

### Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

**11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Production: High School Musical

**14<sup>th</sup> December** Year 7 Parents' Evening

**15<sup>th</sup> December** Sixth Form Fancy Dress

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** Last day of term. Students finish at 1:30pm

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### **Liverpool Schools Unite in Advent Celebration**

On Wednesday, Year 7 gathered at the Metropolitan Cathedral with hundreds of school children from across the Archdiocese for the annual Schools' Advent Service. During the Service, the students were invited to bring forward donations of toys and games for Nugent Care, a charity that supports families and children in the Liverpool area. Year 7 donated an impressive 11 bags full of toys, games and puzzles! Thank you to everyone who donated.



**Sixth Form Open Evening** We were delighted to open our doors to students from Year 11 from St Julie's and elsewhere for our Sixth Form Information Evening. The evening gave students and their parents the chance to find out what being a part of our Sixth Form Community means and the opportunities it brings, as well as meeting our Sixth Form teaching staff. Applications are now open!



**Exploring Our Past** Students in Year 9 have been exploring aspects of our local history with unvarnished honesty in a trip to the International Museum of Slavery. Led by the English Department, the visit saw students gain insights into the devastating impact of slavery through history and throughout the world.

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### St Julie's Reach Final of LSFA Tournament

Last Friday our Y7 and 8 football team competed in the Liverpool Schools Football Association Tournament. Our students just missed out on winning the tournament overall as it ended with a penalty shootout. In the tense shootout fortune favoured Calderstones who prevailed on top winning 3-2 on penalties. St Julie's took a magnificent second place!

St Julie's results in the group stage:

St Julie's 0-1 Calderstones St Julie's 5-0 Bluecoat (Paige, Libby, Paige, Libby, Paige) St Julie's 2-0 Alsop (Luella, Maisie) Semi-Final:

St Julie's 1-0 Gateacre (Jessie)

Final:

St Julie's 0-0 Calderstones (Finished 2-3 After Pens)

Well done to all students involved for braving the freezing cold weather and putting on a great display of skill and sportsmanship!

Y7: Jessie, Sharnie, Luella, Annabelle, Maisie, Freya, Scarlett

Y8: Libby, Amelia, Ella, Grace, Paige



#### **Expert Needle Crafters**

Three Year 7 students have stood out this term for their exceptional needle crafting talents. Congratulations to Amelia, Beatrice and Amelia who have excelled themselves to produce these beautiful bookmarks as well as being a pleasure to teach!



### **Hello Wembley!**

We've got exciting news in about the #100Voices United Choir:

"It has been a magical couple of days for #100Voices United, our choir made up of secondary schools and the fantastic Ukrainian Children's Choir. After months of rehearsing we travelled down to Wemblev Arena to record a performance for the ITV New Year's Eve Big Bash hosted by Jason Manford and a star-studded cast including Take That, Cheryl Cole and headlining, our very own #100 Voices Choir. Talented students from St Julie's took part and at every stage represented the school brilliantly, it was an experience they will never forget. Well done to all and don't forget to tune in, ITV New Year's Eve.

Jonathan Dickson, Head of Service, Resonate"

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#### **Meet The Team**

This week, we'd like to introduce or Diversity Coordinators Kelcy, Abigail and Ruby. They see their role on Junior 1804 as supporting everyone n school and making them feel welcome. They would like to ensure students know where to access support and that everyone feels welcome as a result of their positive influence. We look forward to hearing more of their ideas in future meetings!



### Time For Questions at St Mary's

Last Thursday, Jemima and Libby, two members of our Y12 Justice and Peace Group attended a local event on how we can tackle climate change. The Question Time was organised by the LiveSimply Group of Bishop Eton and St Mary's and was held at St Mary's parish in Woolton. The panel included Ged Edwards, CAFOD Manager, Liz Makinson, LibDem Councillor for Calderstones Ward, Paul Rooney, Senior Lecturer in Geography & Environmental Science at Liverpool Hope University and Paula Barker. Labour MP for Wavertree.

Questions were taken from the floor and covered regional, national and international climate issues. Jemima, who hopes to study Environmental Science, said the evening was informative and interesting, "It offered advice on how people can do their part in helping prevent the acceleration of climate change."

Our Y12 Justice and Peace Group are working to educate themselves and others about climate and social justice issues and are a key part of our school's work to hopefully achieving the CAFOD Live Simply Award.



