



# St Ann's Church of England Primary School



*Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!*

Value of the Half Term

*Wisdom*

Newsletter Issue 1

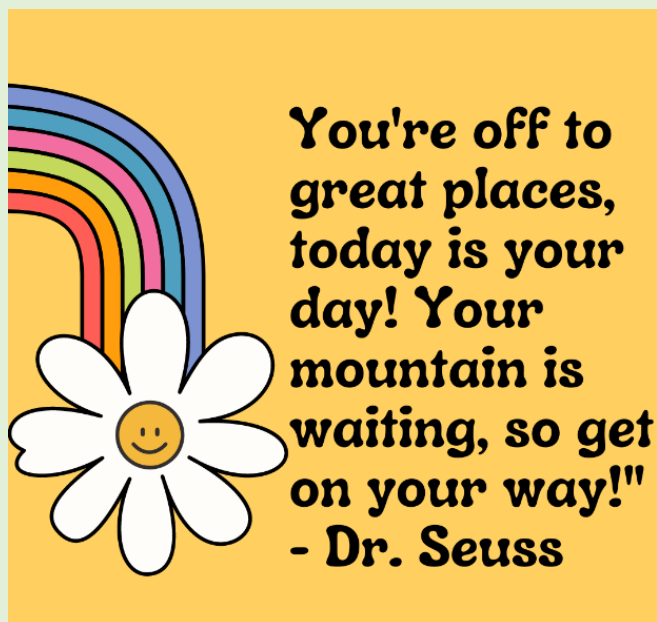
Friday 6 September 2024

The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.

Psalm 37:30

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## WELCOME BACK MESSAGE FROM MRS RYNN

I hope that everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer break and is looking forward to the year ahead. There is a lot to look forward to and some trips and residential have already been booked!

A special welcome to all our new starters both in the Early Years, and across school, and to their parents and carers. We are looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming years. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members of staff to our school – Mrs Grace, who will be teaching Y5, and Miss Stone, who will be teaching Y1.

It has been a wonderful first week seeing our pupils settling back into their learning with enthusiasm. Good to also see that our St Ann's behaviour standard has not been forgotten over the holidays!

Next week we have our Meet the Teacher workshops to look forward to. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Rynn*

## PE DAYS

This year children will continue to have one of their PE lessons taught each week by a PE specialist from PECO. PECO provide high quality PE School Sport across Merseyside PECO will also be delivering an array of before and after school sports clubs, which you will be aware of from recent communication sent from school. Children should wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE.

	DAY 1	DAY 2
EYM	Monday	Wednesday
EYP	Monday	Wednesday
1S	Monday	Tuesday
1T	Monday	Tuesday
2M	Monday	Thursday
2O	Monday	Thursday
3D	Tuesday	Friday
3E	Tuesday	Friday
4H	Monday	Thursday
4S	Monday	Thursday
5BF	Tuesday	Wednesday
5G	Tuesday	Wednesday
6A	Wednesday	Friday
6M	Wednesday	Friday

## MEET THE TEACHER



Next week our annual Meet the Teacher workshops will take place. It is really important parents/ carers attend these sessions so that you can become familiar with what the year ahead will look like for your child in their new class. At the workshops, the teachers will talk about the **curriculum, routines, policies and expectations**.

Workshops will take place in classrooms. Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6 parents/ carers should wait by the gate at the front of school. EYs & Y3 parents should wait by the side gate near the blue BASE door.

YEAR GROUP	DATE
EYS	Thursday 12 September @ 5pm
Year 2	Tuesday 10 September @ 5pm
Year 3	Tuesday 10 September @ 5pm
Year 4	Wednesday 11 September @ 5pm
Year 5	Wednesday 11 September @ 5pm
Year 6	Thursday 12 September @ 5pm

## CONSENTS & PERMISSIONS

You will have received an email this week with details of consents and permissions required for the forthcoming year. They will require completion either by accessing ARBOR or completing a Microsoft link. Your early attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated and this helps with our efficiency.

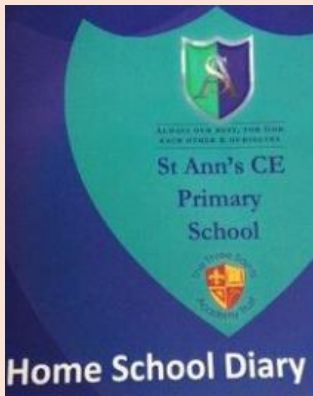
## WEEKLY HOMEWORK

This academic year your child will receive the following weekly homework:

- Daily reading – paper books
- Numbots (EYs, Y1 & Y2) or TimesTable Rockstars (Y2 -Y6)
- Spellings (Spelling Shed)
- English and Maths alternately

Periodically the children may also be set homework linked other subjects.

