

Together, with God in our heart, the path to our dreams will start.



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Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are almost half way through this half term already. School has been very busy, as always. Here's just a snap shot of what's been happening and what is coming up!

### Our County Cross-Country Heroes!

Last Saturday (Yes! Saturday!) our Year 5 and 6 cross country team were the only school BRAVE enough to compete against the best cross-country runners in Liverpool, Wirral and Sefton! The course was long and hard and yet our children really showed their courage! Our moto states that at KSL "the path to our dreams will start" These children showed real dream and aspiration competing against the best of the best! They were rewarded with a VIP table and a cheeky McDonald's Lunch!

(We also had our lucky mascot Ruby, my dog, with us  )



If you're inspired by their **commitment** and **dedication**, there are plenty of other ways to get involved in sport outside school. Have a look at the "Beyond the School Day!" page on our school website for more information

### DON'T FORGET!

School is **closed** on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> due to strike action.

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## 🦅 A very special surprise! 🦅



Today, our KSI assembly was hijacked by a very special visitor! Mighty Red from Liverpool football club came to say a huge "Congratulations" to the children in KSI who have completed their "Little Readers" program. The children have worked really hard and so thoroughly deserved this treat... Mighty Red even made Miss Kealey do a dance!



### We are learning too!

Our children aren't the only ones learning in school. Our adults are always learning too. Here's just a glimpse at the training we have had in school over the last few weeks...

<p>The senior leadership team have started our journey this week to becoming a <b>Talk4 Writing school</b>. The rest of the staff will be trained before the start of the new school year and so we can start teaching writing using this approach across the whole school from September</p>	<p>Mrs Islam is currently completing a <b>phonics</b> project in which she has visited a number of schools using the same scheme for phonics as us.</p>	<p>Mrs Murt is currently developing our <b>maths</b> curriculum working on a number of projects and visiting other schools to see best practice in mastery.</p>
<p>Miss McNeill is set to take over leading <b>PHSE</b> when Miss Higginson starts her maternity leave. They both attended the PHSE conference last week to get ideas to further develop our curriculum</p>	<p>Miss McArdle is part of a project called "Transforming your school's <b>reading</b> culture" looking at how we teach reading and instil a love of reading in our children. This is a priority for school going forward.</p>	<p>Mrs Cottom and I are now enrolled at Chester University to complete masters credit course on <b>trauma informed</b> approaches. This will involve us undertaking research in school and developing our environment to support the wellbeing and mental health of our children.</p>

..this is only a snap-shot! If you are wondering what else our adults are currently working on, just ask!

### Lights, camera...action!

On **Thursday** we welcomed the **BBC** to school! As part of the Safer Streets project that is being completed in the 'Flower Streets' off Stanley Rd, our year 5 class were invited to work with professional artist Madeleine Pires by Jo Matthew's of Liverpool City Council. Their work will form planned murals for the gable ends of the flower streets with our focus being daisies. BBC North West Tonight presenter Lindsey Prosser contacted school about our part in the project and on Thursday came into school to film and chat to children and local residents about their involvement in the scheme. She will contact school when the story will be shown on TV.

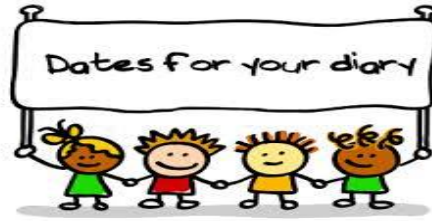
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# Snow Day



Thank you for your understanding on Friday when we were forced to close school due to heavy snowfall overnight. It was very frustrating when the sun came out at 10am and started melting it! As I'm sure you already know, it is a HUGE decision to close for the day and it was made due to the access to school being dangerous underfoot and lots of staff not being able to get to school due to closed motorways and cancelled trains. I hope some of you were able to enjoy time playing outside; doesn't happen very often in Liverpool!



Event	Date	Time
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	3.00pm-6.00pm (individual times will be sent out shortly)
Parents' Curriculum Showcase Event	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.15am-10.30pm
Easter Service (in school) led by the children.	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2.00pm
Nursery End of Term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Normal times
End of Term (Rec-Y6)	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00pm

## Exciting plans...

As the school FINANCIAL year comes to an end, it's time to think about how we can best use the school budget to enhance our children's experiences next year. Here's just a glimpse at what myself and governors are thinking about....

I have asked our contractor to draw up plans to improve our entrance and exit so that we can eliminate the squash at the end of the day!

The Early years outdoor area will see significant development and investment very soon...watch this space!

We are looking into the possibility of getting a school minibus to facilitate more off-site activities. This is a **huge** investment but would open so many more doors, not just for our sports teams, but for all children.



As always, any questions, comments or compliments..our door is always open! Make an appt to see myself or one of the senior leadership team.

**Mrs J Campbell**

Headteacher

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