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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 25th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with our harvest festival this year. We had a great turnout in church and lots of food donations provided from staff, parents and children. A great big thank you everyone for your donations. School Council have decided 3/4 of the donations received will go to Christian African Relief Trust (CART), who we have supported in previous years. The other quarter of goods will be used by School Council to create a new food bank for our school community - more information to follow next half term.

What a half term it has been for everyone but a very successful one. The children have had a super first half term in their new classes and settled really quickly. This was noticed by Ofsted and SIAMs during their recent visits to school. Well done everyone and thanks again for your continued support. We look forward to next half term to see more and more success.

Have a safe and enjoyable half term break.
Mr Blackburn.



Bonfire Night Safety:

As Bonfire Night falls in the first week back of the half term holidays this year, many of you may be attending bonfires/firework events before coming back to school. Please can you remind your children about the dangers at this time of year. We have provided you with a PowerPoint, sent on ClassDojo with this newsletter, to support you with this.

Sporting Achievements:

Over the last few weeks, a group of KS1 children and a group of Year 3 and 4 children have represented our school in Olympic Games style competitions at Batley Sports and Tennis Centre, competing against children from many different schools in the area. We are all really proud of your efforts. You represented the school really well!

Dates for your diaries:

School Reopens –
Monday 4th
November

School Closes –
Friday 20th
December

School Reopens –
Monday 6th
January

School Closes –
Friday 14th
February

School Reopens –
Monday 24th
February

School Closes –
Thursday 3rd April

School Reopens –
Tuesday 22nd
April

School Closes –
Friday 23rd May

School Reopens –
Monday 2nd June

School Closes –
Friday 18th July

Christmas Card Designs:

A few of our local partners have asked us to design a Christmas card that they could use as their design to send out at Christmas this year. If your child would like to take part in this competition, all they have to do is design the front cover of a Christmas card on a piece of plain paper and bring it into school by **Friday 8th November**, with their full name on the back. Some children have already been designing them at breakfast and after school clubs. These cards will be automatically added into the competition. Please note school do not judge this. We will let you know if anyone from our school wins. Some of the companies are offering prizes for the individual children and also school prizes such as £100 in free stationery.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal:

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for us to help children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. We are therefore asking you if you would kindly like to donate one small item e.g, pen, socks, notebook, toy etc to please send it in by **Friday 8th November**. We will then pack the items up into shoe boxes send them off to children who less fortunate than ours at St John's so that they have a lovely surprise on Christmas Day. Please note - no food items are allowed and the gifts do not have to be expensive. Every little helps.



Diwali:

A very happy Diwali to all our families and people in our local community who will be celebrating in the coming week. We all hope you have a lovely time with family and friends.

Weekly Attendance

	95%
	96%
	97%
	97%
	96%
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	97%
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Parents Evening:

Thank you to all of you who have attended the Parent and Teacher Meetings this week. We hope you found them useful. If you didn't manage to make it, please contact your child's teacher or the school office via ClassDojo by the end of the first day back.