



Newsletter

Friday 19th October 2018

School Governors

Thank you to the three candidates who applied to be our parent governor. On Wednesday 17th October, Mrs Tamsin Embleton, the successful candidate, attended her first meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tamsin and the other candidates for taking the time to apply and supporting our school.

At that meeting, along with all the normal governing business, the governors have planned to produce a **Governor's Newsletter**. More details will follow shortly.

Monster Mash

We are holding a Monster Mash for Reception – Year 6 children on Thursday 25th October, at 3pm – 4.30pm. This includes a disco, games and a tuck shop will be available. We will be having a non-uniform day for all children whether attending the disco or not, fancy dress optional but **no face paint or face masks**. The cost of the tickets will be £2 and are available from the school office. The children will be able to bring their pocket money to spend in the tuck shop.

Children not staying for the Monster Mash will go home at normal time at 3.05pm. There will be no afterschool clubs on this day.

Harvest Festival Mass & food collections

The children from Y1 to Y6 will be celebrating Mass at 10am at St Anthony's on Wednesday 24th October. Year 1 will be taking a leading role within the Mass. The theme for the Mass will be Harvest Festival. We have been asking families if they will donate non-perishable foods and toiletries that will be given to Father Smith to be distributed. The boxes will be on the yard each morning. I would be grateful for parents help to walk the children to Mass on the day.

Lining up

Would parents mind please standing outside of the green gates at the entrance to the yard on a morning so we can line the children up in a quiet orderly fashion ready to start the school day. We have done this in the past and it worked very well. I would like to ask for your support as it really does settle the children down ready for the school day.

When dropping the children off on a morning, would parents please walk around the back of the children's lines. What is happening on a morning is, the children are in their lines going into school, and some of the parents are pushing their way past. I am trying to avoid any accidents happening. I would appreciate your help in this matter

Parents' Evening Reception & Nursery

Reception and Nursery Parents' Evening will be Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd October. If you haven't already got an appointment and would like one, please contact the school office to arrange this.



Coffee morning and big book

After our normal Monday morning Liturgy this week, which parents are welcome to attend at 9am straight off the school yard, parents can stay for a cup of coffee and to look at the work in our class big books that the children have produced.

Times Table Rock Stars

Mrs Gosling has registered all children to play a game called **Times Tables Rock Stars** to play at School and at home on their iPads and laptops. The children know how to log in and play the game. This is good fun and will help support the children in learning their times tables. Would you please support the children to have a try at home.

Teaching Literacy

We have just introduced in years 3 - 6 a new programme called Literacy and Language to help with our English teaching. The children are really enjoying this new way of learning. It would be nice for parents to ask the children about this, I'm sure they will be surprised about how enthusiastic the children are about this way of learning.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Clubs

Please could parents book and pay in advance for any breakfast clubs, afterschool clubs and sports clubs so we can put the staffing in place for numbers attending each day.

Dance Club

On Wednesday 24th October, the children who have been attending the dance classes will be putting on a performance at 4pm in the school hall. Parents are invited in to see the children perform.

Holidays

Just a reminder that we will be taking one week's holiday at Easter next year (Monday 15th April – Monday 22nd April), however will be taking two weeks in May (Monday 27th May – Friday 7th June). This will give you the opportunity as a family to have a holiday that won't clash with term time. All holiday dates can be found on our website.

Please see the new holiday policy on the school website.

Dates for next half term

Staff are working on plans and dates for next half term and we will let parents know of these activities and events as soon as these dates have been confirmed. I hope this will give parents enough time to join us in our Christmas and other celebration activities.

