



Newsletter

Monday 4th October 2021



Harvest Festival

All the children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to St John's church on Friday 1st October for our annual Harvest Festival celebration. Many thanks to all the parents who either joined us to celebrate, helped us walk the children to and from the church or donated food for the food bank charity 'Mary's Child'. Many people commented on the joyful enthusiasm of the pupils' singing. We do hope this will encourage many pupils to join our school choir.

Clubs

Our after-school and lunchtime clubs have had a very successful start. Most are now full, although there are a few places in Netball. We only had limited interest in the choir so this is currently on hold but both Reverend Carol and Mrs Sheridan are very keen to begin this. This is now open to all pupils from Year 1 to 6. If your child would like to attend (Wednesday after school till 4:15pm) please do get in contact with the office or Mrs Sheridan. There will be opportunities to sing in the church as well as take part in activities such as carol singing. If we do achieve sufficient numbers we will be in touch with a starting date.

Covid Update

We have had two positive cases within school over the last week. Although children (and fully vaccinated adults) no longer need to isolate if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, the government guidance is still to isolate and get a **PCR test** if you have any of the **symptoms**. These are still a **continuous cough** or **high temperature** or **loss of taste/smell**. If your children display these symptoms please keep them at home and book a **PCR test (not lateral flow)** as soon as possible. They should **not** return to school until they have a **negative PCR test** if they have symptoms.

Staffing

There will be some staffing changes in Key Stage 2 from this week. Miss Christian begins her maternity leave on Wednesday this week and thereafter Mrs Picillo (Wednesday–Friday) and Mrs Massingham (Monday–Tuesday) will be teaching the Year 6 class. Miss Lemon (and Mrs Lee in the short-term) will be moving to teach the Year 4 pupils. The classes continue to be supported by Mrs Henderson, Mrs Tasker, Mrs Williams, Mrs Harewood & Mrs Grice.

Parents' Meetings

Following feedback from last year's remote parent meetings, this term parents will be offered the choice of either a remote or in-person meeting. A School Cloud form will be sent out soon for you to register. For all classes (except Year 1) the Zoom meeting appointments are on Monday 18th October (Wednesday 20th October for Year 1) and in person on Tuesday 19th October (all classes) from 3:30 to 7pm. You will be able to request a 10-minute slot for each child.

Class Learning – Year 2 Northern Lights

For this newsletter, our Year 2 class have contributed their learning. They have been making electric band sketchbooks ready for Inktober, decorated a class cross to represent their Christian Value which is Love. They also enjoyed dressing up as pirates for their pirate launch day to start off their writing unit based on the story of *Pirate Tom*.



Key Dates

Wednesday 6 th October	No Computing Club
Thursday 7 th October	No Running Club
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th October	Space Week
Wednesday 13 th October	Individual Photos (no Breakfast club on this day) Please come to school in school uniform and bring PE kit in a bag if needed that day.
Thursday 14 th October	Flu Immunisations – Session 1
Monday 18 th October	Parent Consultation Meetings – Remote (3:30-6:30pm)
Tuesday 19 th October	Parent Consultation Meetings – In person (3:30-6:30pm)
Wednesday 20 th October	Parent Consultation Meetings – Remote (Year 1 only) 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday 21 st October	Last day of this half-term
Friday 22 nd October	Staff INSET Training Day (School closed to pupils)
Friday 22 nd October – 31 st October	Half term
24 th November	Flu Immunisations – Session 2
Friday 17 th December	Autumn Term ends
Thursday 6 th January	Spring Term begins