

## Headteacher's Update – 6.10.23

Dear Parents,

First a couple of messages from the DfE

### **Measles / MMR vaccination**

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles.

With millions of children across the country going back to school this week, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country.

Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/>

### **Support children and young people to take part in The Big Ambition survey**

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country.

This is an opportunity to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting. The survey will be used to encourage policymakers to think about children and young people's needs, to ensure children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come.

Education settings play a critical role in enabling us to hear from as many children and young people as possible. That is why we are encouraging all settings in England to take part and let their pupils have their say on what is important to them!

To find out more head to [The Big Ambition page](#). To take part in The Big Ambition survey visit: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition).

### **Diocesan Mass**

Today the Diocese held their annual Diocesan Mass for all schools in the Diocese. Mrs Riordan and 5 pupils from our liturgy team attended the mass to represent our school. It is always a special occasion to have all the primary and secondary schools come together to celebrate mass and enjoy lunch together. I hear it was a beautiful mass where all the children read and sang beautifully and Mrs Riordan informed me that our 5 pupils represented our school really well.



**Drop in to see your child's work (Reception to Year 6) – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 3.15pm -5.00pm**

We look forward to welcoming you into school on Monday so you can have a look at your child's books and see the work they have been doing this term. Your children should be able to explain what they have been learning but teachers will be on hand to answer any general questions. Remember you will have an opportunity to discuss how well your child is doing at parents evening the following week.

**PTA Meeting - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

You will have received a welcome letter from the PTA which outlines the important part they play in the life of the school. I hope many of you will be able to join them at their meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in the school hall. In the letter you will see a list of the resources and opportunities we have been able to provide for your children as a result of the events that have been organised and run by the PTA, and it would be wonderful with your support if we were able to provide many more.

There will be a PTA mufti day on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** where children can wear their own clothes to school for a charge of £1. Please can this be sent to school in a sealed envelope on the day. Thank you for your support.

**Macmillan Muffin Fundraiser**

Thank you for the donations made in exchange for a muffin. We are pleased to announce that from pupil donations we raised £578 and a further £95 from staff donations, which will go directly to Macmillan.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend,

Best wishes, Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis  
Reception



**We have been learning: about how we are all unique.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child what makes them unique.**

**Year 1**

**We have been learning: about different dinosaurs.**

**You can help at home by: researching facts about different dinosaurs and helping your child to write a sentence.**

**Year 2**

**We have been learning: to add a tens number with a ones number e.g.  $30+7$ ,  $20+4$ ,  $10+6$**

**You can help at home by: asking your child different questions. This can be done verbally when walking or driving to school!**

**Year 3**

**We have been learning: about magnets in science.**

**You can help at home by: identifying different magnetic objects around your home.**

**Year 4**

**We have been learning: about being chosen to help or contribute in a special way in RE.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child how they responded when they were 'called' to do something.**

**Year 5**

**We have been learning: how to say things at the beach in French.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child how to pronounce the words they learned in their best French accent.**

**Year 6**

**We have been learning: how to write balanced arguments.**

**You can help at home by: asking what features might be in balanced arguments.**