## HOME SCHOOL DIARY



This week your child will have received their new and revised Home School Diary for 2024-25. The entire diary is completely bespoke to our school and has been designed by the staff at St. Ann's, in consultation with parents. We hope that both you and your child find the planner useful during the coming year.

As the planner also acts as your child's Reading Record Diary, it is important that they bring it into school each day. The diary is also a great way for you to communicate with the staff in your child's year group, as there is plenty of space for messages.

Some pages we would like to draw your attention to include:

- Home School Agreement to be signed by children and parents on p29-31
- Passwords to various website on p161
- A record of collected reading stamps to show how many weeks your child has read daily for on p162-164
- Research about the importance of bedtime stories on p139-141

Lost or badly damaged diaries can be replaced at a cost of £5.00. Replacement diaries can be purchased via Arbor, followed by an email to the school office so that arrangements can be made for the diary to be sent home.

## DEMOCRACY DAY



Today has been our annual Democracy Day. During the day, the children learned all about general elections, Article 12 of the Children's Rights Charter, and the fundamental British Value of Democracy. The elected Head Boy and Girl, Rights Respecting Parliament members and House Captains will be announced next week when the Mayor of St Helens is available to present the children with their badges.

## PARENT FORUM 2023-24



Next week we will begin the process of recruiting this year's Parent/Carer Forum Reps. We hope to recruit a parent/ carer to represent each of our 14 classes. The group will meet termly to celebrate the work of our school and to offer a parental perspective on agenda items.

*Please note, individual matters are not addressed at Parent Forum as this is a public forum that only meets once a term.*

If you think this is something you would be interested in, simply complete the reply slip and return to school by the deadline. If more than one parent/ carer applies to be the Rep for a particular class, a parent/ carer who has previously not held the role will be randomly selected (names drawn from a hat). Parents/ carers who have previously held the position will be able to be a Rep once again as long as there is no other interest.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of last year's Parent Forum. We hope you enjoyed having an insight into up and coming school matters. We appreciated your comments and valued your support.

The impact of last year's Parent Forum can be seen in the information contained at the end of this Newsletter.

### PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

As children at St Ann's attend school wearing their PE Kit on the days they have PE, it is important that this is seen as an extension to our day-to-day school uniform. Therefore, our high standards for dress, remain the same.

All children require:

- a navy blue t-shirt
- a navy blue hoody
- navy blue shorts
- navy blue jogging bottoms
- trainers

These items can be plain or have the school and trust logo on.

Branded sportswear is not acceptable. It is also not acceptable for children to wear trainers on non-PE days.

Children who fail to wear correct PE kit will be provided with the correct clothing to wear during the school day.

Thank you for your co-operation and support with this matter.

### SAFEGUARDING TOP TIP #1: HOME OR OUT ALONE

Attached to this week's newsletter is a guide produced by the NSPCC to help parents/ carers decide if your child is ready to stay home or go out alone.





## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TUITION

If you are interested in your child having private tuition in a musical instrument, why not come along to the Schools' Music Service Roadshow on **Thursday 19 September @ 3.20pm** in the school hall. Simply go to the hall door at the back of school to enter the roadshow.

## A SPOTLIGHT ON: SAFEGUARDING



All adults have a legal responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This means everyone is required to take action to protect children from maltreatment, prevent impairment to children's physical and mental health or development and ensure that children grow up in circumstances with the provision of safe and effective care.

### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If you have concerns about children who attend St Ann's, act immediately and report it to Mrs Rynn or any of the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Early information sharing is vital in keeping children safe.

For more information about how St Ann's safeguards children, check out our website and Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy.

**Video...**  


**What happens when I report a concern?**  
 Adults will help you by answering questions that you have and telling you what will happen next.

**Who can I talk to?**  
 Anyone!

**Who do you report your concerns to?**  
**Mrs Rynn** - Designated Safeguarding Lead  
**Mrs Crowther, Miss Foster, Mrs Preston Mr Albrecht:**  
 Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

**Need to talk?**  
 There is a 'Need to talk' button on the school website where you can submit any online worries.

**Childline**  
 Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through.

**BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD** 3

Everyone has the right to feel secure and happy in school and at home. We encourage all children to talk, and everyone has the right to be listened to.

