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NOVEMBER- DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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.



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 as a reminder here are the remaining dates for the school year, 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.

Final day of Autumn Term is Thursday 20th December
School closed for Christmas holiday Friday 21st December - Friday 4th January
School opens to begin the Spring Term on Monday 7th January
School closed for Spring Half term Break Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February
School Closed for all children on Monday 25th February for staff training
Final day of Spring Term is Friday 5th April
School closed for Easter Holiday Monday 8th - Monday 22nd April
School opens for everyone to begin the Summer Term on Tuesday 23rd April
School Closed for all children on Friday 3rd May for staff training
School closed for Summer Half term Break Monday 27th - Friday 31st May
Final day of Summer Term is Wednesday 24th July

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 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.

School Dinners

Dinner money is payable each Monday morning for the week ahead. £10 each week. 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.

Striving to be an inspiring and aspirational learning community following the example of Jesus

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.

School Mission Statement

Part of the INSET Day held on Monday 29th October was devoted to reviewing the school's Mission Statement with staff and Governors. This part of the day was led by Deacon Paul and after our reflecting on the current Mission Statement (which is at the bottom of each page of this newsletter) we all thought that it needed an update to better reflect the school and its work in the community it serves. There is still some work to do on this and I will write to you again shortly to keep you updated.



Harvest Festival

THANK YOU to everyone for making the Harvest Festival Assembly such a HUGE success again this term. All the tins and packets were taken straight away after the assembly and given to the Missionaries of Charity nuns in Seel Street to help with their work with the city's homeless. A MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who contributed, your generosity helps make a big difference to people's lives.

School Heating Update



We have returned to school after half term with the whole school having all of the heating pipes replaced. The contractors are working in the school from 7am to 7pm as well as weekends too in order to make sure the school heating is back to normal as soon as possible. This should be in about 3 weeks' time. The temporary heating we have in place all around the school is working very well and the weather so far has been kind enough too! Parts of the school building will return to being heated as normal when radiators are connected to the new heating pipes. Nursery and Reception class areas have their radiators working as normal as work has been completed already in this part of the school.

Multi-Cultural Themed Week



Our multi-cultural themed week took place just before the half term break. Children were fascinated to learn about each other's countries, traditions and cultures. A BIG HUGE THANK YOU for taking the time to prepare and bring food in to school to help represent the wide variety of countries we are fortunate to have in our school. We all learnt so much and eating the food was really enjoyed by children (and the staff too!). Thank you so much for your help in making the week such a success and helping with the children's learning about the world around them.

PTFA Bonween Disco



It is great to see that the PTA is going from strength to strength each term, a HUGE thank you to everyone who gets involved and contributes in any way big or small, your support and help is always welcome and appreciated. There will be a Bonween disco again this year on THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER. Admission is £3 and this includes entertainment, games, prizes, sweets, crisps and a drink. Children in Years 1, 2 & 3 can bring in Halloween costumes if they wish to change into them for the disco. Years 1, 2 & 3 disco time is 3.30pm -4.30pm and Years 4, 5 & 6 is 5.00-6.00pm.

Other dates which are already in the school diary...



November

Thursday 1st Classes will have a fireworks safety talk given by Police Community Support Officers

Friday 9th Years 5 and 6 will visit the Cenotaph in the afternoon for Remembrance

Tuesday 13th children who are going on the school Ski trip next term have a taster day dry skiing at Pendle Hill

Tuesday 20th SEN parents' "drop-in" time, 9am with Mrs Baines

Wednesday 21st Year 6 visiting Liverpool Museum

December

Tuesday 4th Year 1 Christmas Party at Adelphi Hotel

Wednesday 5th Children will have Christmas dinner served at lunchtime

Thursday 6th St Nicholas Feast Day, classes will be taken to Cathedral for Mass led by Fr. Philip

Friday 7th School Choir will sing carols at Royal Hospital at 11am



Now just looking ahead to Christmas.....



Parents/carers are invited to the children's Christmas Plays which will take place on:

Reception Class children will do one performance on Friday 7th December at 2.00pm

Years 1, 2 and 3 children will do two performances of their play: one on Thursday 13th and the other on Friday 14th December both starting at 2.00pm

Years 4, 5 and 6 children will lead a carol concert on Tuesday 18th December at 2.00pm

All classes will have their Christmas Party afternoon on Wednesday 19th December. Children can come to school in own clothes on this day if they wish.