



NEWSLETTER

'Walk in the Light of Christ'

October 2024

Happy Half Term!

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and involvement in our school over the past term.

This term has been filled with wonderful experiences; 'Starbooks', enrichment clubs, Macmillan Coffee Morning, harvest, Wear it Pink and endless trips to a variety of sporting events. None of this would be possible without our dedicated and hardworking team of staff across the whole school and of course, without our parents encouragement and participation - your commitment truly makes a difference in our children's school life.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our school family. We look forward to more adventures together in the next half term! Mrs Birrell

My Child at School App

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the MCAS App. If you haven't done so already, we ask you to download and link your children in the App as soon as possible. All communication via school will be sent through MCAS. Please contact the school office if you are finding it difficult to download or use the App.

After half term, children will choose their **school lunch** at home via the App. Additionally, **parents evening** times must be booked via the App.

Nursery Places & School Open Day

Do you know any children turning 3-years-old who would like a place in our wonderful school nursery? If so, please contact the school office for an application form.

Parents Evening

We will hold our first **parents evening** of the year on Tuesday 12th November and Wednesday 13th November. It will be an opportunity to look at your children's books and talk to their class teacher. All bookings for parents evening must be completed on the MCAS App. If you cannot make these dates, please let your class teacher know, it may be possible to organise another time. Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you then!

Starbooks!

Huge thank you to all our families who joined us for our 'Starbooks' reading sessions. It was wonderful to see the hall full of families enjoying reading together. We hope to see you at our next Starbooks sessions next half term. Please remember to read together at home at least 3 times a week and sign children's reading records!

Pantomime Trip

During December, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be attending the Pantomime at the Forum Theatre. It will be brilliant for the children to enjoy this special occasion together and get in the Christmas spirit. A letter will be sent out in the next few weeks with more information about this trip. We are not leaving our early years children out – they will be getting their own special treat at school!

A message from the NSPCC...

The Talk PANTS campaign supports professionals, parents and carers of children aged 3-11, to have simple and age-appropriate conversations, that can help them keep children safe from sexual abuse.

- 1 in 3 children sexually abused by an adult did not tell someone at the time.
- 90% of children who are abused, are abused by someone they know.

From P through to S, by sharing the Talk PANTS rules with a child, you can help them understand and remember some simple but vital messages: that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say no, and that they can speak to a trusted adult if they are worried or upset. Since we launched Talk PANTS in 2013, parents have had over 6 million conversations with their children about sexual abuse, but we know that many more still are not. We need to keep raising awareness to ensure more of these important conversations are happening...that is why we're holding our first Hartlepool and Stockton Talk PANTS week from 18th-29th November 2024. We will be visiting St. Joseph's on Monday 25th November 2024, the parents session is in the school hall at 2.30pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for the Diary (Please check MCAS for reminders)	
Tuesday 5 th November	Y5/6 Athletics (selected children)
Wednesday 6 th November	Y5 Open football (selected children)
Friday 8 th November	Reception & Y1 Parents Reading Meeting 8.50am in the hall
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week Y6 Remembrance Service at St. Michael's
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Sock Day Parents Evening
Wednesday 13 th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 14 th November	First Holy Communion Preparation Session
Monday 18 th November	Road Safety Week
Monday 25 th November	Bikeability Y5 NSPCC Assembly for children & parents 2.30pm
Tuesday 26 th November	Y4 Trip to Hartlepool Power Station
Wednesday 27 th November	Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics
Thursday 28 th Nov – 3 rd Dec	Book Fair
Friday 29 th November	Starbooks Early Years
Monday 2 nd Dec – 5 th Dec	Starbooks Y1 (2.12.24) Bikeability Y6
Monday 2 nd Dec – 20 th Dec	Y4 Swimming Fortnight
Tuesday 3 rd December	Starbooks Y2
Wednesday 4 th December	Starbooks Y3
Thursday 5 th December	Starbooks Y4 First Holy Communion Preparation Session
Friday 6 th December	Starbooks Y5 Mayor Choir Service
Monday 9 th December	Starbooks Y6
Tuesday 10 th December 10am	Y4, 5, 6 Trip to Forum Panto Nursery Nativity morning 10.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	Snappy Christmas Y5 & Y3
Thursday 12 th December	Reindeer Run am Christmas Jumper/Dinner Christmas Fair in the school hall
Friday 13 th December	Rec & KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 17 th December	End of term Mass 10am KS1/KS2 Christmas Disco
Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 Carol Service am and pm
Thursday 19 th December	Y1, 2 & 3 Trip to Panto pm
Friday 20 th December	End of Autumn Term
Tuesday 7 th January	Spring Term begins