### Year 12 Subject Spotlights

We understand that selecting options for further study can be a tricky one. There are often new subjects to choose from, questions about which topics will be studied in more depth and whether or not the course will support students in their next steps, whether they intend to go to university, enter employment or take up an apprenticeship. With this in mind, over the coming weeks Year 11 students will be able to watch a short subject spotlight to learn more about studying it at advanced level. This week our subject spotlight is Psychology and Sociology. To watch a spotlight video, click here.



**The Big Ambition Survey** The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

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The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. Students are invited to share their views by completing this survey, which can also be completed by adults on behalf of their children. The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December - click here to watch a short video about it all.



### Applications for Sixth Form Now Open!

The application window for students wishing to enrol at St. Julie's Sixth Form in September 2024 is now open. Students currently attending St Julie's can <u>apply here</u>, and external candidates can <u>apply here</u>.



e-Scooter Safety Advice

In the run up to Christmas, Liverpool City Council have produced a useful booklet that helps to clarify the law on eScooters and eBikes. Crucially the guidance reminds us that there is no legal way for anybody under 16 to ride an eScooter in a public place. You can find the full brochure here.



### December Liverpool Parenting Newsletter

The Liverpool Parenting newsletter for December has <u>now been</u> <u>published</u>. You will find new information to support Parents/ Carers, Families and children in Liverpool during the Month of December. Along with information regarding events and activities on offer. The Newsletter includes information on services that can support parents during the month of December and into the New Year.

- Family Hub and Children
  Centres
- December Events Across The City for Families
- Winter health support
- Childcare
- Debt Advice
- Domestic Abuse
- Education Wonderhub Activities
- Employment Support and Adult Learning opportunities
- Foodbanks
- Mental Health
- Money Management and Financial help

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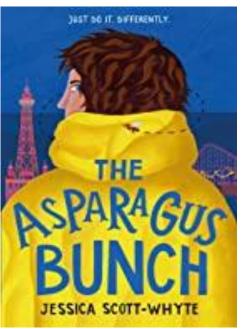
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- Parenting Programmes
- Parental Mental Health
- Support for Fathers



### Recommended Read for December

If you're stuck for reading inspiration why not take a look at our recommended read? This month we're suggesting 'The Asparagus Bunch' by Jessica Scott-Whyte.

Leon John Crothers is 4779 days old (thirteen years and one month, if you're mathematically challenged). He has been 'moved on' from six different schools and most people think he has an attitude problem. Leon doesn't care for the label, in the same way that he doesn't care for Tim Burton, supermarket trolleys, train fanatics or Bounty bars.

This time, however, things may turn out differently, as help comes from where he least expects it – Dr Snot, a physician at pains to help Leon navigate 'normal' and classmates, Tanya and Lawrence, who both face their own challenges. When school bully Glen Jenkins humiliates Leon in the school canteen and almost destroys Lawrence, Leon very reluctantly agrees to the formation of a club, The Asparagus Bunch.

How Leon manages to navigate school woes and family drama – and astonishingly ends up with not one but two friends – is nothing short of a miracle, or maybe just simply down to being different.



### Winter Water Safety Advice

Please <u>click here for some safety</u> <u>information</u> for being around water during cold winter weather.

### LIVERPOOL CHRISTMAS SUPPORT PAGE 2023

### Feeding Liverpool Support Page

Feeding Liverpool have compiled a list of useful Liverpool-based Christmas Food Support services and resources for the Christmas and New Year period. Details can be <u>found here</u>.



### Working together to improve school

### attendance

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. For some children, attending school every day will be harder than for

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This guide from the Children's Commissioner covers two areas:

- parents' responsibilities1 for school attendance and what you need to do when your child needs to be absent.
- How schools and local authorities will work with you to support your child's attendance.

### **Dangerous parking**

Please can all parents be reminded not to park on double vellow lines. zig zag markings or drop their daughter off on the pelican crossing. We are very concerned about the safety of all students. Road safety awareness is delivered through our PSHE programme but it is essential that we work in partnership to maintain the safety of all students. Police Community Support Officers will continue to visit the area and issue fixed penalty notices for obstructing driveways and parking illegally. We have also communicated road safety concerns with local councillors and the highway agencies. The safety of students and pedestrians is paramount.



### Education Welfare Helpline

New for September 2023 is an Education Welfare Helpline. This is available to all parents with attendance queries and is available 9am - 5pm weekdays.

You can contact the service on **0151 233 3916**.

#### **SENISS Helpline: 07591837693**

If your child has special educational needs and you are wanting to know more on how to support their learning at home then please ring for professional advice, support or practical strategies.

