



THE DISTRICT

CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

May 2018

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Word Millionaires

We are delighted to announce that we have three new pupil word millionaires. Well done Faith and Maddie from Y6HA and Caleb from Y6S! District Reader: Lifetime Achiever!



Total words read so far ...

Accelerated Reader 44,908,992

Y6 SATs 2018

As you may be aware, next week is KS2 SATs' week. Tests for Year 6 pupils will take place between Monday 14th May and Thursday 17th May 2018.

The children will sit tests in:

- Spelling, punctuation and grammar;
- Reading;
- Maths.

Please make sure that your children arrive at school on time. (If you're running late, please contact the school office as early as possible - 01744 678250.) Thank you.

Non-Uniform Day/Street Party

We are inviting our children to come to school in red, white and blue on Friday 25th May to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Staff members will be dressing up as the Wedding Party! All children will be having lunch outside followed by activities on the field in the afternoon.



Friends of the District

Friends of the District will be holding their next meeting on Friday 15th June at 4.15pm in the KS1 building. We will be discussing the summer fayre and would love to see new members so please come along and join us, everyone welcome. Our minutes will soon be appearing on the website and App so please have a look at the work Friends undertake to support all our children. If you work for a business who could donate items for use at any of our events, that would be really helpful.

British Bake-Off

We will be holding a Great British Bake-Off on Friday 25th May and children are invited to bring a homemade cake in to school, the theme for your cakes will be Wedding Cakes/The Royal Wedding/The Royal Family. The cakes should be brought in to school on the Friday morning only and will be independently judged. There will be prizes for 1st - £10 Wilko's Voucher, 2nd - £5 Wilko's voucher and 3rd place - large bar of chocolate!



After School Clubs

Tuesday



Y2/3 Football – 3.20-4.15pm

Wednesday



Y4/5/6 Football – 3.20-4.15pm

Thursday

GYMNASTICS



Y4/5/6 Football – 3.20-4.15pm

Y3/4/5 Rugby – 3.20-4.30pm

Y1/2/3 Gymnastics – 3.20-4.30pm



Friday

Y3/4/5/6 Cheer Leading – 3.20-4.15pm

Careers Week Y6

Calling all friends of The District: could you support our Careers' Week next month? We are looking for adults, who would be happy to give a short talk about their work or experiences of higher/ further education with our Y6 pupils. If you would like to be involved, please contact the school office or any member of the Year 6 team.

Y5 Quiz Kids

Some of our Y5 children took part in Quiz Kids at Hope Academy last week. Although we didn't win the children did exceptionally well, super effort, super teamwork, super PROUD of Emma, Summer, Jenna and Isabella! They represented our school brilliantly! #DistrictProud!

Toast - SAT's Week

Please be aware that KS2 children will not have toast next week so if you wish your child to have a morning snack, then please provide one, thank you.

Key Strings

As part of our St George's Day celebrations the children had a very special visit from Key Strings, an entertaining and educational live music experience for nursery, right up to Year 6.

The children and staff went on a dynamic and interactive journey of Great British music and monarchy throughout the years. The children left feeling inspired and amazed.

What a great enhancement to our music curriculum!

Holiday Club

Unfortunately, we are going to have to cancel our holiday clubs. Low numbers attending since it started in September 2017, means that the club has been running at a loss. Recent indications showed that attendance for Whit and Summer were still below the number required to breakeven. We have secured a Holiday Sports Club to be run Tuesday-Thursday Whit holiday at the school. Details are being sent separately in a flyer.

We have also spoken to Woodlands Nursery who has vacancies in the hope that this will be of assistance to our parents who have regularly been using the holiday club. We will be sending out individual letters to those parents.

Term Dates for Academic Year 2017-2018

School closes School opens

HALF TERM	Fri 25 May	Mon 4 June 2018
SUMMER	Wed 25 July	

Late Collections

May we remind all parents/carers that the school day ends at 3.15pm for infants and 3.20pm for juniors. Any children that are not collected at the end of the school day will be taken over to our after school club and a charge of £3.00 will be made providing collection is before 4.00pm, collection after 4.00pm will incur an £8.00 charge. If you are going to be late for any reason, please telephone the school office as soon as possible to inform the staff. Thank you.

