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Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 20th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, it appears to have been a really creative one! We have had Year 4 who have been showing off their sewing skills. Very impressive. Year 3 have been painting monsters from descriptions and learning how to mix colours and use other artistic techniques and Year 2 have been making potato rosties in Design and Technology. Reception & Year 1 have also enjoyed using their artistic skills for activities such as making Fred Frogs.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mr Blackburn

Staff Walk:

Thank you to all the staff who did a walk last weekend from Saltaire to Leeds. A big thank you to Mrs Preston for organising. They managed to raise a staggering amount of £972.25. We will be informing you of how we intend to use this money in the next few weeks. Thanks to everyone who has donated and if you still would like to donate then please do so before Monday using the following just giving page;

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjohnsdewsbury>

PTA meeting:

Please note a date change...The up and coming PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) will take place on **Wednesday 25th October 2023** at **9am**. Please come to the school office. We look forward to welcoming any new members who can help the school to raise some money for school funds to spend on extra things for the children.

Dates for your diaries:

Shoobox Launch Day
– Monday 23rd
October

Harvest Festival –
Tuesday 24th
October
9.30am KS2 & 2pm
EYFS & KS1

School Closes –
Thursday 26th
October

Inset Day – Friday
27th October (School
Closed to Children)

School Reopens –
Monday 6th
November

School Closes –
Thursday 21st
December

School Reopens –
Monday 8th January



Rector Simon Cash:

Rector Simon Cash has made the decision to take early retirement from his position. He has been a valuable member of our community for many years and has had a positive impact on children in school, frequently delivering act of worships, playing a valuable role in our governing body and also playing a vital role in securing our primary school status. As a result, all the staff have done a collection to buy him a gift to say thank you, goodbye and good luck. If you, as parents and carers, would like to make a small donation of thanks (of any amount) then please hand this in at the office before Tuesday at 3.30pm. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Harvest Festival

On **Tuesday 24th October** we are celebrating the Harvest Festival.

- KS2 (Y3 & 4) join us in church at 9.30am
- EYFS & KSI (YR 1 & 2) join us in church at 2pm

We are now welcoming donations of food into school, which will go to people in need in the local area, of items such as tins, pasta, rice, cereals, biscuits etc. Items must be non-perishable.

Training Day:

On **Friday 27th October**, school will be **CLOSED** to all pupils for staff training. School will reopen again for ALL pupils on Monday 6th November 2023.

Grapes:

Grapes can pose a serious choking risk. Please can we ask that if grapes are sent into school as snack or as part of packed lunches, they are cut in half lengthways.

Mobile Phones:

Please can we remind you that the children should NOT bring mobile phones to school. If your child has a phone, please can you discuss with them that it MUST remain at home and not brought into school.

Weekly Attendance

	91%
	94%
	92%
	94%
	96%
	96%
	94%