

Weekly Newsletter: 20th January 2023

# **Learning Power of the Week Awards**

# <u>Learning Power Winners</u> Revising

Nursery: Ellie and Maya

Reception: Wren

Year 1: Eliza S

Year 2: Jay

Year 3: Ivy

Year 4: Eliza

Year 5: Zack

Year 6: Zoe

Come up with different strategies

- Work as part of a team to improve
- Welcome change
- Try new angles to find the best way

Progress is impossible without change

Take a chance, make a change

If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you





Well done children, you have shown how you SHINE this term!





## **Attendance**

Despite the many illnesses going around, we have achieved an

Attendance award for our attendance. Well done to all of our children and thankyou to our parents for supporting us with our

attendance and making sure your child is in school every day on time.



### **School Blogs**

We are introducing the use of School Blogs to share all of the wonderful things our children do and achieve in school. You can access these by going onto the main page of our school website and scrolling down to the list of the different blogs as shown below.





Blogs can be found at the bottom of the main home page as shown below.



### Attendance

Our attendance target for each class in school is 98%+ each week. Here is the attendance for the whole term for each class



Year	Percentage	Number of stars awarded
Nursery	97%	1 ★
Reception	94%	0
Year 1	94%	0
Year 2	95%	0
Year 3	98%	2 ★ ★
Year 4	80%	0
Year 5	98%	2 ★ 🖈
Year 6	96%	0

Our attendance champions this term are Year 6 with 98%. Well done!

You have to be in to win!

97% - 1 star 98-99%

Father Michael has now confirmed that Year 4 Communions will take place on Friday, 19th May 2023. Although this Sacrament is celebrated on a school day, it is organised by St. John Fisher Church. Any enquiries should be made to Father Michael. He is available after Mass in St. John Fisher's at 5:30pm each Saturday and 11am in St. Columba's Church every Sunday. As a school we will offer the Church support to ensure this day is a wonderful and Holy experience for our children.

Communions

### Year 6 SATS tests

The 2023 Key Stage 2 SATs will take place in the week commencing 8th May 2023. The 8th May is now a bank holiday so the tests will take place over four days starting on Tuesday, 9th May 2023. Children in Year 6 must be in school on time for these tests.

#### **Half Term**

Please be aware that we break up from school for half term on 17th February 2023. This does appear to differ from other schools in the area. These holidays were organised before I started and I am unable to change them. In future and wherever possible, all school holidays will be in line with those allocated by Knowsley Local Authority.

### **Upcoming Dates**

NSPCC Number Day - 3rd February 2023 Mental Health Week - Week beginning 6th February

Safer Internet Day - 7th February 2023 World Book Day - 2nd March 2023 Red Nose Day- 17th March 2023

Details regarding the above will be released soon.

# **Use of Playground**

I just wanted to give an update on parents being able to access the school playground at the end of the day. After consultation with staff and Governors, I was informed that the use of the playground was not taken away as a result of Covid safety measures but as a result of the staggered times at the end of the day. It was felt to be a safety issue as some KS2 outdoor lessons were still being taught whilst parents were accessing the playground. We are currently working on ways to prevent this and re-arrange timetables to accommodate. We hope to introduce a trial of allowing parents on to the playground shortly and trust that all parents will support us with this transition by following the rules we will be putting in place.

### Mass Times:

Fr Michael would love to see you all in Church to celebrate mass:

Wednesday: 9:15—Year 4 to go

Saturday: 5.30PM—St John Fisher

Church

Sunday: 11AM—St Columba's Church