**NSPCC HELPLINE**  
 0808 800 5000  
 help@nspcc.org.uk

**ChildLine**  
 0800 1111

Since 2016 Tesco grants have supported over 50,000 community groups with more than £100 million in grants



On your next visit to Tesco, please use your blue token to vote for St Ann's Church of England Primary School.

**Stronger Starts.**



We would love to win £1500 to develop our Early Years Outdoor Learning Environment.

You can vote for St Ann's in the following stores:

2084 Huyton Hillside Express - L36 8BJ  
3065 Prescot Extra - L34 5NQ  
5791 Tarbock Woodlands Exp - L35 1QY  
6442 Whiston Win Ar Rd Exp - L35 3PA

**Stronger Starts.**



# TOAST

YEARS 1-6

If you would like your child to have Toast every half term please see below for the amount due each half term and the date the amount is required by. Payments should be made to your Arbor Toast account. Payments can be made in advance of these dates if you wish and the credit will be used once the due date arrives.

	Amount Due	Date Toast Account to be in credit by
Autumn 1	£9.50	Midday 16th July 2024
Autumn 2	£8.50	Midday 15th October 2024
Spring 1	£7.50	Midday 17th December 2024
Spring 2	£7.50	Midday 7th February 2025
Summer 1	£6.00	Midday 26th March 2025
Summer 2	£8.75	Midday 20th May 2025

Total for year £47.75



# ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

*At St Ann's we are relentless in our focus on attendance because we want the best for our pupils. The research speaks for itself, children with strong levels of attendance, fulfil their full potential and develop the skills and personal qualities required for a happy and fulfilled life.*

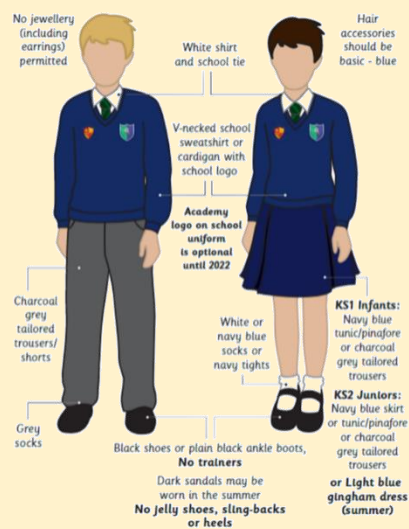
## Prize £50 Amazon Voucher

All children with 96%+ attendance, and who have not taken a holiday during term time, by Friday 20 December will be entered into the next Attendance Raffle. **GOOD LUCK** 😊



## GENERAL INFORMATION/REMINDERS

### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS



*\*Please note, it is not compulsory to wear items of clothing with the school and Trust logos on. Children may wear plain navy-blue items of school uniform.*

### SCHOOL SHOES REMINDER



### INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS

If you have notified school that your child has a medical condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please ensure that if there are any changes to their condition a new form is completed.

If your child has a newly diagnosed condition that requires an Individual Health Care Plan please contact the school office to arrange for a form to be completed.

### TOAST (Y1-Y6 ONLY)

The deadline for toast (Y1-6) for this half term has now passed. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for details of the payments required for future half terms.

### EARLY YEARS SNACK

Foundation stage children receive Snack on a daily basis. We would be most grateful if you would make payment on Arbor of the following amounts by the due dates:

Autumn 1 - £13.30  
Autumn 2 - £11.90  
Spring 1 - £10.50  
Spring 2 - £10.50  
Summer 1 - £8.40  
Summer 2 - £12.25

## TERM DATES 2024-25

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Spring Term 2025	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Summer Term 2025	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
	4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

## PURCHASING SCHOOL ITEMS

If you wish to purchase a school item this can now be done through Arbor. If you make a purchase please email the school office at [stannsce@three-saints.org.uk](mailto:stannsce@three-saints.org.uk) so that arrangements can be made to issue the item. Current prices are as follows:

**School Bag £10.00**

**Junior Tie £4.00**

**Elasticated Tie £3.50**

**Children's University Passport £5.00**

**Replacement Home School Diary £5.00**

**Courtesy**

**Care**

**Concentration**



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Twitter: [@RainhillStAnns](https://twitter.com/RainhillStAnns)

Headteacher: Mrs Laura Rynn

*'But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength.*

*They will soar high on wings like eagles' Isaiah 40:31*

**Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip**

# It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes  
to support people living with cancer.

Place: St Ann's CE Primary School

Date: Friday 27 September

Time: 9.00am



## Every cake and every coffee matters

Cancer can disrupt someone's whole life. Coffee Mornings like this mean we can do whatever it takes to help people with cancer live life as fully as they can. The money you raise today will go towards:

### Physical support

We provide specialist nurses and information on cancer, side effects such as hair loss, exercise and nutrition, so each and every day is a bit more bearable.