Diary Dates

MAY

Fri 11th Swimming – Y4L

Mon 14th-Fri 18th – KS2 SAT's Week

Fri 18th - Swimming – Y4L

Mon 21st –Wed 23rd – Y6 Residential

Fri 25th – Non-uniform/Street Party for Royal Wedding

Fri 25th – Great British Bake-Off Day

Fri 25th – School closes for half term

JUNE

Mon 4th – School opens

Mon 4th – Y3 trip to Chester

Tues 5th – Y5 Bikeability Day 1

Tues 5th – Y4 @ World of Glass

Fri 8th – Swimming – Y4L

Tues 12th - Y5 Bikeability Day 2

Fri 15th – Swimming – Y4G

Fri 15th – Friends Meeting – 4.15pm

Mon 18th – Y6 Transition Day 1 @ Hope Academy

Tues 19th – New Nursery Intake Meeting – 2.45pm

Tues 19th – New Reception Intake Meeting – 5.00pm

Wed 20th – Y2 Lowry trip

Fri 22nd – non-uniform day – tombola donations

Fri 22nd – Swimming – Y4G

Mon 25th – Y6 Transition Day 2 @ Hope Academy

Tues 26th – Y6 Leavers' Service @ Liverpool Cathedral

Fri 29th – Y6 Crocky Trail Trip

Fri 29th – Swimming – Y4G

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.

Parking

Could parents please refrain from parking on the zig-zag lines when dropping-off/collecting children from school. This is a Health & Safety issue for our children. Please park in a safe and legal place. Thank you.

WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH SUNDAYS AT 11.30am

St John's Church invites you to join us

May 13 – Holy Communion

May 20 – PENTECOST
ACTIVITY CHURCH

May 27 - Holy Communion

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.

Follow Us

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



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Pupil Absence

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the school office on 01744 678250 as early as possible to let the staff know they will not be attending. Alternatively, when you receive the notification of absence text, you can reply to that text informing staff the reason for your child's absence. If you do not inform school why your child is absent from school it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Thank you.

Missing

A little girl in reception has lost her cardigan, it is a green woollen cardigan and has her name inside. Could parents please check it has not been put in a PE bag or brought home by mistake. Thank you.









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4. Pay easily with a debit or credit card at the checkout.
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Tesco On-Line Uniform – You can order your uniform on-line through tesco.com/ues following the above instructions. Unfortunately, Tesco are unable to supply our polo shirts and can only supply our jumpers with a crew neck. Other suppliers are Busy Bees in Earlestown, Whittakers – St Helens, Sportsline – Ashton-in-Makerfield. Parents are able to use both the old and the new logo until the old logo is phased out over time.

Tracking Anti-Social Behaviour In St Helens

As you may have heard, we at St Helens Council's Safer Communities Team, along with our partner agencies: Merseyside Police, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service & Registered Social Landlords, are working together this month as part of an annual clampdown on anti-social behaviour. With the nights starting to stay lighter for longer, residents should be able to enjoy their evenings - whether it be by going out for a stroll in our parks and open spaces, or by sitting out in their own back garden - without it being ruined by inconsiderable people carrying out anti-social behaviour so we want to encourage the public to be #Ready2Report the following types of nuisance behaviour:



As well as stepping up Police patrols to hot-spot problem areas in St Helens, our partners have been running community cleaning/skip days & awareness days & our we are also running a drive to tackle underage drinking with our [ACE pledge](#) for parents to sign and [proxy sales campaign](#) targeting underage alcohol sales with our Trading Standards Department. If you would like to discuss the campaign further, please do not hesitate to contact Colette McIntyre, Anti-Social Behaviour Manager, St. Helens Council, Tel: 01744 673114



The Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds

The award-winning Channel 4 series is returning to follow 4 and 5 year olds, as they play, learn and interact with other children in a nursery. They will be observed throughout by leading scientists and psychologists, who will give insights into child development.

