



THE DISTRICT

CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2018

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Genesis 43:30: “Then Joseph left suddenly, because his heart was full of tender feelings for his brother. He was about to break down, so he went to his room and cried.”

New School Website

Our new school website is now up and running! Please check it out for all school information at www.district.st-helens.sch.uk. We will be uploading our newsletter to the website after half term. We will also be reducing the number of newsletters sent out in paper format over the next few months.

New District School App



We have also launched our school mobile phone App where you can receive messages and information from the school. You should have received a separate letter with details of how to download the App this week. We will be using the App rather than our texting service for general messages, so please try to download this as soon as possible. If you are unable to download the App, please let the office know so that we can continue to inform you via text message should we need to do so. Thank you.

New School Logo

We will shortly be launching our new school logo. You will start to see changes when you purchase uniform from our preferred suppliers. Both logos will still be in use until the old style is phased out. Come and have a look in our foyer at the new style logos.

Friends of the District Meeting

Our next 'Friends of The District' Meeting will take place in school at 3.30pm on Wednesday 7th February in the Bookworms Library. All parents/carers are invited to come along, this includes grandparents and anybody that is happy to help! We will be discussing the planned Bingo event for Wednesday 28th March. Thank you.

WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH SUNDAYS AT 11.30am

St John's Church invites you to join us for

ACTIVITY CHURCH on

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!

Half-Term Holiday

School closes on Thursday 8th February as Friday 9th February will be a **staff training day**. We open again on Monday 19th February.

Follow Us

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



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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.

Word Millionaires  **Accelerated Reader®**

Congratulations to our Y3D! They have read over a million words since September. District Reader: Lifetime Achiever!

 **Total words read so far ...**

26,086,054

After School Clubs

Tuesday

Football – Y2/3 – 3.20-4.15pm

Wednesday

Football – Y4/5/6 – 3.20-4.15pm
Basketball – Y5/6 – 3.20-4.15pm
Choir – Y4/5/6 - 3.20-4.15pm

Thursday

Football – Y4/5/6 – 3.20-4.15pm
Rugby – Y3/4/5 – 3.20-4.30pm
Gymnastics – Y1/2/3 3.20-4.30pm

Friday

Cheerleading – Y3/4/5/6 – 3.20-4.30pm

School Meals/Packed Lunches

Please note, if your child would like to change from packed lunches to school meals or vice versa, then please do so at the beginning/end of a term. **You must inform the school office before any changes are made.** Several children have been swapping and changing from one to the other without notifying the school office. Children must take school dinners OR packed lunches, a mix is not permitted. Thank you.

PE Kits

May I remind you that all children should have a PE kit in school at all times. Our PE kit is: black shorts, white T-shirt and black pumps. Thank you.



Tiger Tea Party at Nursery

On Friday 19th January, nursery parents were invited into Nursery to share a Tiger Tea party with the nursery children linked to our learning about the book written by Judith Kerr. Fun was had by all!!! The nursery children loved the tiger visiting and were sad to see him leave. We hope he comes for a visit again and we've bought a big tin of tiger food just in case he does!



Holiday Club

Our holiday club will be running from Monday 12th to Friday 16th February and there are places available from full to half days, as follows:

Morning Session – 7.30am-12.45pm - £14
Afternoon Session – 12.45pm-6.00pm - £14
Full Day – 7.30am-6.00pm - £27
Short Day – 9.00am-3.00pm - £16
Full day/full week (Mon-Fri) – 7.30am-6.00pm - £130

Please contact the office for a booking form, payment should be made when booking. Thank you.

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Wed 7th – Friends of The District Meeting – 3.30pm

Thur 8th – School Closes for half-term

Mon 19th – School Opens

Fri 23rd – Y5W Swimming – 2-3pm

MARCH

Thur 1st – World Book Day

Fri 2nd – Y5W Swimming – 2-3pm

Fri 9th – Y5W Swimming – 2-3pm

Tues 13th – Nursery Trip to Stockley Farm

Fri 16th – Y5W Swimming – 2-3pm

Fri 23rd – Y5W Swimming – 2-3pm

Fri 23rd – Non-uniform day – Chocolate donations

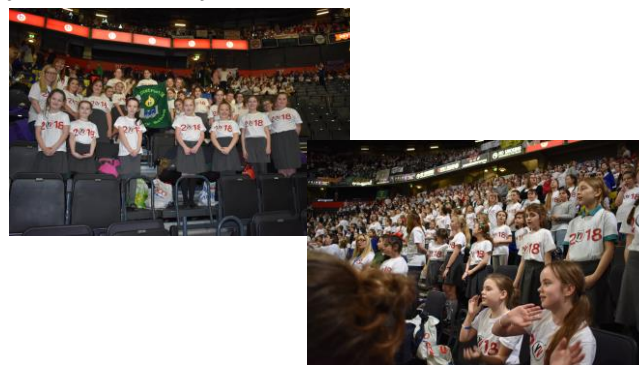
Wed 28th – Friends Bingo – 3.30-4.30pm

Thur 29th – School Closes for Easter Holiday

Young Voices



The District Choir performed at the Young Voices Concert at the MEN on Tuesday 22nd. The children worked so hard and deserved every minute of their fame. Miss Donafee said they can't wait for next year and also how beautifully fantastic the children behaved – fantastic District Ambassadors! 'I was so proud of our choir – you represented our school beautifully from your singing to your behaviour – you are all stars!!'



Young Carers Awareness Day

We are invited our children to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 2nd February to raise funds for Young Carers and asked for a **£1 per family** donation. We managed to raise £182.65, thank you for your support.

Young Carers



A young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly helps to look after a family member or a friend who is disabled, ill has a mental health condition or addiction problem. Children may engage in:

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)
- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)
- Managing medication
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

The District CE Primary School can support young carers. If you, or a family member needs support, please contact Mrs Barker, Young Carers School Operational Lead. All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Magical Maths

Professor Poopenshtinken, the mathematical genius, came back to visit us this week. He led an assembly for our children where he had a Maths race against our teachers except he allowed the teachers to use a calculator. He then had some children help him generate some random numbers using giant magical rods. The Professor added the numbers more quickly than the teachers could with calculators! We thought he had made a huge mistake at the end but it turns out that he is so good, he had added the numbers on the back of his magical rods that he hadn't even seen!!! Mrs Clarke checked on the calculator and he was right. The children were amazed!

The Professor's friends will be coming back to school to teach the tricks, play games, crack codes and solve puzzles on starting on Tuesday 20th February for 6 consecutive weeks.

Call 01744 776110 or visit www.magicalmathsclub.com/haltonstheleasantandwarrington to book. Professor Poopenshtinken tells me that places get booked really quickly so book now to avoid disappointment.



School Admissions Calendar: 2018-19 School Year Intakes

	Closing Dates for Applications	Letter/Email to Parents
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).

Term Dates for Academic Year 2017-2018

School closes School opens

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	

Headteacher's Tea Party

The children and parents who attended the Headteacher's tea party in January had a fabulous time. The tea party was arranged to reward the children with the most dojo points from the autumn term, or who had worked exceptionally hard in school, demonstrating a positive learning attitude.



A fun and exciting Creative Writing Competition that is sure to inspire children and young people of St Helens

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Writing Competition 2018

Entry forms can be picked up from any St Helens Library or downloaded from the website. Closing date Saturday 17th March 2018

"If you live or go to school in St Helens enter our creative writing competition for your chance to win books for you and your school library!"