

## Headteacher's Update – 10.5.24

Dear Parents,

I hope you were able to make the most of the bank holiday weekend. It has been lovely to come back and see the children enjoying the sunny weather, with packed lunches able to be eaten outside. Long may it last!

### Science Competition Winners

I am delighted to announce that our school had two winners of the recent STCAT-organised science poster competition. The entries were voted for anonymously by the science leads across the Trust and St Louis were judged the best in lower KS2 and upper KS2. Well done to Scarlett H in Y3 and Emanuela in Y6. I hope you have a great time with your experiment kit prizes.

### Reception Cooking

The children in Reception have enjoyed making and cooking different food. They learned how to make bread and butter, and they have learnt how to keep their body healthy. The children tried different vegetables and then used some of them to make healthy pizzas. Let us all try to make healthy food this weekend and have fun enjoying it with the family!



## Sunglasses

Now the sun is finally shining, we have noticed an increasing amount of children wearing sunglasses to school. For health and safety reasons, these are not permitted in school unless your child suffers from severe hayfever that affects their eyes. Where this is the case, please provide a letter addressed to your child's class teacher to consent to your child wearing sunglasses. If children do attend school wearing sunglasses, they will be asked to keep them in their bag until the end of the day.

## Sports News

Well done to the Year5/6 Boys who played in the final HOME game of the season against Elmhurst this week. The boys got off to a flying start and were 1-0 up after a fantastic passing move and excellent strike from Luciano. However, St Louis were temporarily one player down on the pitch due to an injury, which meant Elmhurst came fighting back and got an equaliser shortly after half time. Nevertheless, the St Louis team did not give up and goals from Max and David meant that we won our final home game of the season 3-1.

Roundnet (Spikeball) is a new exciting sport that is not like anything else around. The children in Year 5 and 6 have learned the key skills during their PE lessons this year and some of those children took part in a roundnet festival this week. At the festival, they were able to practice their skills and compete against some other schools, who have also started learning about this new sport. It was great fun and the children really enjoyed putting their skills to the test! Well done to all of those who attended.

## PTA KS2 Disco

The PTA have organised a disco for the children in KS2 after school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Year 3& 4 will be 3.15- 4pm  
Year 5&6 will be 4.30 - 5.30pm.  
The price will be £3, which includes a drink and snack. More information will follow next week.

## St Louis Day and Picnic – save the date

Although Canon John is not available to say mass with us on this date, we will still mark the day with activities centred around our patron saint to be followed by a St Louis family picnic on the field. You are invited to join us for the picnic on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 12pm-1pm**.

On this day, families are invited to bring packed lunches (there will be **no hot dinners** on this day) and sit with friends. I recommend bringing blankets to sit on, or even fold up chairs if you prefer. If you are unable to make it on this date, then still send in a packed lunch for your child who will enjoy the picnic with their class teacher.

It was lovely to be able to come together as a community again last year after the interruption of the Covid years. However, following an incident with a broken football net can I remind you that no balls or games should be brought in from home. The picnic is an opportunity to eat and talk and spend time in each other's company. You are welcome to take your child with you following the picnic.

## Year 6 SATs and whole school assessments

Next week sees Year 6 sit their SATs tests. It is really important that children attend school on these days as they may not be able to take them at a later date. The tests are a chance

for pupils to show all that they have learnt over their time in primary school, and are a useful reference for their secondary schools as the results will be transferred to their new schools.

Although it can be daunting sitting any sort of test, we know our children will try their best and that is all we ask. This experience will also stand them in good stead for the expectations of secondary school.

Good luck to all our Y6 pupils.

The rest of the school will be taking various assessment papers the following week, except in Reception. Although these are not statutory, they are a very useful indicator of what children have learnt and can recall independently and help inform the teacher judgements that are shared with you in the end of year reports.

The statutory multiplication check for Y4 and phonics screening for Y1 children will take place in June. Again, you will be informed of the outcome of these in the end of year reports.

Assessments are useful, for as well as showing what the children know, it also helps teacher's pinpoint what they have not remembered or find more difficult, and focus the learning on closing gaps in knowledge. They are not something that children (or parents) should be unduly worried about. However, if you do have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Reception

**We have been learning: how to keep our body healthy.**

**You can help at home by: encouraging your child to make healthy food choices when eating a meal.**

Year 1

**We have been learning: our number bonds to 20.**

**You can help at home by: saying a number below 20 and asking your child what they add on to it to make 20.**

Year 2

**We have been learning: about the rosary.**

**You can help at home by: learning the Hail Mary prayer together**

Year 3

**We have been learning: how to calculate amounts of money using pounds and pence.**

**You can help at home by: asking children to add and subtract amounts of money using pounds and pence.**

Year 4

**We have been learning: how to translate fairytale characters in French.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child how to pronounce each character.**

Year 5

**We have been learning: how to perform 'popping' movements in dance.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child to show you some of the hip hop dance moves they have learnt.**

Year 6

**We have been learning: different throwing techniques in rounders (as well as lots of SATs revision!)**

**You can help at home by: asking which techniques we used.**