



NEWSLETTER September 2019



Welcome back to our new autumn term and a huge warm welcome to our 15 new Reception children (and of course their parents). We are also

welcoming a new member of staff, Mrs Smith, who is teaching our Year 4 class. It is also brilliant to have Mrs Webb back with us in School on Fridays. As always, this term is already packed full of exciting learning opportunities for our children.



The class newsletters have already been sent out this term and are available on the app if you have missed them.

HARVEST APPEAL



This Friday we will be walking to St. Paul's to cele- foodbank brate and give thanks for the Harvest.

- **Tinned Tomatoes**
- Tea Bags small 40's
- Milk UHT full fat
- Fruit Juice UHT 1 ltr
- **Tinned Meat**
- Sponge Pudding
- **Tinned Fish**
- **Tinned Fruit**
- **Biscuits/Cereal Bars**
- Pasta
- Jam
- **Tinned Veg**
- Tinned pasta eg Ravioli
- Pasta Sauce
- Smash

We give the food in bags for life Thank You for Supporting Us

Harvest Shopping List Stuart from the Foodbank visited School this week and explained how important the work of the Foodbank is for our community. We would appreciate any donations for their Harvest appeal brought into School.

> The donations are being collected on Tuesday 1st October but the children can bring them in any time between now and then.



SCHOOL JOTTER APP

As you all know, the majority of our commu-



nication is sent out through our Jotter App as this enables us to contact more than one parent at a time. If you haven't downloaded it yet, please download the app and select our School.

Don't forget to change your alerts now that your child has moved into a new year group so that you do not miss any information.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies on our Governing Body. One vacancy is for a parent governor and the other for a co-opted governor.

Letters regarding the parent governor vacancy will be sent out this week, with further information.

It is really important on a governing body to have a range of experience, interests and skills to contribute to the governance and effectiveness of the school. Therefore, we are also looking for a member of the community or someone with an interest in education to take up the role of "co-opted governor."

We would appreciate it if you know of anyone who may be interested that you let them know. To keep the views of the governing body balanced, we would prefer this not to be a parent if possible, as the views of parents are already represented. Please ask at the office for further information.

AWARDS' BOARD





GOVERNORS' TROPHY WINNERS

Congratulations to our summer term governors' trophy winners. They were both praised on their fantastic attitude towards everything they do in the School, the hard work that they put in across the curriculum, their resilience and their caring and helpful nature towards others - Well Done!



Well done to the **Blue Team** for winning the Sports Day Trophy and the Yellow Team for win-



ning the Team point trophy for the summer term.

FUNdS4Us

In the past the School has been fortunate to have a parent fundraising group "FUNds4Us." Unfortunately, over the past school year this did not continue and events relied on staff to organise and parents to support. I know you appreciate as much as we do the contributions that the group made to the School, such as supplementing trips, paying for the Y2 residential and buying much needed equipment.

We would really like to get the group up and running again and would like to hold an initial meeting to see if this will get the support it needs from our parents.



This will be held at **3:00pm on Thursday 10th October** and will be finished in time to collect the children. If you are unable to make this date but would like to be part of the partnership, please let Mrs Rose know.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS



Our School operates as a Healthy School and therefore only fruit is offered as a snack. If

your child is in Reception then the snack is given in class and Mrs Little will collect payment. For Years 1-6 fruit is available every morning at break time and costs 75 per week (15p per day), payable to the office. Our KS1 pupils (R, 1 and 2) also receive a piece of fruit for free in the afternoons.

Milk is available free to children under 5 and then payable after their 5th Birthday through the Cool Milk Scheme (unless they are entitled to free school meals). Ask at the office for more information. Children should always have a water bottle in School.

If your child has a packed lunch please ensure that they have a portion of their "5 a-day" and do not have chocolate bars or fizzy or sugary drinks. Please note we are a "Nut Free" School so this also needs to be taken into consideration. Please see our FB page for further information on Packed Lunch Guidelines for Parents, or click <u>here</u>. There is also a link on the post to some recipe ideas for healthy lunchboxes.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our current attendance is 96.4% which is below our target. Please Attendance Matters remember that if your child is ill that it is the duty of the parent to inform

the School. If your child is feeling better through the day, they can be brought into School at any time (with the exception of diarrhoea and sickness). Please read our attendance brochure and policy which can be found on the School website, alongside the County Enforcement Policy.

Please note the following dates for statutory assessments this year. No holidays will be authorised for pupils during their assessments and fines may be issued:

Year 1 Phonics and Year 2 Resits Year 2 Statutory AssessMon 8th June - Fri 12th June May 2020

ment Tests (SATs)

Year 3 Multiplication

Mon 8th June - Thu 25th June

Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)



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BLESSING OF THE BAGS

14th May 2020

Mon 11th May - Thursday

Thank you very much to Rev. Nicki at St. Paul's for a wonderful service at the beginning of term "Blessing the Bags." The children had the opportunity to think about their hopes and dreams for the School year.

ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOL

Please help us in collecting Aldi's kit for school stickers. We would be grateful **win £20,000!** to receive as many as we can. If we are able to collect 300 stickers we will be

entered into a draw to win £20,000 for our school. Stickers can be dropped off in the front entrance in the box marked with the label shown below. Happy shop-



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DATES FOR THE TERM

Fri 27th Sep	Harvest Festival at St. Paul's
	(Pupils only)
Thu 10th Oct	FUNds4Us Meeting (3:00pm)
Tue 15th Oct	Year 2 Open Morning (09:15- 09:45am)
Wed 16th Oct	Reception Class Assembly (09:10-10:00am)
Thu 17th Oct	TBC Y3/4 Trip to The Beacon
Fri 18th Oct	Y5/6 Open Afternoon (2:30pm)
	Half-Term Holidays
Fri 1st Nov	Individual School Photo- graphs
Mon 4th & Wed 6th Nov	Provisional dates for Parents Evenings
Tue 5th Nov	Y1 Open Afternoon (2:45pm)
Thu 7th Nov	Y3/4 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Sun 10th Nov	Community Remembrance Service
Mon 11th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 13th Nov	Rec & Y6 Dental Survey (pm)
Mon 2nd Dec	Nasal Flu Rec-Y5
Tue 10th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thu 12th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance
Tue 17th Dec	Christmas Service at St. Paul's
	(Pupils only)
	Christmas Dinner
Thu 19th Dec	Christmas Disco
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Carol and End of Term Assembly 1:15 pm
	End of Term - School Closes at 2:00pm

Please note, dates are subject to change. Use the School Calendar to check.