## St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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<u>Parent Questionnaire</u> – Thank you to all the parents who took the time to fill in our questionnaire. We are currently analysing the results and endeavor to act upon your suggestions. The lovely comments were overwhelming and were shared with all the staff during our staff meeting. It is always lovely to hear compliments and we are incredibly grateful to have wonderful families supporting us.

<u>Parents Evening/Afternoon</u> - We will now hold our parents afternoon/evening on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Novembe**r. Apologies for the change in date but we are having difficulties with our booking system.

<u>Sleep</u> – Sleep is vital to our wellbeing and essential for brain development. Please follow the link for some advice and support <u>Sleep Support</u>

<u>Half term activities</u> – At the bottom of the newsletter is a letter from the council regarding half term activities available for some of our families. Please read the letter to see if you are able to access these activities.

<u>Safeguarding</u> – Please follow the link for advice for parent online safety support. Families had asked for some more advice, and this website has a wealth of support on it. <u>Parent Online Safety</u>

Date	Who?	Event	Times
Monday 16/10/23	Parent Morning	Supporting your child with maths. Mr. Larkin will guide you through maths in our school.	9am- 9:30
Monday 16/10/23	Y6 Pupils	Y6 pupils will attend an author event at Belvedere school	Afternoon
Thursday 19/10/23	Parent Morning	Mrs Lally and Miss Edwards will be holding an informal meeting where you can come and chat about and SEND questions you have.	9am – 9:30
Tuesday 24/10/23	Parent Morning	Supporting your child's wellbeing – Miss Price and Miss McKenna will lead this.	9am- 9:30
Wednesday	Y5	Pupils will work with a drama company and perform a play based on their	All day
25/10/23	Pupils	history topic – THE GREEKS	
Thursday	Y4	Pupils will work with a drama company and perform a play based on their	All day
26/10/23	Pupils	history topic – MAYAN CIVILIZATION	
Friday 27/10/23	Pupils	School photograph day.	All day
27/10/23	Pupils	School closes for October half term at 3:15pm. School reopens 06/11/23	

Important Dates for the Autumn Term

## Dear Parent or Guardian

The October Half Term Eat 2 Meet programme starts on the 30th October and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. <u>Children and young people, from reception to age 16 (including year 11 leavers), who are eligible for benefits</u> related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There's a great range of activities across the city including Halloween themed activities such as pumpkin carving, apple bob, halloween crafts making spooky masks, boxing, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, podcasting, basketball, arts and crafts, drama, zumba, trips out and much more! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well. To find out where the nearest scheme is click on this link October Half Term 'Eat to Meet' – Merseyside Play Action Council (merseyplay.com) or go to https://www.merseyplay.com and click on the October Half Term Eat 2 Meet link.

When a parent/guardian/carer has chosen the activity/scheme they will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If the child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when booking. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

<sup>a</sup> If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</u>

<sup>a</sup> You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.

<sup>a</sup> If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <u>https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/</u>

<sup>a</sup> If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <u>https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/</u>

<sup>a</sup> If your child is not eligible for benefits related free school meals you may be eligible for support with childcare costs - <u>https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator</u>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the October Half Term Eat 2 Meet programme.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - FISD.

Regards

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