

THE DISTRICT C.E. NEWS

*The caring path to achievement,
reflecting the values of Christ.*



September 2017

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John 15:13 – “The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them.”

Welcome

As the new Headteacher of the District CE, I feel very privileged to welcome you back for the new academic year. I am looking forward to getting to know more and more parents and carers over time. The children have settled back in to school and we have many exciting activities planned for them. Keep an eye out for further details of our ‘District goes Deep Sea Diving’ week!



All parents are welcome to come and join me on **Thursday 28th September from 8.45am for breakfast in the KS2 hall.** This will be a good opportunity to say ‘Hello’ and to also share your thoughts and ideas about our school. I would also like to welcome to the school, two new members of teaching staff, Mr Atkinson in Y3 and Miss Davies in Y4.

National Healthy Child Programme

The Healthy Child Programme supports pupils and families in school. In order to successfully deliver this programme and provide seamless care, NW Boroughs Healthcare School Nurses (St Helens) requests data held in school. This includes class lists and notice of children commencing or leaving school throughout the year to enable health to obtain or forward on the child’s health records. In some situations, we also share parent/carer contact details with the School Nurse so advice, guidance and support can be offered within the home setting. Our ‘sharing of information – privacy notice was sent out this week which gives details on how school processes/shares personal data with others. A copy can also be found on the school website.

Diary Dates

September

Fri 22nd – Non-Uniform Day – Cake Donations

Fri 22nd – Y6HA Swimming

Fri 29th – Cake Sale Playtime 20p donation

Fri 29th - ‘Friends of the District’ Meeting

Fri 29th - Y6HA Swimming

October

Week beginning 2nd – District Deep Sea Diving week

Thurs 5th – Big Bedtime Story – Details to follow

Fri 6th - Y6HA Swimming

Mon 9th – School Photographs

Tues 10th – Y5 Crucial Crew

Fri 13th - Y6HA Swimming

Fri 20th – Harvest Festival @ St John’s Church

Fri 20th - Y6HA Swimming

Fri 20th – School Closes for half term

Y5 Bikeability

Year 5 Bikeability has now moved to Summer Term 2018 due to double booking with Crucial Crew Event.

Newsletter Distribution

We are reducing the weekly newsletter to a monthly newsletter. Any additional information will be sent out in letters or flyers. This will be reviewed after Christmas to see how it is working. If you have any comments on the way we distribute news, please let us know – we are open to suggestions.

Dinner Money

School dinners for Key Stage 2 children currently cost £11.50 per week (£2.30 per day) payable in advance **each Monday morning**. Dinner money should be placed in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked. St Helens dinner money policy states change will not be given but credited to the following week. You may prefer therefore to pay by cheque, which should be made payable to **St Helens Council** with your cheque card number and address on the reverse. Please indicate the name of the child for whom the payment is made, especially if the parent's surname is different from that of the child. Alternatively, you can pay for meals online. If you wish to pay this way, please contact the school office.

In Reception and KS1, children are entitled to a free school meal. We use a band system to enable choice of meal to be made in advance. Please contact the school office if you have not yet returned your completed form and require a new one. Children who have not returned their form will need to wait to the end of lunch to make their selection from meals left. It is vital therefore that letters are returned asap.

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have milk which is £2 per term or £6 for the year. This should also be sent to the office in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. Thank you.

Uniform/coats

It would be helpful if you could check all items of uniform including PE kits and coats to make sure that your child's name is clearly marked. As you can imagine with so many items the same, it is very difficult to identify items when they go missing.

The school uniform is:

Grey Trousers/Skirt

Black shoes – **NO TRAINERS**

Jade Polo Shirt

Bottle Green Sweat Shirt or cardigan

PE Kit: Black Shorts, White T-shirt & Pumps (Your child's teacher will be able to inform you of your child's PE day if you are unsure).

Our suppliers are Tesco online

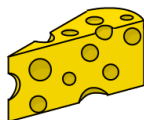
https://www.tesco.com/direct/ues/?icid=schooluniform_lhn_highlightsues enter postcode WA12 9PZ.

School receives a small donation when parents order this way.

Sportsline, Gerard Street, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Whittakers formerly Singhs, Bridge Street, St Helens Busybees in Earlestown near to the train station.

Snacks

May I ask that your child only brings a piece of fruit or some cheese for their morning snack. As a school accredited with the 'Healthy Schools Status', we have to adhere closely to government food policies. This also adds additional safety measures for those children in our school who have nut allergies. If your child is in the infants, they will receive a free piece of fruit each day as part of the government's fruit scheme. Also, if your child brings a bottle of water in to school, please make sure this is plain water, not flavoured or juice. Thank you.



Toast

We are offering the children in KS2 (Y3-6) toast at break time. Y3 and Y4 can have toast on a Tuesday and Thursday and Y5 and Y6 can have toast on a Wednesday and Friday. You **do not** need to pay for this toast. If you would like your child to have a snack on the days toast is not provided, then they can bring a piece of fruit or cheese into school. Thank you.



