



Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

## Diary Dates:

July:  
19<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL CLOSERS 2:00PM

September:  
5<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

Dear Parents,

It only seems like last week that I was welcoming the children back after the last summer break. This year seems to have flown by and we are once again about to finish for the Summer.

Before we finish, I would like to ask for your help to make a difference to the lives of children in poorer regions of the world.

### 'Sal's shoes'

As I mentioned in my last letter, the Southport Learning Partnership has, this year, chosen to support the charity 'Sal's shoes'. This charity seeks to support school children in poorer countries across the world by providing them with shoes, donated by children and families in the UK. The idea is very simple. If your child [or any younger or older siblings] has a pair of shoes they have grown out of, which are in good condition, we would like your child to bring them to school on the last day of term [Wednesday]. At the end of the school day, they leave the donated shoes on their desk in school [we will provide a rubber band to keep the pair together]. We will collect all the shoes and pass them to the charity, from where they are distributed to needy children across the world - a gift from one child to another. A great way for us to ensure that our outgrown shoes are put to the best possible use - by enabling another child to get to school in relative comfort. Please don't feel under any pressure - if you have shoes to donate that would be wonderful, but we realise not everyone will be able to.

### Goodbyes and thank-yous:

The end of a school year inevitably means saying goodbye to some people and this year is no exception.

Mrs. Neilson is leaving Larkfield as a teaching assistant, in order to train to become a teacher and I know you will want to join me in wishing her all the very best for her future career.

Mrs. Chadwick is 'retiring' from official teaching duties at Larkfield, although I would not be remotely surprised to see her again next year in a voluntary capacity at some point; she enjoys her time with Larkfield children a bit too much to make a complete break.

Miss Tuft is also leaving us in the summer... and returning to us as Mrs. Delic in September! We wish her and her husband-to-be a wonderful wedding day and every happiness in their married life together.

You will not be surprised to hear me repeat how important the Friends of Larkfield are to our school. Over the years, they have raised thousands of pounds to make a difference to Larkfield children. This year, two of our longest serving members will leave as their children move on to high school. I would like to offer my personal thanks to Vanessa Kelly and Sarah Boyer, who have been a driving force behind 'the friends' since my predecessor, Tim Baldwin, was head. They will be a tough act to follow.

### Year 6:

This year's Y6 has something of a special significance for me, since they began their Larkfield career at the same time as I began my headship here. I can honestly say we will be sad to see this lot go; they have worked so hard and made us proud in so many different ways. Good luck - your high schools are lucky to be getting you!



## FUSS - [free uniforms for schools]:

If you have any good condition uniform items to donate, they can be left at Christ Church on Lord Street at any time. If you need any items they have open days on 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> August 12-3pm again at Christ Church.

## Summer Holiday activities:

A list of activities for families is available on the 'My Sefton' website [www.mysefton.co.uk](http://www.mysefton.co.uk)

Active Sefton have also launched a Junior+ membership offer for Dunes Splashworld - for just £12 per month you can take advantage of unlimited swimming, junior exercise classes and use of the fitness suite. More details on 01704 537160

Finally, there is a special Gala Day event at Botanic Gardens on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The theme this year is based on the book 'Flower Fairies' and children [and adults] are invited to attend dressed as their favourite fairy to take part in the parade or in Victorian costume in keeping with the Victorian tradition of the park.

Finally, finally - please remember that we finish at **2pm tomorrow**. I wish all our families an enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing those that are returning on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

