

Huyton with Roby Newsletter - 30.9.22



wide-ranging Trust members. Please use this in your family and in your own prayer life.

Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust



## Schools within the Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust:

- Work together to support and improve the attendance and punctuality of all children across our Trust
- Share best practice to promote the best attendance.
- Recognise that we must act as attendance role models for the children and young people in our care.
- Champion and celebrate outstanding and improved attendance.
- Rigorously and consistently address attendance concerns and issues
- Seek to support parents and carers to prioritise school attendance.
- Recognise that patterns form early and we encourage attendance of our youngest children.
- Encourage positive attendance across all key stages so that young people are ready for the next stage of education, training or work.
- Promote the importance of children arriving at school on time and remaining at school all day.

# Learners with good attendance make greater progress.

The minimum we expect for attendance is **97%, with excellent punctuality.** Thank you to all those many, many families and children who hold attendance as a high priority. We know you support your child and want the best for them. We know that children are sometimes ill and we know that Covid can have a big impact on a child's attendance and we understand this.

What we also know is that holidays during term time, appointments made during school hours and unnecessary absences make a difference to the child's attendance and hence interrupts learning and friendships. These unnecessary absences are things such as:

- Waking up late but staying off school all day instead of coming late.
- Attending a medical appointment in the morning, but not coming back to school afterwards.
- Attending a medial appointment in the afternoon but not coming into school for the morning session.



- Feeling unwell in the morning, feeling better by lunchtime, but not coming to school.
- Taking a Friday off when going away or the weekend 'to miss the traffic'.
- A late night leading to tiredness and absence the whole of the next day.
- Not attending if they have not completed homework and know they are missing some play time to complete the work.

### School Meals Menu

https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/school-meals-and-menus

The School Meals Menus stays the same as in July until after October half term when a new menu will be published. I have included the link to the page on the Council's website. We offer the two choice menu, however rather than alternating sandwiches and jacket potatoes, we offer both each day.

Children in the infants received free lunches as part of the 'Universal Infant Free School Melas' government funding, but this is not the same as a child being entitled to 'Free School Meals' on a means tested basis. The link explains this. If a child is classed as a means tested 'free school meals' child they are eligible for more than just free school meals. It is these children who receive the supermarket vouchers over the holiday period and can access some free holiday clubs across Knowsley. School also receives extra funding based on how many children they have who are means tested 'free school meals' which is vital to us at school as budgets are stretched and cuts start to impact on our budget.

Even if your children receives free school meals because they are an infant – please check on the link if you are entitled to apply for 'Free School Meals' status so that you can access the vouchers etc and school can receive the extra funding.

## Dates for your Diary

Parents' Evenings

Letters will be coming out on Monday, but I just thought you would appreciate advanced notice of the dates of our Parents' Evenings for this term.

The meetings will take place in school, face to face with time to look through your child's work and talk to teachers.

We also invite our Governors to come and spend time in the building talking to families so that you can see who they are.

Please put these dates in your diary and we will be in touch with details on how to book an appointment: Wednesday 12th October - 3.30pm - 5.45pm Wednesday 19th October - 3.30pm - 5.45p

St Michael's Church invites everyone to join us for our All-Age Harvest Service on Sunday 2nd October at 10.30 am. There will be songs, stories, prayers and cake! We will also collect donations of food for our Food Club and would especially welcome donations of tinned and dried foods such as rice, pasta and sugar. However, please don't feel you have to bring anything. We would just love to see you.

Rev Marie (Vicar of St Michael's)





# HARVEST SERVICE

at St Michael's Church Blue Bell Lane, Huyton on Sunday 2nd October at 10.30 am

Donations of food will be given to our Food Club (but please don't feel you have to bring anything)







## Follow us on Twitter - @HuytonRobyCE

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions of information you require. We will always try to help as best we can. We try to keep our website as up to date as possible and this is a good source of information. Joining the 'Dojo' messaging service for your child's class ensures you get the most up to date information and also keeps you in touch with whole school news and announcements. See you child's class teacher for details.

There has been a new IT system installed in school over the holidays and as with all things there are a few teething problems which are slowly being ironed out. Therefore, some of our IT systems are not yet updated and we are having to go 'old school' for a while with paper versions etc. We thank you for your patience and understanding as our office staff work tirelessly to try to sort things out.

Just a few reminders:

- Please, please, please put your child's name in everything they bring to school.
- Children should bring a water bottle to school each day flip top or sports cap to avoid spills. They can fill and refill their bottle in school as they wish.
- Please read every night with your child they should bring a reading book home soon, but that should
  not be the only reading they do at home. Please provide a wide range of reading materials for your child
  at home comics, magazines, online books. Knowsley Libraries are excellent and have a wide range of
  reading materials for children. Join the Library as a priority so that you can access books and other
  resources at no cost. Also, please remember we have our book box here which you are welcome to take
  books from as you wish. We sue a range of reading material sin school during the day as part of the day's
  learning. Reading books are not the only source of reading a child accesses.

## **Term Dates Term Dates and Holiday Dates**

#### Autumn term 2022

## 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September are INSET Days so the children will start school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September) **Half term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October is an INSET Day so children break up on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October for a two-week half term returning to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November)

## Spring term 2023

## 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

(3<sup>rd</sup> January is an INSET Day so the children will return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January) **Half term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup>February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** (Break up on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February returning to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February) **Easter Holiday – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April** (Break up Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March returning to school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April)

<u>Summer term 2023</u> 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (21<sup>st</sup> July is an INSET Day so the children will finish on 20<sup>th</sup> July) Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (Break up on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May returning to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June)

**Inset Days** 



# 21.10.22 3.1.23 21.7.23

## <u>Vision</u> Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives. Proverbs 22:6

We have chosen this verse as our vison because we want school to prepare children for living a life 'in all its fullness'. We want them to achieve well, to be a good friend and have healthy and positive relationships through life. We want children to understand how to choose a job they will be happy in and how to live a life which makes then fulfilled. We want them to see God at work in their lives and turn to him when they need to. We believe that school prepares a child for more than further education, it is a place where their character is developed and their future planned. We value the involvement and partnership of families who are the vital influences in a child's life. We want the work of HWR and he families in our school community to work together to give the children at our school the best start we can.

## <u>Motto</u> Working Together

Feedback

Please feedback any information or questions you wish to put forward to Mrs Stratford in school or contact school through e-mail on <u>huytonwithroby@knowsley.gov.uk</u> or phone on 0151 477 8460

Please pray for:

Name (optional)

Prayer Requests

