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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR
NEW CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS

Please take a few moments to read this half term's School Newsletter. Regular newsletters will also be sent to you during the term with other useful information and dates of events. The school website also has lots of information too.



We hope everyone has had a very enjoyable and safe summer holiday.



If you have a new mobile phone number, please remember to let school know so that our records are up to date and our text messaging service is still effective.

Just a reminder of the dates for the coming term, this will help you to book any family holidays out of term time. 2018-19 term dates have already been sent to you and are on the school's website too.

Half term break Monday 22nd– Friday 26th October
School closed Monday 29th October for Staff training
All children return Tuesday 30th October
Final day of term Thursday 20th December

It's been lovely to see all of our children settling into the new term so well. They have been getting used to their new year groups very quickly.

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE - YOU HAVE ALL BEEN.....



All children have started the term looking very smart indeed. Please make sure your child's name is written in all items of clothing, pencil cases, lunch boxes etc. as this is a great help when staff are reuniting lost items with their owners as it saves so much time. Children should have their P.E. kits in school at all times.



☺ A BIG thank you if you have already done this. ☺



REMINDER..... School opens for children to go onto the playground at 8.45am. **The pupil entrance doors and the school gate close promptly at 8.55am.** Any child arriving after this time will receive a late mark and should report to the main reception to enter the school. This ensures that pupil registers are accurate and helps maintain the security and safety of everyone in school.

A warm welcome to Fr. Phillip Carr who is the school's new Chaplain. Fr. Phillip replaces Fr. Dominic who left at the end of summer to join St Cecilia's parish. Fr. Phillip has already visited school and he will meet the children in assembly this week. We look forward to working with Fr. Phillip over the coming year.

School Security and Safety

Access into the school for all parents/visitors is always via the school's Main Reception. School staff are instructed to always direct any parent/visitor to the Main Reception. Please may we remind you that access should be via the pedestrian paths at all times. The school car park is for staff/visitors use only and should not be used to drop off or collect children.



Swimming lessons begin this term for Year 6. Please remember your swimming kit every Thursday. Next term Year 5 will begin their swimming lessons and then in the summer term it will be Year 4's turn.

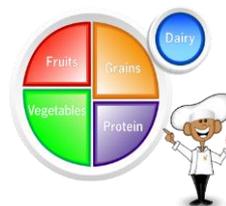
School Dinners

Dinner money is payable each Monday morning for the week ahead. £10 each week for Y3-Y6 children. Nursery children £1.50 per day.

Any money which is brought into school by children (for dinners, trips etc.) should always be in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and which class they are in.

On line payments are also available to be used via **Parent Pay**. If you need details about this the school's office staff are happy to help.

Children should only change from packed lunch to school dinner and vice versa at the start of any half term. You must inform the school office beforehand of any changes you plan to make. School food orders are placed in advance and if there are unanticipated changes in the number of pupils then this creates difficulties for both kitchen staff and school office staff when ordering food and handling the kitchen's accounts.



Author Visit Thursday 13th September



We have arranged for Jude Lennon to visit school again to lead a road safety assembly for the children. She visited the school several times last year to discuss road safety.



Harvest Festival Thursday 11th October

The Harvest Festival was a great success last autumn and a BIG thank you again to everyone who helped us last year. All the tins and packets were so gratefully received by the Missionaries of Charity nuns in Seel Street. We plan to hold another Harvest Festival again later this term and we will be shortly asking for donations of tins and packets of food for this.

Parent SEND Network Meeting

The date for the next SEND Parent Network meeting will be on Wednesday 26th September at 9am. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with the SENCO and other parents in a relaxed and welcoming environment to discuss or ask for advice regarding any special needs their child has or just to have a chat with other parents who are experiencing similar challenges.

If you have any concerns about your child regarding additional needs and would like to speak in confidence, please make an appointment with Mrs Baines our SENCO outside of this meeting who will be happy to support you.

Language of the Month

At St Nicholas we enjoy celebrating the rich cultural diversity we have within our school community including the different languages we speak. Each month we choose a different language to celebrate and learn some key vocabulary from. There are resources for learning basic key phrases for our Language of the Month on the following website:

<http://www.newburyparkschool.net/langofmonth/>

Our language of the month for September is Italian, our language for October will be Polish. We would welcome any contributions however big or small to help us celebrate these languages. Please see your child's Class Teacher or Mrs Baines our EAL coordinator for more details of how to get involved.

Free Children's Rugby Match Tickets



On Sunday 4th November at 2.30pm the England Rugby League team will be competing against the All Blacks of New Zealand in a test match at Anfield. It is the second game in the series and there will be all to play for to try to win the series.

We have been offered a limited number of free tickets for children in school with a full paying adult from just £15. We will also be in with the chance of getting a visit from a member of the New Zealand team to teach us all the Haka, before watching it live at the game, if we can show our love for new sports and rugby by buying parent tickets. If you are interested please contact Mrs Naylor here at school (Y4 Teacher) who is organising this. The number of free tickets available to us is limited so it'll have to be "first come first served".

Nursery Places

We currently have free part-time places (15 hours per week) available in our School Nursery for 3 year olds. Please see a member of our office staff if you know of anyone who is looking for a Nursery place.

Secondary School Applications

Parents of Year 6 children can now apply online for their child's secondary school place for September 2019. A separate letter with further details has been sent home with children today.

Other dates already in the school diary...

September

Tuesday 18th Year 1 will have a local area walk and then Wednesday 3rd October will visit Sefton Park as part of their topic work....let's hope for suitable weather!

Wednesday 19th Year 4 will visit Liverpool museum as part of their Victorians history topic

Wednesday 19th at 3.30pm: Mrs Hengler will be meeting the parents of children who are going on the school ski trip next term

October

Tuesday 2nd Year 6 will visit The Western Approaches as part of their history topic

Tuesday 2nd Reception Class Open day for parents 3-6pm

Thursday 4th Years 3-6 will have an arts day led by artists from The OSUN Arts Project who will visit school all day

Wednesday 10th & 17th Year 5 children will take part in the Bikeability course.

Parents' Nights this term will be held on **Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October**, letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Friday 19th is a non-uniform day for a donation of £1

Here's to another successful term and school year ahead!



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