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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting event KS2 children had on Tuesday. Many children took part in our VR headset experience, linked to our History topics. The children had a super time - what a great experience. Thank you for all your donations to help fund this event.

In collective worship this week, we have been thinking about trust and the qualities of a trustworthy person. The children have enjoyed exploring this as a whole school, in key stages and also in class worship.

A huge well done to our newly formed football team again this week. On Monday night they played Howard Park. We lost but another great effort from everyone who played. We improved a lot from the first match. An extra special mention to Abu-Bakr - player of the match for his outstanding saves in goals and also his performance driving forward with the ball when in attack.

Attendance this week is 90.76% which is significantly down on previous weeks. Let's try and increase this before half term.

Best wishes,
Mr Blackburn.



Dates for your diaries:

Parent's Evening –
Tuesday 21st &
Wednesday 22nd
October

Harvest Festival –
Thursday 23rd
October

School closes for
half term –
Thursday 23rd
October

School reopens –
Monday 3rd
November

School closes for
end of term –
Thursday 18th
December

School reopens –
Monday 5th
January



Harvest Festival:

Please join us in St John's Church on **Thursday 23rd October** at 10am for our Harvest Festival. Please note we will be having one whole school Harvest Festival to bring everyone together, but are just asking parents/carers of children in Red, Orange and Yellow classes to attend due to the space in Church.

If you wish to donate any dry, tinned, long-life and ambient goods i.e. tinned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish), rice, tea/coffee, drinks, pasta or cereal, please do so from Monday 20th October. Any donations collected will be sent to CART and a local food bank.

Uniform:

Please can we ask that children do not wear fancy jewellery to school. Only one pair of studded earrings, a watch and one other item worn for religious reasons should be worn in school. This is for the health safety of all and also to prevent possible damage to items.

Also book bags should not have fancy accessories on them as we do not have room to store them in school. Bulky rucksacks are also not acceptable due to a lack of space. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Sponsors:

We are in the process of looking for a sponsor to help fund a new football kit for our school. We are playing in a league for the first time this year and currently do not have a kit. If anyone knows of a sponsor who would be willing to help fund the kit and in return have their logo/name on the front of the kit then we would love to hear from you. Please share this with family and friends.

Coats:

Children must wear a coat to school each day. As we enter colder months and especially at this time of year when the weather changes so suddenly it is an integral part of uniform for your child.

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.

Phonics and Reading Workshops:

More information will be shared after half-term but please keep the following dates free:

Tuesday 18th November 9.00am - 10.00am: RWI Phonics workshop for Early Years and KS1 parents.

Wednesday 19th November: KS2 Reading workshops. 9.00am for Year 3 and 4. 10.30am for Years 5 and 6.

For both of the above events, you will get chance to see your child learning in the classroom and experience it so you can further support the learning at home.

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 7th 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. If anyone has any spare empty shoeboxes at home then please send these into school as well.



St John's Stars



Red	Umair
Orange	Talha
Yellow	Nusaybah
Green	Imaan
Blue	Zayaan
Purple	Isabella
Brown	Dawson
Grey	Moni



Weekly Attendance

Red	93%
Orange	83%
Yellow	86%
Green	96%
Blue	94%
Purple	91%
Brown	92%
Grey	92%