



THE DISTRICT

CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2017

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Psalm 119:41-42 – “Show me how much you love me Lord, and save me according to your promise. Then I can answer those who insult me because I trust in your word.”

As the Autumn Term is almost over, I would like to thank all our families for their continued support. It has been a long term and the children have worked hard. I have fully enjoyed my first term at The District, and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Merry Christmas

Mrs Shelford

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success and we would like to thank you all for your support. We would also like to thank all the parents/carers/grandparents that came in to help set up and run the event. We managed to raise £620 for 'Friends of District'. Here are some of the results:

Count the gingerbread men on the cake which was baked and donated by Tamara, Tamika and Kavita's mum – Winner – Ava from Little Stars



The brother of Emma in Y5B won the sweet jar

Grandma to Anna-Louise in Y3A won the big Teddy and called it Angel.

The raffle winners were: Roma, Clare Ledson & Nathaniel Y2

Bethany Shaw from Hope Academy had a stall at the Fayre selling Christmas cards she had made and raised £36 which she donated to Warrington & Halton Hospitals – Well Done Bethany!

Diary Dates



DECEMBER

Wed 20th - Breakfast with Santa – 8.00am

Wed 20th – Rec/KS2 Christmas Party – 1.00pm

Thurs 21st – School Closes normal time for Christmas

There will be no after school club on 21st December and all children will need to be collected at the normal finishing time of 3.15pm for infants and 3.20pm for juniors.

Tuesday 9th January 2018 – School re-opens

Primary Applications

Please apply for your child's primary school place online at schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk. If you do not have access to a computer, please collect an admissions booklet from the school office. Applications should be submitted by 15 January 2018. **If your child currently attends our Nursery, you will still need to apply for a reception class place at our school.**

Current and prospective parents are welcome to visit the school. Please let us know and we will arrange a time convenient to you.

Pupil Premium

Additional funding, for eligible pupils, is available through the Pupil Premium. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, your child could be eligible for additional funding within school. Please let us know if your circumstances have changed and you are eligible for any of these benefits

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

If you would like help to complete the form, office staff are available to support you. Just call into school and speak to a member of staff.

This funding enables us to support your child with additional resources and interventions to give them the best possible educational opportunities.

WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH SUNDAYS AT 11.30am

Dec 17 – Café Church Carol Service

Dec 24 – Carols & Communion

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St John's Church invites you to join us for

ACTIVITY CHURCH on Sundays in 2018

21 January

18 February

18 March

15 April

11.15am Welcome & Drinks

11.30am Fun activities & Crafts, Worship & Lunch

For all ages, babies, infants, juniors, teens, parents, grandparents, godparents, for YOU!

St John's Church

Be a part of the Christmas story

at CAFE CHURCH

CAROL SERVICE

*with refreshments, nativity,
readings & carols*



SUNDAY 17 Dec

at 11.30 am

Dress up as a shepherd/angel

Everyone Welcome!

Word Millionaires  **Accelerated Reader®**

We are delighted to announce that we have our first pupil word millionaire of 2017-2018. Well done Rebecca from Y6S! District Reader: Lifetime Achiever!

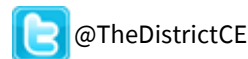


Total words read so far ...

16,425,964

Follow Us

Lots of our exciting activities are available to view on both Facebook and Twitter. The links are:



Parking 

Could we remind Parents/Carers that the car park at the Children's Centre is for staff only and that you should refrain from using it to drop off/pick up. It is a Health & Safety issue when children are walking in between the cars and crossing the car park. Thank you.

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Time for a Competition...



Do you have good attendance?

If you have **100%** attendance between 4th January 2018 - 12th February 2018, then you could be in with a chance of winning a **Kindle!**

All you have to do is have **0** days off to be entered into our draw.

