

# Allanson Street Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**This week:** It was lovely to welcome more Nursery and Reception children who will begin their learning journey with us.

**Next Week:** On Wednesday, 9-11am at the Thompson Centre, St Helens Chamber will run a drop in session to discuss the digital training on offer. Come along and have a coffee and a chat.

**Attendance Matters:** Please remember the importance of good attendance during the school year. The national target for attendance is now 96%. If your child is absent for a total of more than 7 days during the school year then he or she will fall below this target. School staff and the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) can offer support if you are struggling to maintain good attendance for your child so please let us know if you have any specific issues. Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) are issued if absences are recorded as 'unauthorised' over a period of time. **This includes possible fines for holidays taken in school time.** This half term our EWO's will be making contact with all parents whose children had attendance below 90% last year as this is classed as 'persistent absence' and we must work towards reducing the numbers of children missing so much school.

**Free PE kits** all children entitled to a free PE kit should have received theirs. Please check pegs/boxes and speak to Mr Boyle if you have any queries.

**School App** If you do not yet have the school app installed on your mobile phone please will you do this as soon as possible. We are hoping to reduce our photocopying costs by sending almost all our letters out via the app. You can find the app in the app store if you search 'Allanson Street'. Please speak to the office staff for the password and any other queries you have. Thank you.

## Bike Security

Please can I remind all parents and children to make sure that bikes are locked securely to the bike rack. Many children leave scooters in the rack and there is no way to make sure a scooter is secure as they cannot be locked. Please help us to avoid the upset and distress of having property stolen and make sure all bikes are locked. Thank you.

## Sports News

We have had amazing turnouts for all the clubs on offer so far. Please keep it up. If your child is attending a Sports Club after school, could you please ensure they have the correct clothing and trainers.

### Clubs week beginning 17.9.18 :

Monday - Year 5/6 Girls Football (Ellis)

Tuesday - KS2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

Year 5/6 Boys Football (Ellis)

Wednesday - Year 3 / 4 Boys Football (Ellis)

Thursday - Year 3 / 4 Girls Football - (Ellis)

Year 1 / 2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

## Polite Reminder

It is important that the children from Year 1 to Year 6 come into school on their own to allow us to reduce the number of adults coming in each morning. We have reminded the children about this in assembly today: being able to come into school independently is an important step in personal development. Please help us to provide a welcoming and safe start for the children each day and say goodbye outside the front door. Thank you for your help with this.

## Celebration Assembly Medal Winners- Well done to the following children:

**Year 1:** Amelia M, Nicholas S, Riley M-R and Esme F

**Year 2:** Matilda H, Ethan W, Kamel H-K and Donnie H

**Year 3:** Matthew M, John Jaymes S, Ashton C and Lacey M

**Year 4:** George M, Isabel E, Ruby D, Bethany G and Olivia L

**Year 5:** Kyle D, Natalia K, Keira A and Ferdinand O

**Year 6:** Mason G, Lowry W, Ryan E and Nathan S

**Young Citizens of the week. KS1:** Lily H **Lower Juniors:** Harley L **Upper Juniors:** Deloris D-B

Many thanks

Have a good weekend.

P Farnell (Headteacher)