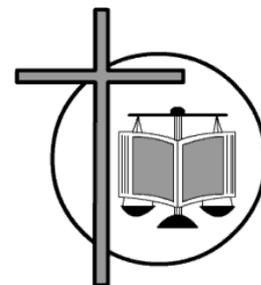
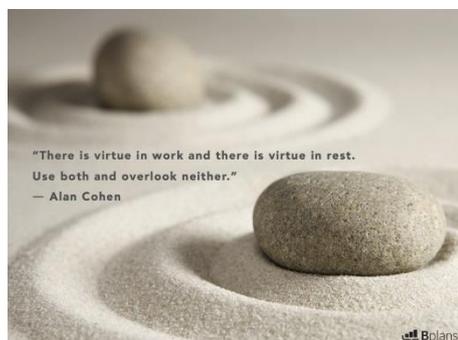


# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,



### **Time to breathe!**

The children begin their half term holiday tomorrow and return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. They have been absolutely wonderful and have worked so hard in school. I hope everyone has a chance to have a rest and recharge their batteries (children, parents and staff!)

This first half term has been a challenging one to say the least! I would like to thank you all for your support and patience when bringing and collecting the children from school, and for following all of the guidance and changes we have had to put in place to keep everyone safe.

### **Home Learning**

One of our main school priorities this year will be to continue to manage this situation in the best way we can to ensure all the children can maintain their education, either in school or remotely at home if they have to self-isolate. There are still many gaps in the children's learning due to the time spent away from school during the Lockdown, and it is more important than ever for school and home to work together.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have adapted the way we are delivering home learning to include packs that the children can access without the need for a wifi connection. These **must be returned to school** at the end of the self-isolation period as the booklets they include are also used daily in school.

### **Reading books – Amnesty!**

A huge plea to have a search at home to check if you have any reading books lurking in cupboards, under beds etc! We are extremely short of home readers as many books have not been returned to school. Before we order more and spend a lot of money again, we ask that you return all reading books that you may have. Thank you.

### **Covid**

If anyone in your household tests positive for Covid during the half term holiday, please contact me via email: [head@stfrancisdesalesinf.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:head@stfrancisdesalesinf.liverpool.sch.uk)

### **Peter Road – Accident Concerns**

Russell Oakes from the Council visited our site last Friday to review the situation. We are hopeful that the safety fencing will be instilled in the near future. Please continue to voice your own concerns to the council, your local councillor or your local MP.

**However, until the fencing is installed, and even when it has been installed, parents must not drive down Peter Rd and must not turn at the bottom of the road. The inconvenience of walking down the road is a small price to pay compared to the potential injury of a child or parent from a turning car/speeding car. It is not necessary to drive down the road and should not be happening. Please stop doing this for the safety of everyone.**

## **E Safety**

I have attached the Acceptable Use of Technology Policy for you to review. Please read the children's part with them too. Please also check our Website for E-safety advice and guidance.

There will also be an online parents' meeting next half term – further details to follow.

## **Reception Admissions 2021**

**Current Nursery Parents** – admissions for September 2021 are now open. You need to apply to the council in which you live, either Liverpool or Sefton.

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

Sefton Council - <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-admissions.aspx>

## **Final word...**

Our Final Word this week is from Ivy in Nursery who has enjoyed exploring the pumpkins this week!

"I liked the seeds inside the pumpkins."

Have a lovely week next week and take care,

*L Melia*

Mrs Melia  
Headteacher

