

Forthcoming Events

Monday 12th November:

School Photographer (individual & family photographs. NB school pupils/brothers and sisters only)

Friday 16th & 23rd November:

Own Clothes Day (Christmas Market)

Friday 30th November:

Advent Service (9.30am)
Christmas Market (3.30-6.30pm)



Newsletter

9th November, 2018

'BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SERVE'

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well done to our swimming team representing us at today's Crosby & District Gala. They came 4th out of 13 schools! A great achievement in what was clearly a very competitive occasion. Across individual and team events we had three 1st places, three 2nd places, one 4th and one 5th. Well done for those and for a magnificent team effort, which you need to achieve such a fantastic outcome. Thanks to Mrs Ashcroft and Mrs Snow for looking after the team so well.

Our Theme Day to mark this year's Centenary of the Armistice took place on Wednesday. It was unforgettable. The day's learning was dedicated to this special event in our history. In the afternoon all of the work carried out at home on the project was brought into the hall for our Remembrance Service, led by Class 5U. It made for a breath-taking display, full of information about World War 1, all presented in a glorious blaze of Poppy red. There were stories from the war about our families' relatives and members of our local community – real people, whose stories of valour touched everyone's hearts. The display provided the perfect back drop to 5U's service at the end of the day, which was a superb tribute to the fallen. The two minute silence was observed immaculately and was a fitting thankyou from our youngest generation to those who sacrificed everything. Well done 5U. Well done Mr Dolan. Thanks to all the parents and other relatives who came into school afterwards to look around the projects. This made the day complete.

Well done to all the children who attended Mass at St Joseph's for the Feast of All Saints. They impressed the parishioners with their good behaviour and their reverence. Well done to the children who read so well.

The children from Reception to Y5 had their flu vaccinations on 30th October. This will help to keep them healthy through the coming winter months.

Nancy, our Crossing Patrol, had a scare this week when one of our parents drove on as she was preparing children to cross the road. Please always be prepared to give priority to her.

I received a complaint from a very angry neighbour this week about one of our parents parking across her driveway as she was trying to drive out. When she challenged the parent she received a hail of abuse. This is both inexcusable and intolerable. It also does untold damage to the school's relationship with its neighbours, which has taken generations to build. She has the registration of the vehicle concerned. I have advised her to ring it through to the Police.

REMINDERS

- Before you enter the school grounds at the end of the school day, before you greet your child, if you have not already done so, can you make sure you put your mobile phone away. Seeing you at the end of the day delights them and your smiling face and embrace delights them even more.
- On arrival at school please remember that the gate on Blundellsands Road is for Reception pupils and their siblings only. All other children enter through the gate on Nicholas Road.
- Please do not bring dogs onto the playground at any time. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
- Thank-you for keeping the youngsters off the playground equipment at the end of the day. It really can be tricky to stay safe, as the children are coming out of school, if other children are in that area.
- Parents and carers have no entitlement to take holidays during term time. I can only approve these in exceptional circumstances. **Applications should include a written description of the circumstances.** Being taken out of school at any time is an obstacle to children making progress and should be avoided.
- Please do not park on or stop at the yellow zig-zags during the times stated on the road side sign. It is both dangerous and irresponsible.
- Please do not block entrances to the local residents driveways.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mark McQueen
Head Teacher