Monday: 1pm – 4pm, Wednesday: 9am – 4pm, Friday: 9am – 12pm Alternatively, you can email your concern to seniss@liverpool.gov.uk Educational Psychology Service Helpline: 0151 233 5978

If you are concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing or managing their behaviour then please ring for professional advice, support or practical strategies. Monday to Friday: 9am – 4.30pm Alternatively, you can email your concern to

epsadmin@liverpool.gov.uk

#### ASD Training Team:

07522800193/07515501854 Advice and strategies for families of children and young people with autism or social communication needs.

Monday to Friday: 9am – 12pm Alternatively, you can email your concern to

#### ASDtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk Children's Occupational Therapy Service

Please contact the Children's https://learnliveuk.com/network-railsecondary-school-safetytalk/Occupational Therapist who is supporting the child for advice or alternatively for general enquiries please email chot@liverpool.gov.uk

### Liverpool Sensory Service

Please contact the Sensory Specialist Teacher who is supporting the child for advice or alternatively for general enquiries please email

sensoryservice@liverpool.gov.uk

### **Hub Of Hope**

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### **Parent Chat Live**

Action for Children Parent Chat is a free and confidential live chat with a qualified parenting coach in the UK. Staff are there to talk about family life, caring for children or managing your wellbeing as a parent. The chat service is a safe space for a parent to share their concerns. There will be someone to listen, take time to understand a parent's situation, and work with the parent to find possible solutions. If appropriate, they may suggest ideas for where to get extra support.

### Liverpool Citizens Support Scheme

If you find yourself in crisis you can apply for support to get food and basic necessities for you and your family including gas and electric vouchers (urgent needs) and furniture and household essentials (home needs).

An emergency or crisis might be a fire or flood, or you have had to move due to violence or fear of violence, or you are leaving care or prison and need support to stay in the community. There are <u>more</u> <u>details available here</u>.

### **Domestic Abuse:**

There is clear evidence that nationally and locally the frequency of incidences of domestic abuse increased during and following the pandemic. If you or someone you know is suffering from domestic abuse then the following resources will be of use:

> Merseyside Police provide a range of <u>local and national</u> <u>helplines</u>, including a vital

resource for adults <u>'#It's</u> <u>abuse'</u>.

- The <u>Bright Sky app</u> is an excellent resource for victims of domestic abuse.
- The <u>Hideout</u> resources provide support for children who have witnessed or suffered from domestic abuse

Members of the Safeguarding Team are in school every day during lockdown and can be contacted in the usual way, with the <u>safeguarding@stjulies.org.uk</u> email address being the best way to make contact out of hours.

### **Mental Well-being Support**

Children and young people, parents and carers in crisis can call the **Alder Hey CAMHS crisis care line** 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 0151 293 3577 or freephone 0808 196 3550 They should only present to Accident Emergency Department if they need medical treatment or are struggling to keep themselves safe in the immediate moment.

Anxiety UK – Charity providing support if you have been diagnosed with anxiety Phone: 03444 775 774 (Mon to Fri 9.30am-5.30pm)

CALM – Campaign against living Miserably, for Men ages 15-35 Phone: 0800 58 58 58 (daily 5pmmidnight)

#### Mental Health Foundation – support for mental health concerns https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/

MIND – Meeting mental health needs Phone: 0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri, 9.00am-6.00pm)

No Panic – support line for panic attacks and OCD Phone: 0844967 4848 (daily 10.00am-10.00pm)

**Give Us A Shout** Immediate support by text for people of all ages. https://giveusashout.org/

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### Text 'SHOUT' to 85258

PAPYRUS – Suicide prevention team Phone:0800 068 4141 (Mon – Fri, 10.00am – 5.00pm, 7.00pm -10.00pm, weekends, 2.00pm-5.00pm)

Rethink Mental Illness – supporting mental health all ages. Phone:0300 5000 927 (Mon -Fri, 9.30am-4.00pm)

Samaritans – supporting those experiencing feelings of despair Phone: 116 123 (free 24 hour helpline)

### **Kooth Guidance for Adults**

Kooth is a free, online self-referral counselling service for young people that has had some really positive feedback. The guide for adults, <u>available here</u>, gives more information about the kinds of services that young people can access and explains about how the system works.

### Microsoft Office 365

#### Licencing

All students at St. Julie's are licenced to install the Microsoft Office 365 suite on up to five computers at home at no cost. You can find out more about how to complete the installation in this <u>remote learning guide.</u>