

Pre Prep School Newsletter

Friday 25th January 2019



Happy Birthday to:

Oliver 2Q, Christian 1P, and
Tabitha 2Q

Walk to School

On Thursday 24th January the School Councillors went for a walk around the area, as part of the "Walk to School scheme," with Mrs Gannon and Jane Rickwood. The children highlighted barriers when walking to school. The children noticed cars parked on the edge of the gates and drivers using gate entrances to turn their cars around even though the signs clearly state not to park in this particular area, The children also noticed how muddy certain paths were. Good job they were wearing their wellington boots!!



National Literacy Trust Research

Recent research shows that the more books a child owns, the more likely they are to do well at school and be happy with their lives.

Based on a survey of 44,097 children aged 8-18 in the UK the **Book ownership, literacy engagement and mental wellbeing report** found that:

- Children who have 60 or more books at home are **5.5 times more likely** to read above the level expected for their age than their peers who have fewer than 10 books
- Children who read above the level expected for their age have **twice as many books** as those who read below the expected level
- Children who have a book of their own at home have **higher levels of mental wellbeing** than those who don't have any books

However, children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds are at risk of missing out on the educational and health benefits of book ownership:

- **1 in 8** disadvantaged children in the UK don't own a single book, compared to 1 in 11 children nationally
- Of children who own books, those from disadvantaged backgrounds have **25% fewer books** on average than their more affluent peers

Notice to Reception Parents

The date for Reception Screening has now been changed from January to 19th – 21st March. Parents will receive correspondence from the School Nurse soon.

National Storytelling Week: 26th January – 2nd February



Next week is National Storytelling week. This annual event is a celebration of oral storytelling, building on the tradition of folktales and oral fairytales. It is a lovely opportunity to celebrate the power of spoken stories and to practise retelling folk tales and stories from our own experiences.

Important Notice to All Parents/Guardians

Can I please remind parents/guardians when you have collected your child from school to leave the Pre Prep school site as soon as possible. Children are not to go and play on the adventure playground or the tennis courts as Afterschool use these facilities. Prep children are also still having lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday at this time.

No Dogs Allowed



Can I please remind parents/guardians not to bring their dogs on to the school grounds. No dogs are allowed onto the school premises due to Health and Safety. Thank you



Important Notice to Parents/Guardians

The children need to wear their coat now the weather is colder. Could parents/guardians please send their child into school with their school coat. Uniform is a plain **BLACK** coat which can be purchased from the School shop. Could all parents/guardians please ensure their child's name is marked clearly on their coat.

Outdoor Learning in Reception

As I am sure you can appreciate the outdoor area of any new site will take time to develop. In September the priority was to ensure the classrooms were safe and appropriate when the children started, with all areas suitably laid out. The staff did an amazing job getting their rooms ready in just 2 days and the children settled smoothly into their classroom environments. The staff have now been developing the area immediately outside their classrooms, as this is the most practical area for them to access outdoor learning. Children have free access to this area throughout the day.

Children also have time using the wider grounds on more specific tasks, such as going on nature hunts or using the adventure playground. These are timetabled. Further resources/ equipment may be added, if required in the future. However our wonderful grounds are the best resource as it is such a perfect space to explore the natural world.

You will also see in the newsletter that Reception children have been attending Forest School sessions at JMU. Each class in Reception will have an opportunity to participate in this. Ideas seen there can then also be brought back to school by the teachers to use.



World Cancer Day 4th February

World Cancer Day on Monday 4th February is a day that unites people, communities and entire countries to raise awareness and take action. Liverpool College are proud to support this event and will be selling Unity bands. The bands are £2.00 each and all proceeds will go directly to CRUK. Please support this charity. will be selling Unity bands. The bands are £2.00 each and all proceeds will go directly to CRUK. Please support this charity.

Pupil News



Tooth Fairy News

Elodie 2Q lost her tooth while in school and had a visit from the Tooth Fairy.



House of the Week **Badger**

Drama

If you would like your child to attend drama

Be Scene
Performing Arts Academy

Developing Character Qualities and Leadership Skills Through Performing Arts

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP FEBRUARY HALF TERM

DATES: TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY- THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

VENUE: CALDERSTONES SCHOOL

10AM-3PM FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-14

Be Scene Performing Arts Camp offers children the opportunity to experience the fun and excitement of all performing arts disciplines. Throughout the week children will take part in drama workshops, vocal lessons and musical theatre.

£30 PER DAY OR £55 FOR 3 DAYS!

Wraparound care is available provided by RWB Sports 8.30am - 5.00pm.
AM: £3.75
PM: £3.75

Bring a packed lunch, plenty of water and wear suitable clothing.

CONTACT SARAH @ BE SCENE

10% Discount for youngest siblings

Musical Theatre, Games, Acting, Creating, Role Play, Confidence, Dancing, Performing, Singing, Communication, Fun

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- Well done to Louie R1 for receiving his grade 1 swimming certificate
- Congratulations to Lucas 2Q for receiving his Ninjitsu certificate and 3rd Kai belt
- Well done to Lucas 2Q for receiving his grade 2 water skills swimming certificate

Weekly Attendance
Week beginning
Monday 21st January 2019 School
Target is 97%

Class	Attendance	
R1	97.0 %	😊
R2	96.3 %	😓
R3	97.8 %	😊
1P	96.7 %	😓
1Q	97.0 %	😊
1R	97.8 %	😊
2P	95.2 %	😓
2Q	95.2 %	😓

Congratulations to R3 and 1R for 97.8% Attendance



Week Commencing
21st January
Menu 3

Dates for the Diary

15 th February 2019	Finish school for half term
26 th February 2019	Children return to school
12 th – 14 th March	Book Fair
18 th March 2019	Reception class photograph
19 th – 21 st March	Reception screening (information to follow)
25 th – 27 th March	Parents Evening Reception – Year 2
5 th April	Finish school for Easter
23 rd April	Back to School



Speech and Language Therapy Drop-In Sessions



Drop in to speak to a Speech and Language Therapist about any concerns you have about your child's speech, language and communication development.

Your child will not be assessed at this session. Please see dates below, no appointment necessary, just pop along for a chat.

Date	Time	Venue
7 th February	9.30am – 12.00noon.	Tuebrook Children's Centre, Lower Breck Rd, L6 4BT
15 th February	9.30am – 12.00 noon	Belle Vale Children's Centre, Hedgefield Road, L25 2RW
26 th February	9.30am – 12.00 noon	Picton Children's Centre, 137 Earle Rd, L7 6HD
7 th March	1.30pm – 4.00pm	Dingle Children's Centre, Dingle Lane L8 9UB
18 th March	1.30pm – 4.00pm	Speke Children's Centre Conleach Rd L24 0TW
26 th March	9.30am – 12.00noon	Everton Nursery & Family Centre, Spencer St. L6 2WF

Children in Year 2 have been given areas of responsibility as they are now the oldest children in Pre-Prep.

Here are the Librarians



The role of a Librarian is to "stamp the books and put them away in the right place" says Olivia and Tabby

Here are the Monitors



The role of a Monitor is to "choose the toys for the children to play with at break time and lunch time and put them away" says Jaida

reminder

This weekend is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. To find out more please see <https://www.rspb.org.uk>



G.Gannon – Head Teacher of Pre-Prep