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# St. Joseph's Newsletter

FRIDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

## Mass Times

St Agnes: Saturday – 5.30 pm Wednesday – 7.30 pm  
Sunday - 11.00 am  
St Aidan's: Sunday – 9.30 am

**BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE**  
*Year 3 have had the best attendance this week. Well done Year 3!!!*

## RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

Children from our Reception Class will be leading an assembly about their Come and See topic “Pentecost” (good news) on **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at 9.10 a.m.** Parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to join us.

## YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Children in Year 3 will be swimming at Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park for two weeks from:-  
**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June until Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June.**  
**The children will not go swimming on a Friday.**

## ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

From **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May** until **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**, children who arrive in school, on time each day will receive a raffle ticket. Prizes will be given out in assembly on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May.  
**Remember, you have got to be in to win!!!**

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Group	Percentages
Whole School	96.47%
Reception	96.67%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2	92.67%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	95.52%
Year 6	98.46%

The table above shows the weekly attendance for all classes. Attendance for all children, for each class and for our school should be over 96%.

## CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Children from Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in an inter-school cricket competition on **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.** Good luck children!!!!

## YEAR 6 SATs TESTS

There was a lovely letter read out on ITV some years ago regarding the Year 6 SATs and about how they are important, but only tell us about a small amount of what our children are capable of. I would like to share this letter with you again. I have changed it slightly to fit with our context, as we believe that our children are measured in more ways than just testing and that we are proud of all that they have become.

This week you had your SATs tests for maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation. We know how hard you have worked, but there is something very important you must know:

The SATs tests do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you enjoy sports or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy. They do not know that you wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best.

The scores you will get from these tests will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart!! Always remember that there is no way to ‘test’ all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, **YOU!!**

*“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all” Aristotle*

## GOODBYE MISS GARRETT

Miss Garrett will be leaving us today to take up a new post. Thank you for all your support during the past 10 years. Good luck for the future!!!! Please keep in touch.

## HALF TERM

School Closes for half term on:-  
**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2:15 p.m.**

School re-opens after the break on:-  
**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at 8:50 a.m.**

Any holidays taken outside of school time will be unauthorised and are likely to lead to a fixed penalty fine being given by Knowsley Council officers.