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Autumn Newsletter 1

Growing Together in Faith



Welcome back!

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year, the children have settled into their new classrooms well and look very smart.





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After-school care

Our new after-school care is now up and running and we have had great feedback from children and parents. There are still spaces available if you require care wither on-going or the occasional day.

Please contact school to make any bookings.

There are two sessions available:

Session 1: 3:15-4:45 £4.50 per child (If your child attends an after school-club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £2)

Session 2: 3:15-5:45 £6 per child (this also includes a sandwich and fruit.If your child attends an after- school club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £4)

10% discount will be given for siblings and payments can be made via your child's ScoPay account.





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Dates for the diary

Monday 19th September	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 20th September	St John's Open Evening 5:30-7:30pm
Wednesday 28th September	Macmillan Coffee afternoon/Meet the Teacher 2:15pm
Thursday 29th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning/Meet the Teacher 9:00am
Monday 3rd October	EYFS Open evening for new starters 2023 4:30pm
Wednesday 12th October	KS1 Movie Night
Thursday 13th October	Bishop Robert visit to school
Tuesday 18th October	Parent Consultations-more information to follow
Wednesday 19th October	KS2 Movie Night
TBA	Halloween Disco
Thursday 20th October	Year 5 visit to the Houses of Parliament
Thursday 20th October	School Closes 3:15pm
Half term	
Monday 31st October	School reopens 8:40am
Friday 4th November	St Charles of Borromeo Feast Day
Friday 25th November School Closed – Staff Training Day	
30th November -2nd December	Year 4 Visit to the Youth Village
Tuesday 6th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity at St Charles Church. 1:30pm
Wednesday 7th December	KS2 Nativity Story through song at St Charles Church 5pm
Wednesday 14th December	Babysitting Night (more information to follow)
Monday 18th December	Christmas Craft Day – parent visits (more information to follow)
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Craft Day – parent visits (more information to follow)
School Closes for Christmas	





School Uniform

Main uniform

- Bottle green sweatshirts or cardigans
- White polo-shirt
- Grey trousers, grey pinafore or skirt
- Green gingham dress or grey shorts (Summer term)
- Sensible plain black shoes
- Grey or black tights or socks

PE Kit

- Plain white T-shirt
- Bottle green hoodie (optional)
- Plain black or green shorts (indoor PE)
- Black sports leggings or trousers without branding (outdoor PE)
- Black Plimsols (indoor PE)
- Trainers (outdoor PE)



Reminders....

Earrings- lots of children have had their ears pierced. Please make sure they are covered on PE days. If not we will call you and ask you to bring a plaster to school.

Snacks – there have been an increasing number of chocolate bars and crisps brought in as snacks. We are a healthy school please give your children fruit or cereal bars. Any crisps or sugary snacks will be sent home.

School meals to packed lunch – please can you let the office know in advance if your child would like to change from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa as the kitchen require some notice to adjust orders.

Car Parking – Please continue to park on the school grounds! Some of our neighbours have contacted with me with footage of cars across their drives. They have also sent them to the local authority as some footage shows illegal parking.

Reporting absences – It is vital that you call school if your child is going to be absent. Please contact the office before 8:55am providing a reason for your child's absence.

Payments – Please can you ensure any remaining debts from your Scopay account are cleared as soon as possible. If you need a link for Scopay please contact the office. Thank you for contributions towards trips, if you have not added a contribution for your child's trip this will be shown on your Scopay account to be paid before the end of term