no need to book an appointment.*

*Visit [\*\*www.liverpool.gov.uk/smarttesting\*\*](https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/smarttesting) or call 119 for details.*

## **Lunches**

We are now working with Food For Thought to provide nutritional and tasty lunches for the children. There have been some teething problems today and not all of the children who requested Fishy Friday received this meal. Apologies, we are working on the problem and will sort this out.

## **Uniform**

If you have any spare uniform at home that is still in good condition, and would like to donate it to school, please bring it in next week in a plastic bag. If we have enough donations, we will organise a Uniform Stall on the playground after school next week.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend everyone.

*L Melia*

Headteacher