We are currently looking for 4 and 5 year old children and their parents to take part. Your child would be needed for a week or two of filming during the summer holidays.

If you are interested please go to the below link to fill out our online application form

<https://www.shortaudition.com/The-Secret-Life-2018>

We are committed to promoting inclusion and welcome applications from parents of children living with a disability. All communications with us will be treated in confidence.

Any information you give us will be kept securely and confidentially and in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 (and your right of access to the information is as provided under that Act).



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Hope Academy UNIFORM ORDER NOW FOR 2018-19 School Year



The Academy are now taking school uniform orders ready for September 2018.

You can order your uniform on-line via the Academy website or call into the Academy to try on the various sizes.

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Website: www.hopeacademy.org.uk

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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).

Earn free money for our children!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Friends of District - Newton-Le-Willows?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsfordistrictnewton/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of District - Newton-Le-Willows will be really grateful for your donations.

We have currently raised £104.43 just by shopping through the above link - it is so easy to do. We will update you monthly on how much has been raised.

You can shop via the above link or, alternatively, download the app for your mobile device to make donating easier <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?origin=DONC2>

Thank you for your support.



Charity Walk for 'MIND'

A group of people will be walking around the perimeter of the whole Borough of St Helens on Sunday the 13th of May to raise money for the charity "Mind" which raises funds to support those who may be lonely/isolated and suffering from mental health issues.

The Newton-le-Willows leg of the walk will be at Sankey Valley at the Nine Arches of Wharf Road at around 17:30 with people meeting from around 17:20. People are welcome to complete all or part of the walk with whatever they're comfortable with.

Below are the maps to see the legs of the walk and timings, and it would be fantastic if people get involved.

Hope you can come along and look forward to seeing you along the way! (Maps below for reference.)

Sev Gomez-Aspron - Councillor for Newton-le-Willows





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Safeguarding Newsletter

Summer Term

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to our new safeguarding newsletter, which we hope will keep you updated with safeguarding information and school practices.

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding is a term that relates to the action taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm

At the District CE Primary School we ensure that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that all staff, visitors, parents and carers understand their roles and responsibilities in keeping children safe.

Safeguarding is defined in the government document "Working together to safeguard Children" (Updated Feb 17) as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health and development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have best outcomes.

Safeguarding encompasses everything that we do in school, so that children are safe, well, healthy and ready to learn.

HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT OUR CHILDREN FEEL SAFE?

Throughout our curriculum, we provide activities and opportunities that equip our children to stay safe and develop essential life skills through our focus on core values, developing personal, social and health education and through our programme of assemblies and focus sessions.

Our staff and members of our school council regularly talk to the children, to find out their opinions of school life and how well we keep them safe.

Meet the pastoral team



Julie Clewes

Deputy Head &
School SENCO



Sue Swift

Head of
Safeguarding &
Extended Services



Donna Barker

Learning
Mentor



Karen Knox

Senior Learning
Mentor

At The District CE Primary School, we aim to ensure that all our families feel supported and are able to ask for help as and when the need arises. Children's needs are so varied, and life can throw challenges at us when we are least expecting them. Any parents/carers who feel they would benefit from general advice, guidance or need support please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or to a member of our pastoral team

For more information regarding our support services, please request an information leaflet from our school office, or visit our school website.

e-safety – Are you confident in setting parental controls to protect your children when using the internet on phones, tablets and PC's?

The NSPCC in collaboration with O2, have produced a range of guides to inform and assist you. These are short videos that show the security settings on a number of electronic devices.

The website also contains really useful information of how to keep your child safe when using online games and how to talk to you child about staying safe. You can find this information at:

ThinkUknow.co.uk

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-childrensafe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

safeguardingchildrensboard@sthelens.gov.uk

You can also visit our school website to view links to other support agencies/ organisations.

