

***Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God.***  
***Value for this half term: hope***  
***‘The Lord takes delight in those who honour Him; who put their hope in his unfailing love’***  
***Psalm 147***

**Mental Health Nurse**



We are really pleased to have a mental health nurse who now works with our school for some hours each week. She would like to introduce herself to parents:

*My name is Emma Stewart and I am an Educational Mental Health Practitioner as part of the St. Helens Mental Health Support Team. I will be working within your child’s school to support good mental health and wellbeing for all young people, inline with the Government Green paper ‘Transforming Children and Young People’s Mental Health Provision’ (2017). Our aim is to promote good mental health, support teachers, pupils, and parents with any specific needs, teach tools and skills, offer resources and advice, and embed a positive attitude and ethos towards mental health within the schools that I support. I have a background in Primary teaching and taught for many*

*years through KS1 and Early Years in the St. Helens Local Authority, which led to my interest and passion for supporting young people with their wellbeing and holistic development.*  
*I have two children of my own and a Labrador, all of whom keep me busy in my spare time. We love to spend our time walking, exploring new places and having family days out adventuring.*  
*I look forward to meeting you and hopefully being able to help or support if needed in the future!*

**Attendance – January 2023**

Reception	98.7%
Y1	97.13%
Y2	96.37%
Y3	98.02%
Y4	95.71%
Y5	96.79%
Y6	97.63%

*Well done to Reception for best attendance in January*

*Well done to Y3, Y6 and Y1 for achieving our school target of 97%*

**Children’s Mental Health Week  
w/c 06/02/2023**

We will be celebrating Children’s Mental Health Week on 9<sup>th</sup> February with a Wellbeing Day. There will be lots of fun activities on the day.

**09/02/2023 LDST WELLBEING DAY**

- LET YOURSELF GROW**: We will be developing our green areas around our schools by planting new bulbs and plants in our grounds.
- ESCAPE ROOM**: We will be taking part in an escape room! Do you have what it takes to break free?
- VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM**: We will be taking part in an escape room! Do you have what it takes to break free?
- HEALTHY FOOD**: We will be looking into how healthy our foods are. Eating healthy foods will give you lots more energy than junk food will and it is very good for your body.
- YOGA TIME**: When we exercise, our body gives out a hormone called endorphins, giving us the feeling of joy. Do you think yoga would help you relax?
- WIGAN WARRIORS**: Wigan Warriors logo.
- SPREAD KINDNESS**: Can you spread some kindness to those around you? Try sharing a positive affirmation with someone.
- WEAR YELLOW**: Wear yellow and spread some happiness throughout the day!

**Pupil Leadership Teams**

Pupil Leadership Teams are an exciting new venture for us. All KS2 children will have the opportunity to make a difference in the school or community through joining one of our teams. Before half term, we will introduce the teams to the children and they will apply for the ones they would like. They will be given three choices and we will do our best to listen to their wishes. More information will be coming shortly.

### Class Worship

Well done to C8 who led a class worship and invited their parents recently.

Each class will lead a class worship this year in the hall and parents/carers are invited. These will start at 3pm.

Class	Date	Value
C7	3.2.23	Hope
C6	24.02.23	Forgiveness
C5	3.3.23	Forgiveness
C4	24.3.23	Forgiveness
C3	28.04.23	Justice
C2	12.05.23	Justice
Raindrops	19.05.23	Love
C9	26.05.23	Peace
C10	16.06.23	Peace

### F.O.R.C.E.S.

#### Pancake flip

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### Mother's Day Shop

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

More information to follow...

### World Book Day

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Children are welcome to come in their own clothes or dressed as book character.

In English we will be exploring a book and doing activities based on it during the day.

### Red Nose Day

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Children will be able to wear a 'red nose' to school and bring a joke to school. If you would like to donate to the Red Nose Appeal please send in £1 to class on that day.

### Parents Meeting

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

We will be posting parent evening slots on School Spider on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please book the slots you would like. This will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6pm.

### Parent Questionnaire

There will be a School Spider survey to gather our parent views during the week of parents evenings. We hope as many parents as possible will share their views with us.

### Parents' Code of Conduct and Internet Acceptable Use Policies

The LDST Code of Conduct for Parents is available on the website. Please find a link [here](#).

Children will be asked to sign the LDST Acceptable Use Policy appropriate for their age group in class. This gives rules for using the internet safely in school. You can find links here for your information:

[KS1 children](#)

[KS2 children](#)

### Polite Reminder

Could parents please contact the School Office if their child is absent rather than sending a dojo to teachers.

Many thanks

### Road Markings on Linear Bank Close

The council have informed the school that there will be road markings placed on Linear Bank Close. These will be in the form of double yellow lines. There will be very limited parking available for parents who currently use the close to park to drop off and pick up. This should be happening shortly. Please be thinking about parking arrangements that you can use. The church has offered us the church car park which is down the side of the Golden Lion pub.

### Safer Internet Day

Our children will be enjoying activities while learning about online safety during Safer Internet Day on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### Young Voices

The choir had a wonderful time at the Manchester Arena on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. We took over thirty children to join a choir of over eight thousand children from across the North West. The children were amazed by being part of such a vast choir, impressed with the disco ball and the performance by the violinist. "It was magical and made everyone feel included and free." (*Poppy C6*), "It was very inspirational." (*Lucy C6*) "It was amazing", (*Libby C9*) Thanks to Mrs Cornthwaite, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Rhodes who took the children.

## Upcoming Dates

**1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Strike Day**

School open for C7, 10 and  
Raindrops

**2-3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Y2 visit to Burwardsley

**9<sup>th</sup> February**

Wellbeing Day

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>  
February**

Parents Evenings

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

School closes for half term  
holidays

**Monday 20<sup>st</sup> February**

School closed for INSET

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**School opens**

**Pancake Flip**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Possible strike day - tbc

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Y5/6 Trip to Catalyst Museum  
(more information to follow)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

World Book Day

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Women Who Changed the World  
Day

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 6 Easter Experience at All  
Saints Church

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Possible strike days - tbc

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Mother's Day Shop  
Red Nose Day

**W/c 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Easter Egg Displays can be  
brought into school

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am**

Y5 Easter Performance

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Easter Bonnet Parade  
School Closes for Spring holidays  
2.30pm