



# St. Jerome's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to everyone and especially to our new pupils who have joined us from other schools – it is lovely to have you with us.

To start the school year I have some information that will be useful and one or two reminders as we get back into the routine of the term.

## Allergies

We have pupils in the school who are allergic to various types of nuts, sesame seeds and latex. The effects of these on the children concerned can be very severe and I would ask that you don't include any nuts or items with sesame seeds in packed lunches. We would ask that anything containing or made of latex is never sent into school.

## Vulnerable Pupils

Please be aware that we have a number of children who are vulnerable to infection due to their immune systems being compromised and therefore we must be informed if any child has chicken-pox, mumps or measles. Please ask at the office regarding further procedures if any of the above have been diagnosed by your GP.

## Lending Library

Mrs. Allen has conducted a stock take of the books and we have about 30 books still out on loan which need to be returned as soon as possible. If you have one of these books a reminder slip will be sent home to help you identify the book.

## Earrings

Our uniform policy does not allow earrings to be worn in school and I would ask that those pupils who have had their ears pierced over the summer arrive at school with their earrings covered over with plasters until they can take them out.

## Parents Evenings

Parents evenings are on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October and you will be able to book appointments using the school website booking system. Further details of when this is open will be sent out nearer the time.

## Formby Hockey Club

As you know our pupils receive hockey coaching in school from Formby Hockey Club coaches on a regular basis. The club run junior coaching sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and your children are welcome to attend. For more information contact Formby HC Hockey Development Officer Marc Bourhill on 07742073343 or email [formbyhockey@hotmail.com](mailto:formbyhockey@hotmail.com)

## Iron Men on Tour

We are delighted that this exhibit will be with us in school for a week from 18<sup>th</sup> September. Our pupils will listen to a presentation about the Iron Men in assembly that day and we will use the Iron Men as our theme for Beach School this term.

### Clubs

Clubs will begin next week unless you have been informed otherwise by an individual club. There will be no lunchtime singing and no choir for this term whilst Cath Last awaits the arrival of her baby – we wish her well and look forward to choir and singing resuming. We regret that for some of our clubs we will be making a charge of £2 per session in order to cover the cost of staffing. We will let you have details of these clubs in due course.

### Parent Support Adviser

Mrs. Quinn continues in her role as PSA and is keen to support families and children in any way she can. If you would like to speak to her about anything that you think she could help with please email her on [mandyquinn@stjeromes.sefton.org.uk](mailto:mandyquinn@stjeromes.sefton.org.uk).

### Harry's Mile Update

You will remember the run we all took part in on our Infant Sports day last term which was to raise money for the charity that supports children with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. I have had a letter and certificate from the charity thanking all of us for the total of £1712.55 that was raised. They are delighted and asked me to say a huge thank you on their behalf. Hopefully we will repeat the event this year and raise even more.

### Pride of Formby Awards

Councillor Maria Bennett has asked me to make you aware of the "Pride of Formby Awards" which have a range of categories that you can make nominations for. The closing date for nominations this year is 10<sup>th</sup> September and the categories include awards for children and community spirit, fund-raising, overcoming difficulties and making a difference. This is the link to follow if you would like to nominate someone: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/prideofformby> Last year we were delighted when one of our teachers, Mrs. Blair, won Teacher of the Year Award.

Finally just a reminder that school closes at 3pm on Fridays.

Have a great weekend!

Regards,

Mrs. Monaghan