

Learning and growing together, to achieve our best, in the love of God.

Note from Mrs Richardson

As I reflect on all that we have achieved this year and how hard the children, staff, parents and members of the church have worked, I am thankful and awed by what a special school this is. The Summer Gala was fantastic – such an incredible sense of community and joy. I do think we have the best PTA in the country! The church continues to bless us with thoughtful events that help deepen our children’s understanding of faith. I know how hard the staff have worked this year on behalf of the children and the extra time they put in for events at the weekend and evenings and I am grateful for such a fantastic team.

I am really looking forward to the Street Art Exhibition on today. I have been so impressed with the lovely pieces of art that the children have made. I am sure you will all find your child’s picture something to treasure.

Year Six have been busy practising their play which sounds fantastic so far and I am really looking forward to seeing the result of all their hard work.

We are so proud of our sporting achievements this year. Just in the last few weeks we have had teams in football, athletics and swimming representing St Helens in the Merseyside Games. WOW! Well done everyone.

Staff Changes

Some sadder news: we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kelsey who is retiring at the end of this term. She has been a treasured member of staff. I know she has taught many of the children and her positivity (including her famous laugh), warmth and dedication to the children (and families) have been at the heart of our community over the years. This year she has led the music and the choir has really developed under her guidance. She will be sorely missed by our whole school community. Hopefully, we will still get to see her sometimes!

We also say goodbye to two other members of staff who come to the end of their contracts: Miss Owens (C8/9) and Miss Wensley. They have played a full part in the school community during their time here and we wish them well with their plans for the future

Raindrops: the leadership structure has been changed to reflect the journey of the Preschool from a separate entity to it becoming a genuine part of the school. It really feels that Raindrops is our first class and that will continue to develop even more with the new structure in place. Raindrops will be led by the EYFS leader in school to ensure an even better

transition between nursery and Reception.

However, this means we will be losing Mrs Leyland who has been the Learning Manager over the past five years. She has been a key part of the success of Raindrops since its opening in 2014 and has worked hard to ensure that the children who have passed through it have thrived in a friendly, caring and stimulating environment. She leaves with our gratitude and best wishes. *Mrs Richardson*

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

Summer Gala Day



The sun shone on our gala this year and we had tremendous support from families and the community. The F.O.R.C.E.S. team raised a brilliant £1500!

New School Report Reminder

We have designed a lovely school report format that we really think you are going to like. However, some parents have not responded to school requests for photograph permission. If you have not sent the slip in, please do so by Friday. **Photos will not be added after reports have been sent home.** The photograph permission letter will be sent for the last time by email with this newsletter.

Our value for this half term:

Peace

CLASS ORGANISATION AND CURRICULUM PLAN 2019-20

Classes

Reception: Mrs McVey
C3 (Y1): Miss Dolan
C4 (Y1/2): Mrs Hannan (nee Johnson)
C5 (Y2): Mrs Leeming
C6 (Y3): Mrs Roby (nee. Dearden)
C7 (Y3/4): Mrs Cornthwaite/Mrs Shawcross
C8 (Y4/5): Mrs Bradshaw
C9 (Y5/6): Miss Marsh
C10 (Y6): Mrs Rigby/Ms Fox

Maths and English teaching arrangements

Some year groups (Y2, Y5 and Y6) will be taught maths and English in sets:

Year 2 : Some Y2 children will go to Mrs Leeming and some to Mrs Hannan.

Year 5 : Y5 children will be taught together with 3 members of staff to support the larger Y5 set.

Year 6 in C9 and C10: Y6 children will be put into two different sets for mathematics and English and Mrs Rigby and Ms Fox will each take one of the sets.

Changes to curriculum planning

To adjust to the new Y4/5 class, we have redesigned aspects of the curriculum to ensure continuity for children. Junior children will generally be taught the same topics/themes but will be taught skills and knowledge appropriate to their age to make sure all children make good progress. This means for example that all Junior children will begin the year learning about the Mayans but will receive input and activities appropriate to their age and development.

Music

We have employed the services of a dedicated music teacher next year to further improve our music provision. All junior children will therefore receive a specialist teacher for their music lessons. In addition to their music lesson, Y4 will also receive 30 minutes of brass tuition per week in the autumn term to introduce them to a brass instrument of their choice funded by the school. Children will be able to continue with this extra instrumental session in the spring and summer terms if funded by parents.

Street Art Exhibition

The children have created some stunning pieces of artwork for the Street Art Exhibition. What a talented group of children we have.

Artwork can be purchased for £6 or £5.50 if you have three children in school or would like additional copies.

Some profits from sales will benefit Zoe's Place (children's hospice).

Go Active

St Helens Council are again providing a Sports Camp for children aged 4-11 at Sutton Leisure Centre during the Summer holidays. Please see leaflet sent via email.

Bishop's Garden Party

The diocese was so impressed with the Choir's performance at the Headteacher's Conference earlier this year that they have been invited to perform at the Bishop's Garden Party on Saturday 13th July.

Sports News

We had two fantastic sports afternoons for KS1 and KS2. They were both well organised and supported by our Y6s and Rainford High pupils. Children had a fantastic time and we had a great turn out by parents too.



Well done to our Y5/6 netball team who won a recent friendly with Corpus Christi with an impressive 10-1 score line.

Good luck to our rounders team who compete at Ruskin Drive on Tuesday 11th.

Merseyside Games

Well done to our Y1 footballers who played well on the day and got through to the semi finals.



Congratulations to our athletics team who came 8th out of 14 team.



Well done to our swimming team who came 10th out of 14 teams.



POLITE REMINDERS

School Uniform

Children can return to school in summer uniform until the first half term break. When buying school shoes over the summer, please ensure that footwear is an appropriate school shoe not trainers please. If you would like your child to wear boots to school they must be changed into a school shoe during the school day.

Many thanks

Upcoming nuptials

Congratulations to Miss Johnson and Miss Dearden who will both be getting married over the summer.

Upcoming Dates

8th July

Street Art Exhibition

9th July

Y6 Dragons Den Sales 10:45-11am

Y6 Rounders tournament
Class 4 Act of Worship

10th July

Y6 Dragons Den Sales 10:45-11am

Reception intake visit 11am

11th July

Y6 Dragons Den Sales 10:45-11am

Y6 Athletics event (pm)

13th July

Choir at Bishop Paul's Garden Party

15th July

Y3 Trip to Norton Priory
Raindrops Graduation

16th July

Reception Yoga Stay and Play
Y6 Play

17th July

Whole school transition to new classes

18th July

Y6 Interschool Quiz
Class 3 Act of Worship
Y6 Play

19th July

Y6 Leavers Disco

24th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly
Breakup for Summer Holidays
2:30pm
Afterschool Club closes
4:55pm