Engaging Libraries




Empathy Lab

Empathy is the ability to feel and understand other people's perspectives.
Newton-le-Willows Library is working on a special project with 4 other library authorities nationally, to investigate the concept of empathy, and how reading and libraries can build empathy to help make a better world.
Empathy is a core life skill. It is the ability to connect to other people's feelings and perspectives in a meaningful way. It's "putting yourself in someone else's shoes" or "not judging people by their appearance".

As part of this unique project, the library staff would like to engage with everyone in the local community to ask "What are the issues in our community, where more empathy would help?"
These may be issues around isolation, poverty, anti-social behaviour, the homeless, travellers, refugees, loneliness, or other issues that you are aware of.

Please let us know what you think by the end of December.
Call in to Newton-le-Willows Library to chat to the staff about the project, or just fill in one of our suggestion slips.
Alternatively you can post your comments on
Twitter: @STHLibraries or Facebook: STHLibraries

Library staff will then work with families and an author in the New Year – with activities that can be shared with the wider community – and hopefully open up conversations about the predominant issue in the Newton-le-Willows community.

For our eBooks, digital comics and magazines, please visit: www.sthelens.gov.uk/ebooks

Facebook: @STHLibraries Twitter: @STHLibraries Instagram: @sthlbrariesandarts

Extra Foodbank Dates

There will be two extra Foodbank dates on Christmas Eve due to the kind donation from Aldi of their Surplus stock over Christmas. The times will be on Christmas Eve - 15:30 to 18:00 for both locations at;

St Helens Baptist Church, Hall Street, St Helens, WA10 1EL
01744 613926, sthelensbaptist@gmail.com

And also at;
St Johns Church, Market St, Earlestown, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9BL 01925 224920

Any further updates can be found at www.necg.org.uk.
My quote is "After seeing the kind offer from Aldi on social media that surplus stock could be donated to charitable causes, I contacted the new store in Newton-le-Willows who have kindly offered to help. The number of volunteers offering to help has been fantastic and it means that this food can go to those who need it over the festive period which can be a difficult time financially. The food should be able to help the burden on families in St Helens and Newton-le-Willows over Christmas with help from the Boroughs Foodbank." If you have visited the Foodbank previously, or have a current Foodbank voucher to redeem, then please make the most of the two new events. – Seve Gomez-Aspron

Engaging Libraries



What are the issues in our community where more empathy would help?

Please return to
Newton-le-Willows Library or email
newtonlewillowslibrary@sthelens.gov.uk

Christmas Jumper/Hat Donations

The donations from Christmas Jumper/Hat day raised were £160.50. This will be split between the two charities, MIND and Save the Children. Thank you for your continued support.

  **Save the Children**

School Admissions Calendar: 2018-19 School Year Intakes

	Closing Dates for Applications	Letter/Email to Parents
Secondary	31 October 2017	1 March 2018
Primary	15 January 2018	16 April 2018
Nursery Autumn 2018 Intake	13 October 2017	1 December 2017
Nursery Spring 2019 Intake (Nursery Spring 2018 Intake)	27 July 2018 (13 October 2017)	21 September 2018 (1 December 2017)
Nursery Summer 2019 Intake (Nursery Summer 2018 Intake)	27 July 2018 (13 October 2017)	21 September 2018 (1 December 2017)

For further information please contact the Admissions Section on 01744 671029 (Nursery and Primary Allocations), 01744 671030 (Secondary Allocation) and 01744 671027 (In Year Transfers).

Change to Holiday Dates

Due to staff training, some of our holiday dates have changed. Please see amended list below, changed dates are highlighted.

Term Dates for Academic Year 2017-2018

School closes evening of		School opens morning of
SUMMER		Wed 6 Sept 2017
HALF TERM	Fri 20 Oct	Mon 30 Oct 2017
CHRISTMAS	Thur 21 Dec	Tues 9 Jan 2018
HALF TERM	Thurs 8 Feb	Mon 19 Feb 2018
HALF TERM	Wed 28 Mar	Mon 16 April 2018
MAY DAY	Fri 4 May	Tue 8 May 2018
HALF TERM	Fri 25 May	Mon 4 June 2018
SUMMER	Wed 25 July	