Pupil Premium - 'Important - We may be entitled to extra funding for your child'

A letter has gone out to parents/carers of Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children about pupil premium funding. School can access additional funding for qualifying children, which gives extra support to your child within school. If your child is already in receipt of pupil premium, you will not have received a letter as once a child has been allocated this funding, it will continue throughout their primary school career. Thank you.

Parent Volunteers

We would welcome any parent volunteers in school. If you would be interested in becoming a Parent Volunteer, please leave your contact details or email the school office district@sthelens.org.uk. Thank you.

Year 4, 5 & 6 Open Day



Hope Academy

Saturday 23rd September
9:00am – 12:00pm



Outstanding in All We Do

RESPECT

COURAGE

AMBITION

Principal and Senior Staff Presentations:
9:15am and 10:15am



To book a personal tour with a member of the leadership team contact Mrs Lesley White
01744 671947 • lesley.white@sthelens.org.uk



hopeacademy@sthelens.org.uk

www.hopeacademy.org.uk

Hope Academy, Ashton Road, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside

Term Dates for Academic Year 2017-2018

	School closes	School opens
SUMMER		Wed 6 Sept 17
HALF TERM	Fri 20 Oct	Mon 30 Oct 2017
CHRISTMAS	Thur 21 Dec	Tues 9 Jan 2018
HALF TERM	Fri 9 Feb	Mon 19 Feb 2018
HALF TERM	Thur 29 Mar	Mon 16 April 2018
MAY DAY	Fri 4 May	Tue 8 May 2018
HALF TERM	Thur 24 May	Tue 5 June 2018
SUMMER	Wed 25 July	

This holiday list is the most updated. Please destroy any others you may have for the academic year 2017/2018.

European Day of Languages

Parents are invited in to school on Friday 29th September to join their children to watch our video 'European Day of Languages Celebration'. This will take place in the KS2 hall at 3.30pm.



FRIENDS OF TAYLOR PARK PRESENT A

KITE FESTIVAL

ON SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER BETWEEN
12 AND 4 pm

ON THE BIG HILL IN TAYLOR PARK

WATCH KITE FLYING DISPLAYS
MAKE YOUR OWN KITE FOR FREE
FLY YOUR BRAND NEW KITE

FUN FOR ALL!



OPEN EVENING



The District CE

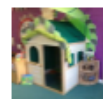
Nursery

4th October 4.30-5.30pm

Do you have a child that is 2, 3 or 4 years old? Come along to our Nursery on Patterson Street, located in Newton-le-Willows Children's Centre, have a look around and meet the staff.

Stay & Play session – Tuesday 24th October
12.00-1.30pm

Bring your 2, 3 or 4 year old along, come and explore our nursery setting!





A CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB

STARTING 12TH OCTOBER 4.30-6pm
FOR 8 WEEKS

CROSS LANE UNITED CHURCH HALL
FREE TO CHILDREN OF NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS AGED 5 AND OVER

CHILDREN WILL MAKE CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO TAKE TO OUR ELDERLY CARE HOMES ON DECEMBER 9TH

THIS WILL BE A FUN LEARNING GROUP WITH REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

PLEASE INBOX OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR E MAIL

businessforyouth.nlw@gmail.com




CALLING ALL N-LE-W CHILDREN AGED 10- 16 YEARS OF AGE, TO JOIN OUR FREE AND EXCITING NEW GROUP FOR 6 WEEKS

WE PROMISE YOU LOTS OF FUN AND FOR YOU TO DEVELOP SOME EXCELLENT MUSIC SKILLS WITH THE EXPERT TUITION OF.

EDDIE SHERWOOD
CREATING A

CHRISTMAS SAMBA BAND

STARTING 12TH OCTOBER, 6-7 PM AT CROSS LANE UNITED CHURCH

DO YOU FANCY BEING TAUGHT TO PLAY AND CREATE A SAMBA BAND, WORKING AS A TEAM AND HAVING LOTS OF FUN?

THE END RESULT BEING A PERFORMANCE AT THE EARLESTOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON, 19TH NOVEMBER for 6 weeks!

PLEASE INBOX OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR businessforyouth.nlw@gmail.com For a registration form



WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH SUNDAYS AT 11.30am

Sept 24 – Holy Communion for back to church Sunday

Oct 1 – Café Church – celebrates Harvest

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St John's Church invites you to join us for **ACTIVITY CHURCH on Sundays**

	17 September	
	15 October	
	19 November	
	3 December	

11.15am Welcome & Drinks
11.30am Fun activities & Crafts, Worship & Lunch

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



A worldwide campaign for culture made by your community, for your community

YOUR FREE, LOCAL FUN PALACE

Haydock Library
Saturday 7th October 2017, 10am – 3pm

Join us at Haydock Library.. or the Fun Palace, where members of the local community will volunteer their time to share their individual and unique skills with you!

Full Line up of events on reverse

All these notices and a copy of our newsletter are displayed in the foyer on our community notice board in large print for your convenience or alternatively visit our website www.district.st-helens.sch.uk