### Financial support

We provide benefits advice, grants and a team of experts who are on hand to help make sure money is one less thing for people with cancer to worry about.

### Emotional support

We provide free specialist counselling and local support groups so people with cancer can talk and get help with how they're feeling.



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. Printed on sustainable material. Please recycle. MAC19471\_Matters\_Card.





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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PART OF THE THREE SAINTS ACADEMY TRUST



**Watch this space**

# **St Ann's Friends Association**

**coming soon...**

Do you have  
any time to  
spare to  
help run an  
event?

Could your  
workplace  
donate a raffle  
prize or sponsor  
an event?

Does your  
workplace  
have a match  
giving scheme  
for employees?

Do you have  
any skills or  
talents to  
share with our  
school?

**Come and find out more on**

**Friday 13 September 2024, 2pm at St Ann's**



St Ann's Church  
RAINHILL

## Services at St Ann's September 2024



St Ann's Church  
RAINHILL

We aim to cater for different styles and ages with a variety of services throughout the month.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR SERVICES

### First Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

10.30am All Together for Worship



### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

10.30am Holy Communion in Church building with Platform 2 in in St Anns Centre.



### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

10.30am Platform 1 & Platform 2 Combined Service with Baptism in Church building

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

10.30am Holy Communion in Church building with



### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

10.30am All Age Communion with Platform 1 & Platform 2 Together in Church building

### 8.30am BCP Holy Communion - EVERY SUNDAY

(a traditional communion service using the Book of Common Prayer - large print available)

### Midweek Holy Communion Thursdays 9.30am

Services are an ecumenical act of worship & everyone is welcome to join us for the service and coffee afterwards.



**Stanley Bear** Club meets every Monday in term time 9-10:30am for 0-5s but not on bank holidays.

Breakfast and stories, songs and praise.

Craft Time with glue & glitter.



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Parent Forum 'We asked, you said, we did' Impact Report (2023-24)

Our Parent Forum was established in July 2015; it acts as a representative body for all parents and carers in St Ann's and we have at least one parent/ carer from each class involved in the forum. The Parent Forum meet three times a year to discuss issues and subjects linked to school priorities; they also act as a consultative body for the school.

We asked/ shared	You said	We did/ will do
<b>School Uniform Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents pleased to hear it is for families to decide when their child wears winter or summer uniform due to changeable weather.</li> <li>Parents pleased children wear PE kit to school on PE days. Greater wear out of PE uniform and means parents can buy fewer items uniform items, which reduces overall uniform costs.</li> <li>Positive feedback from parents about policy on earring – backless retainers now permitted.</li> <li>Contextualise for parents the rationale for school not permitting ruck sacks.</li> <li>Suggested to promote uniform policy via newsletter and with children in assembly.</li> <li>Suggested to show summer uniform in Home School Diary as well as winter and PE uniform.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contextualised rationale for not permitting ruck sacks in newsletter or annual Meet the Teacher.</li> <li>Include a 'Spot light' feature on school uniform in weekly newsletter.</li> <li>2024-2025 Home School Diary will show summer uniform as well as winter and PE uniform</li> </ul>
<b>Food &amp; Snack Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents supported water only policy. Juice causes tooth decay, and can have high sugar content.</li> <li>Discussion about Air Up bottles – promote the drinking of water but some parents feel pressured from their child to buy them air up bottle.</li> <li>Question about why children <del>can-not</del> have yoghurts at snack time. Yoghurts are high in sugar so to prevent tooth decay they should be limited to mealtimes only.</li> <li>Rationale for toast deadline discussed.</li> <li>Request for toast to be free to all pupils. This would cost £20,055.00 Parents asked school to consider allowing children whose parents forget to pay for toast to have any toast that is left over due to absent children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water bottle children have is parental choice.</li> <li>Include a 'Spot light' feature on Food &amp; Snack Policy in weekly newsletter – reminder yogurts not permitted due to high sugar content.</li> <li>School to continue to give following reminders regarding toast deadline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full page reminder in every weekly newsletter (back page)</li> <li>3 electronic messages sent to parents prior to deadline</li> <li>Class teachers to remind parents about when toast deadline is at collection.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Left over toast will be given to <del>chp</del> whose parents have not paid for toast by deadline.</li> </ul>
<b>Sports Selection &amp; Teams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Reps suggested greater explanation of selection criteria so parents do not view as negative and understand school makes decisions in best interests of each child.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More detailed explanation added into Sports Selection &amp; Teams Policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome of Parent Survey</b>	<p>Questions answered less positively discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q9. My child can take part in clubs and activities at St Ann's. Parents felt this may be about the time club places are released to parents. Parents said there isn't a time of day that would suit everyone.</li> <li>Q10. The school supports my child's wider personal development. It was felt parents may not know what is meant by 'wider personal development' and this may need explaining so parents can answer more accurately (21 parents answered 'don't know').</li> <li>Q11. My child has been bullied and the school has dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Way in which Q10 &amp; Q11 are phrased to be reviewed prior to the release of next year's survey.</li> </ul>

