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Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and we welcome everyone back to the start of a new year. A warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year. As always, each Friday, we will send a newsletter out electronically via Class Dojo. Please put some time a-side each weekend to have a read through the important information.

This week we have been talking to the children being proud of their work putting 100% effort into all subjects. Please help to promote this by asking the children questions about their school day and which work they have been doing.

I look forward to a successful year with all the children. In the meantime, have a great weekend and enjoy the unexpected sun!

Mr Blackburn

St John's Church - 200 years:

St John's Church is celebrating its **200th anniversary** with a rededication service which will be officiated by the Archdeacon of Halifax, Bill Braviner, on Sunday 10th September at 10.30am. Please come along and join us. Some of our children will also be singing as part of the service.

MacMillan Coffee Morning:

Please save the date - School will be holding a coffee morning in school at **9am on Friday 29th September 2023**. Everyone is welcome to this special fundraising event. All money raised will go to wonderful charity MacMillan.

Dates for your diaries:

School Closes -
Thursday 26th
October

School Reopens -
Monday 3rd
November

School Closes -
Thursday 21st
December

School Reopens -
Monday 8th January

School Closes -
Friday 9th February

School Reopens -
Monday 19th
February

School Closes -
Friday 22nd March

School Reopens -
Monday 8th April

School Closes -
Friday 24th May

School Reopens -
Tuesday 4th June

School Closes -
Friday 19th July

New Staff:

This term we welcome back Mrs Wood from maternity leave. Mrs Wood will be teaching part of the week in Violet Class. Mrs Edwards is now teaching full time in Yellow Class. We also welcome Miss Patel, who is a SCITT trainee (trainee teacher) who will be working in Orange Class all year with Mrs Brunton. Miss Healey also joins us as our new school chef.

Finally, as Mr Blackburn previously posted on Class Dojo, over the holidays Miss Preston got married and is now called Mrs Croisdale. Mrs Croisdale is teaching Blue Class this year.

Nut Free School:

As we have some children in school who allergic to nuts, we are a nut-free school. Please be extra careful that no nut products are sent into school as it could put the health and safety of others at risk. Any nut products will unfortunately have to be taken off your child.

ClassDojo:

As you all know ClassDojo is our main form of communication in school. Please make sure your alerts are turned on. Can we also remind you that any messages should be directed to the class teacher or if you want a quick response the school office. Please do not send messages to Support Staff as they are not permitted to reply. The Headteacher account is only checked at certain times so again if an immediate response is needed, please send your query to the school office.

New building:

On Tuesday, we officially opened our new building, which includes Bronze Class's classroom. We were joined by staff from the Forget Me Not Trust, a charity that the children have chosen to support as a school this year. We are really proud of our new building. If anyone would like to make a donation to the charity then donation boxes will be available at the school office throughout the year.



Welcome Meetings:

Staff will be holding welcome meetings for you to find out more information about your child's new year group. Please make a special effort to attend as this will help you to be able to support your child and receive important information.

Please see below the dates and times when they will be held:

- Monday 18th September at 2.45pm: Key Stage 2 (Violet, Blue and Bronze classes).
- Tuesday 19th September at 2.45pm: Year 2 (Yellow and Green classes).
- Wednesday 20th September at 2.45pm: Year 1 (Orange Class).

PE Kits:

For children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3, children should come dressed in their PE kit including suitable footwear on the days your child has PE. For Year 4 (Bronze Class), they should come in school uniform and get changed in school for PE. PE kits for Bronze Class should be brought into school on the first day of each half-term and taken home to wash on the last day.

Bags:

Please can children come to school with book bags as opposed to large, bulky bags. Unfortunately, we do not have space for them in school.

★ St John's Stars ★

	Orange Class
	Yellow Class
	Green Class
	Violet Class
	Blue Class
	Zaynab & Anayah



Weekly Attendance

	92%
	80%
	92%
	91%
	94%
	89%