



# NEWSLETTER



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## OFFICE HOURS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

### SWINE FLU UPDATE

We have received this latest information from Sefton Children's Services.

Your will be aware that the NHS is offering treatment to patients who have the symptoms of swine flu, but are no longer treating all persons known to have had contact with them. This means that if you had had contact with someone who has developed swine flu, there is no need for you to take anti-viral medication or stay at home unless you have developed the symptoms.

Pupils with symptoms should remain at home until they are no longer displaying the symptoms.

There is no greater risk of pupils catching swine flu at school than catching it anywhere else in the community. It is important to remember that for the vast majority of people swine flu is quite a mild illness. Most people recover within a week, even without antiviral treatment.

Bearing this in mind, I am confirming to you that there are no plans to close schools if pupils have swine flu. (The only situation where schools could close is if a large number of teaching staff are ill and off work with swine flu.) As a school we are not required to write to parents to inform them when a pupil has suspected swine flu.

With the start of the Autumn Term you may welcome information about swine flu. The link below provides up to date questions and answers that you may wish to refer to, to assist you in making informed decisions about swine flu and your children.

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/educationoverview/flupandemic/>

M. C. Hillsdon  
Headteacher

### CHILDRENS UNIVERSITY SCHEME

At Our Lady of Lourdes we are part of Sefton's Children's University Scheme, as well as a National Children's University Scheme. A number of our pupils in Key Stage 2 have recently received Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates, awarded by the National Children's University. They have shown commitment to continuing their learning outside of the school day and have obtained sufficient credits for these awards. Congratulations to them all.

Pupils are also working towards gaining sufficient credits to graduate through Sefton's Scheme in either Year 2 (with 25 credits) or Year 6 (with 100 credits).

A timetable of clubs running in this academic year will be sent home shortly.

### START OF TERM MASS

This week we have celebrated two Masses in school. On Wednesday, school staff, pupils and their parents/carers were invited to attend Mass after school, where we prayed for a successful and enjoyable academic year.

On Thursday Father Atli said Mass for all of Key Stage 2. It was lovely to come together to begin our school year in a reverent and reflective way.

MASS TIMES	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	ST. JOSEPH'S
SATURDAY	5.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.
SUNDAY	11.00 a.m.	9.30 a.m.

### JELLY BRACELETS

Please note that our children are not allowed to wear the current trend – jelly bracelets in school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### PARENT MEETINGS

During the Year 1 – Year 6 Parent meetings commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September, a copy of our School Code of Conduct for Behaviour, Homework Policy, and Autumn Curriculum newsletter will be distributed for your information and to support our partnership of working together to develop our children.

### CHARITY RUN

One of our Year 1 parents will be racing in the Great North Run on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September in support of the Anthony Nolan Trust. If you wish to sponsor her you can do this online at [www.anthonynolanevents.rg.uk/sarahpickerill](http://www.anthonynolanevents.rg.uk/sarahpickerill).

### BICYCLES

It is wonderful to see so many children riding their bikes to school! Please can we ask that once the children arrive at school that they do not ride across either playgrounds for the health and safety of the other children and adults.

### COFFEE MORNING

A coffee/juice morning will be held for the children on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Cakes, biscuits and juice will be provided in school. We will be really grateful if the children will bring a donation which will be given to Macmillan nurses. Last year we raised over £300! It would be great if we could do even better this year. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### HSA NEWS

Our AGM is set for Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm. The committee positions of Chair, Vice Chair, treasurer and secretary are open for nominations. We would love to see as many parents there as possible to show support for the work of the Home School Association. Please set this date aside and give us half an hour of your time. If your child is new to school this is a good opportunity to come and find out more about our programme of events for the year and our fundraising activities.

Many thanks

Trish Farnell (Chair 569684)