	<p>Parents felt this question should be a two-part question and reworded to:          If your child has been bullied, did the school respond?          If your child is being bullied, is the school progressing your concern quickly and effectively?          Parents also questioned whether bullying was the right word, or if it should say 'incident.'</p>	
<b>Options for layout of Reading Diary 2024-25 presented</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents prefer 5 boxes with each day labelled. They prefer it to start with the Friday/Weekend box rather than Monday as this means it is all on one page rather than flicking back and to. Parents suggested rephrasing the wording at the top from 'week beginning' to 'xx/xx/xx – xx/xx/xx' to reflect this.</li> <li>Parents requested for Y6 children to be permitted to sign own diary to develop independence.</li> <li>Parents understood additional cost implication of page for 'other comments.'</li> <li>Parents asked for further clarity and consistency with the table that shows the full weeks and how many days need to be signed for part weeks to still achieve stamp and also for consistency in the signing across school. The above changes should address this.</li> <li>Parents suggested the number of subscriptions to be circled each day to be reviewed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All parent suggestions have been taken on board and will be reflected in 2024-25 Reading Dairy.</li> <li>Parents must sign their child's reading diary so that they have full oversight over the amount of times their child is reading at home. This way parents can support their child in reaching their full potential.</li> </ul>
<b>View of E-Safety support from school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents wish for school to reiterate key messages to children such as not adding friends of friends when gaming.</li> <li>Parents suggested e-safety parent workshops being held at different times during the day, including evenings. Workshops could also be held online and recorded for parental convenience.</li> <li>E-safety could feature in Meet the Teacher each year.</li> <li>Parents explained they would benefit from recorded videos (potentially from the children too) showing parents 'How to' style guides e.g. how to lock YouTube to parents only etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School to continue to repeat key learning about e-safety.</li> <li>E-Safety will feature in annual Meet the Teacher (the presentation is made available to parents who are not able to attend)</li> <li>'How to guides' to be included in monthly e-safety newsletter.</li> </ul>
<b>View on School Dinners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some children do not feel their meal is large enough</li> <li>Parents suggested circulating the lunch menu each week and displaying in noticeboards.</li> <li>Parents suggested the return of Fishy Friday.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parental feedback shared with <del>Meatops</del></li> <li>Weekly lunchtime menu to be shared via email each week.</li> <li>Fishy Friday reintroduced.</li> </ul>
<b>View on Scholastic Book Fair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents suggested school should encourage children to buy books and not permit the purchasing of other merchandise.</li> <li>Parents asked for staff to help children carefully select books that are appropriate to their age and ability.</li> <li>Parents requested for Book Fair to be open at the end of the school day for parents to attend with their children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merchandise other than books will cease to be sold during the day.</li> <li>Teachers to guide children's book choices (this can be restricted by amount of money parents send into school).</li> <li>Book fair to be open at the end of the school day next academic year.</li> </ul>
<b>Playtime arrangements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents concerned about children from different year groups missing on the yard at playtime.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School to continue to remind children to play with children from their own year group only.</li> </ul>
<b>View on Parent Insight Sessions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents suggested that all children should attend Parent Insight sessions whether their parent attends or not.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children whose parents do not attend Parent Insight will complete the activity at the Insight session rather than back in their classroom.</li> </ul>
<b>View on parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents suggested that school change the wording in notices in the newsletter about parking <del>Q&amp;R</del> This week we have had a <del>amount</del> of incidents reported.</li> <li>Further road safety education for pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents suggestion about wording in newsletter taken onboard.</li> <li>Road safety will continue to feature within our safeguarding curriculum, making use of St <del>Helens</del> Community Safety Team.</li> <li>Health &amp; Safety Super Leader Team to continue to educate pupils and parents about road safety.</li> </ul>