



# THE DISTRICT

## CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2019

### Headteacher

Lavern Shelford

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BA (Hons) QTS

**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.”

### Primary Applications

**P**lease apply for your child’s primary school place on-line at [schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto: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 2019. **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.

If you have not yet applied, applications will still be accepted.

### School Health Drop-In Sessions

**O**ur School nurse has arranged to come in to school for drop-in sessions where you will be able to just call in to school and speak to the school nurse about any concerns you may have. These sessions will take place on Wednesdays between 9.00-10.00am on the following dates:

27<sup>th</sup> February

10<sup>th</sup> April

22<sup>nd</sup> May

3<sup>rd</sup> July

Appointments are not necessary for these sessions.

### Breakfast/After School Club

**W**e have some availability at our Breakfast/After school club which runs from 7.30-8.55am and from 3.15-6.00pm. If you are interested in obtaining a place for your child, please call in to the school office and speak to Mrs Marlow. Prices are as follows:

Option 1: 7.30-8.55am - £4.50

Option 2: 8.00-8.55am - £3.50

Option 3: 3.20-5.30pm - £8.00

Option 4: 3.20-6.00pm - £9.00

### Parent Volunteers

**W**e 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](mailto:district@sthelens.org.uk).

If you wish to come into school as a student to complete a qualification, you will need to obtain an enhanced DBS through your college or course provider.

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## Attendance

**W**ell done everyone, attendance for the last half term was **96.5%**. Can we ask parents that holidays should be taken during the school holidays. If children are taken out of school during term time - notification of absence requests will need to be provided when requesting holidays.

## Dinner Monies

**A**ll dinner monies need to be paid on Monday for the week in advance. Dinner Monies are £11.75 per week. If you miss a payment, a text reminder will be sent to inform you that your payment is overdue. Please pay dinner monies in the School Office.

**Milk Money -** Milk money is now due for the Spring Term. £2 for the term. Please pay this amount at the school office.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

**O**ur extra-curricular clubs have been enhanced this academic year. We do however ask for a small contribution to help cover costs which will enable the clubs to continue. Can I remind parents to make this voluntary contribution prior to the club starting once your child has secured a place.

## Eco Warriors

**O**ur Eco Warriors have been busily planting crocus corms supplied of Newton-le-Willows Rotary Club as part of their campaign to eliminate Polio off the face of the earth.

Community organisations have been planting the corms during late October and early November to support the Purple4Polio campaign. In early spring, when the crocuses flower they will hold a competition to judge the best display. The winning organisation will get a donation from the rotary club.

## Collection of Children from School

**C**ould we please ask if somebody, other than a known adult, is collecting your child from school, that you inform the school office prior to the end of the school day. Staff will not let children leave with unfamiliar faces for safeguarding reasons. If you have not informed the school, we will have to make a phone call to make sure that the person collecting has permission to do so. Thank you.

## School Day

**W**e have noticed that children are coming into school late. Parents are reminded that children need to be in school by 8.45am, so that they are ready to start the

## Volunteer Independent Visitors

**D**o you have spare time once a month? Are you able to make a long term commitment to a young person in care for a minimum of 2 years?

NYAS are looking for adults of all ages and from all walks of life who relate well to young people to become a Volunteer Independent Visitor.

No formal experience necessary as full training and induction provided including out of pocket expenses. Interested & would like more information?

Please contact DI Watmough

[diane.watmough@nyas.net](mailto:diane.watmough@nyas.net).

More details on NYAS website [www.nyas.net](http://www.nyas.net).

Thank you.

**A**ll our newsletters are available in the school foyer, on noticeboards outside entrances or by visiting our website [www.district.st-helens.sch.uk](http://www.district.st-helens.sch.uk)

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Ever considered working or volunteering in a school to support children's learning?



Do you want to know:

- What jobs and volunteer opportunities are available?
- What skills and qualifications you need?

**Free Introduction to Working with Children Workshop**

**Wednesday 27th February**

**9.15am - 12.15pm**

**at the Park Road Centre, WA9 1HE**

**Interested? Call 677328 to book a place**

Contact us:  
**01744 677675**  
 Visit: [www.sthelens.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/adultlearning)  
 Email: [adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk)



**Term Dates for Academic Year 2018-2019**

	School closes evening of	School opens morning of
Half Term	Fri 15 Feb 2019	Mon 25 Feb 2019
Half Term	Fri 12 Apr 2019	Tues 23 Apr 2019
May Day	Fri 3 May 2019	Tues 7 May 2019
Half Term	Fri 24 May 2019	Mon 10 June 2019
Summer	Wed 24 July 2019	

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# YOU'RE INVITED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Date Friday 8th Feb Time 8:15 am

Venue K&S hall

parents + children welcome



## WE'RE HOSTING A BREAKFAST

We're hosting breakfast to show we care, and to raise much-needed funds for Britain's 7 million unpaid carers.

Come and join us.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

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[www.carers.org/britains-best-breakfast](http://www.carers.org/britains-best-breakfast)

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