



# Newsletter

29th September 2023

[www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk](http://www.stnicholasliverpool.co.uk) is filled with the latest information about our school.

**School closes for October Half Term on Friday 27th October at 3.15pm .  
Children will return to school on Monday 6th November 2023.**

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 5th October** Flu Vaccination

**Friday 6th October** Children may come to school wearing brightly coloured clothes for a donation of £1. All monies raised will go to CAFOD helping to support communities overseas.

**Wednesday 25th October** Harvest Festival Assembly. All Parent/Cares are welcome.



## A message from the Headteacher

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the weekend. The children have settled back in really well and it has been lovely to welcome some new starters to our school, both children and staff members.

It was great to see so many of you this week at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions last week. Thank you for taking the time to attend and I hope that you found them informative and useful. We value your input and support and going forwards a key focus will be on ensuring that a strong home and school partnership exists.

I look forward to communicating out more regularly and I will be in touch very soon with key events, dates and details.

## School News

It has been a wonderful start back to the new school term and everyone is looking super smart in their new uniform. Just a gentle reminder that all items should be labelled with your child's name and class especially jumpers and cardigans. Your child will need to ensure they bring a coat to school as we do encourage being out in the fresh air and the weather can be unpredictable at times. School ties are not optional and your child should be wearing one. Mr Ackers will be keeping a keen eye out to smarten up our uniform. These can be bought at the school office. We have a new school website for you to keep up to date with the new class pages as well as following the class twitter page for any updates. We are now collecting tins and dried foods for our Harvest Festival and would welcome any donation no matter how small. Our donations will be taken to the Sisters of Mercy who support the homeless in our city.

## Reception and Year 7 admissions.

The online admission process is now open for Reception and Year 7 places. Please note – a place in our nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. Please apply via the link below.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

## Flu Vaccination

The school nurses will be in on Thursday 5th October for the Flu Vaccination. If you have not yet returned your form you will need to speak to the office staff as you may be too late to submit it for the vaccination.

## Nursery Places Available

We still have full time places available in our school nursery. If you know anyone who is looking for a place or has a sibling who is 3 years old please let them know. Application forms can be collected at the school office.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

There have been an increasing number of children being collected from school early. Please try to arrange all appointments outside the school day as this can be very disruptive to the pupil's learning. There is an increasing number of children who are arriving late to school. This can be upsetting to the child and can be disruptive to lessons. Please can you ensure that your child is in school before 8.55 a.m.

## **School Lunches and Free School Meals**

Reminder – meal patterns are set for the term. If you do require a change, please call the office know to avoid errors on your account. Please note you can not mix packed lunch with hot dinner during the week. The cost of a school meal is £2.00 per day or £10 per week. Any parent who has not received their login details for School Money, please contact the office on: 0151 709 5532. All dinners should be paid for in advance. If any parents' or guardians' circumstances have changed during these uncertain times, please be aware you may now be entitled to free school meals. You can check your eligibility via the link: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals>

## **Reminder**

If you have changed your mobile number or address you will need to let the office staff know. If your child requires medication please ensure it is brought into the school as soon as possible and a form is filled out in the office.

## **A final thought**

We can all make a positive difference; be the sunshine that brightens the day for somebody.

## **School Term Dates 2023/24**

Autumn 2023 – Children to return Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 1st September - Friday 27th October 2023

Half Term - Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023

Monday 6th November - Friday 22nd December 2023

Christmas Break - Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January 2024

Spring 2024 – Children to return Tuesday 9th January 2024

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter Break - Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024

Summer 2024 – Children Return Monday 15th April 2024

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Monday 3rd June – Monday 22nd July 2024

## **INSET DAYS**

(In Service Education and Training for staff)

These days are inclusive of the required INSET days for staff only to attend.

school can set a maximum of 10 INSET days in a school year.

School is closed for children on these 7 days.

The 7 INSET Days are as follows:

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 17th November 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Friday 9th February 2024