



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

'Walk in the Light of Christ'

Dear parent/carer,

We have made a successful start to the term and the children have settled well into their new classes.

This term's individual Autumn Class Newsletters will be available on the website in the coming days. Please can you read them as they have important information about your child's class. They can be easily accessed via the Quick Links on the home page, as can all the other aspects of our curriculum.

We were delighted to hear that Mrs Francis had a healthy baby girl during the Summer Holidays called Annabelle and we welcome Miss Schiller to Year 5 who will be covering Mrs Francis' Maternity Leave.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the information provided in the newsletter, please do not hesitate in contacting the office.

Yours thankfully,

Mrs R Whyte
Headteacher

Uniform

The children looked very smart to start the new academic year in their new school uniforms. The majority of parents have opted to purchase the school PE tracksuit and at the recent Year 4 Tag Rugby event, the organisers commented that we were the smartest school there.

Just a reminder that the alternative option is a plain black, non-hooded tracksuit with no visible branding on. Also, leggings are not part of any element of the school uniform.

If your child does not have a jumper/cardigan with the school logo on, as stated in the Uniform Policy, Caswell's offer this service

- Caswellsgroup 01642 379600
sales@caswellsgroup.com
- Logo £3+VAT/Logo and initials
£3.50+VAT

If you have any problems with the purchase of uniform please contact the office where we will support where we can.

We will be having a 'preloved' Uniform Sale later in the term.

Attendance

The Department of Education has published updated documentation in regard to school attendance and the responsibilities of parents and schools in ensuring all pupils attend school every day. Our 2021-22 Attendance data is of a concern, particularly Persistent Absence (where pupil attendance is below 90%) which was at **18.2%** (6.0 % in 2019). This is something we must address as it was also an action from our last OFSTED (March 2019). Mrs Moodie is our Attendance Officer and we have lots of positive strategies we are putting in place for the pupils. One strategy we have no option in reintroducing is the Penalty Notices. Obviously, we will work with families in a supportive capacity if attendance of an individual pupil becomes a concern. We will keep you updated with attendance in our monthly newsletters. If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be contacted by 9.30 am every day of absence.

Sports Events

Lots of Stockton Schools Sports Partnership events are taking place this term. If your child is attending an event, you will receive a letter. HUFC have started the afterschool sports club again and we have a whole school 'Urban Chaos' dance studio event next week.



Achievement Assembly

We continue with our Achievement Assemblies every Friday and the certificates now incorporate our trust virtues. Please check Dojo and Seesaw each week for our achievers.

Friends of St Joseph's

Pre-Covid this was a lovely social group that met each week to discuss support with events in school, fundraising ideas etc. We want to start this up again this term and there will be the opportunity to discuss this at the Macmillan Afternoon Tea which will be held next week. All parents, carers, extended family and people of the school and parish community are welcome to join.

Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 27 th September | Year 6 St Michael's Open Evening |
| Wednesday 28 th September | 2.00 pm Macmillan Afternoon Tea -all parents are welcome to join us to raise awareness for cancer support. Donations of cakes would be welcome. |
| Friday 30 th September | Urban Chaos Dance Workshops-All pupils come to school in their PE kits |
| Monday 3 rd October-Thursday 20 th October | Collections for the Food Bank-Any donations gratefully received in school |
| Tues 18 th & Wed 19 th Oct | Parent Evenings-Information to follow |
| Thursday 20 th October | Wear it Pink Day-all pupils contribute £1 (or more) to wear something pink to raise awareness of cancer support |
| Friday 21 st October | P.D. Day School closed for pupils |
| Mon 24 th -Fri 28 th October | Half Term School Closed |
| Wednesday 2 nd November | KS1 Sports Festival-Information to follow |
| Mon 14 th -Fri 18 th November | Anti-Bullying Week 'Reach Out'-Information to follow |
| Tuesday 15 th November | Flu Immunisations |
| Mon 21 st Nov-Fri 2 nd December | Year 5 Swimming Fortnight-Information to follow |
| Thursday 24 th November | Non-Uniform Day-Pupils bring Tombola Prize for Christmas Fair |
| Friday 25 th November | P.D.Day School closed for pupils |
| Tuesday 6 th December | Christmas Fair-Information to follow |
| Parents are welcome to these events-Information to follow | Wed 14 th Dec 6.00 pm KS2 Carol Service Thur 15 th Dec 10.30 Nursery Nativity Fri 16 th Dec Rec/KS1 Nativity am and pm |
| Thursday 15 th December | KS2 ARC Pantomime-Big the Musical Rec/KS1 Christmas Party and Magician |
| Monday 19 th December | 9.15 End of Term Achievement Assembly-Parents Welcome PM Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 20 th December | Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party School Closes For Christmas-Reopens Wed 4 th January |