

# Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We are continuing with a successful Autumn term. The children have all settled into their new classes and are working hard and making progress. You will hear all about it at Parents Evening. Thank you for your support of the Macmillan coffee morning we raised £529.95. Harvest is on October 24th please be generous and send food stuffs for our Harvest display in Assembly, then we can support local families in crisis, through the Stourbridge Foodbank again this year, thank you. This half term is a long one and children get tired and prone to infection, so encourage them to bed early, to eat healthy meals and remember to always wash their hands, especially after using the toilet or before they eat any food. Thank you.

Parents from Year 1 to 4 are invited in to enjoy a school dinner with their child. If you have not had the letter to book your meal please ask at the office. Year 1 adult is next week, then Year 2 the week after, followed by Year 3 adult just before half term. Year 4 are invited in the week after half term. Adults cannot just turn up, their meal **MUST** be booked and paid for at least a week before they come in. Cost is £3.62 for an adult meal. Menu is on the reverse of the letter. Year 1 & 2 dinners are at 12 o'clock, Years 3 & 4 at 12.20pm  
Thank you and enjoy.

Please remember **NO DOGS** on school premises or near the entrances and **NO smoking or VAPs** near any of our children. Please be aware that you should **NOT** smoke in the car when children are with you, their lungs are not built to cope with the passive smoke that you have breathed in and out.



**Our Italian themed lunch went very well and all the children who stayed had fun. We are encouraging all of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to stay for their free school meal each day. The meals are nutritious and help the children to focus and learn during their afternoon lessons. If you are entitled to Free School Meals from these year groups PLEASE apply.**



**If your child has a packed lunch please ensure that it contains healthy options and not anything too sweet, as sweet foods like cake, chocolate, sweets & biscuits do not sustain the children throughout the afternoon. Thank you. Can I remind you about sending the correct change for KS2 tuck to keep the queue moving, or dinnertime juices. Tuck price list is on our website. Juice at dinnertime is 28p thank you.**

We will be holding Parents Open evenings on Thursday October 11th from 3.30pm till 5pm and Thursday 18th October from 3.30pm till 7.30pm. **Mrs Taylor, the new Head teacher, will be walking around on both evenings for you to meet, in preparation for January.** We expect every parent to come to see their child's class teacher to find out how their child is progressing and what they can do to support their child's learning at home. The children like to know that you are interested and supportive enough to visit and find out how well they are achieving, then praise them for their excellent work and behaviour. Thank you for your support of your child's learning. Book Fair will be open, as will our crèche in the hall. We would like you sign your children in and out of the crèche in the hall this year please. Thank you.

Flu vaccinations for our children in Reception & Years 1 to 5, will take place later this term in school. You will be notified by letter to give your consent. The vaccine is by a nasal spray. Alternatively you can go to your own GP. Julie Price our school nurse will be dropping in on 18/10, 20/11 & 11/12 for any queries about your child's well being & health.

Please remember our rules about school uniform, no boots or trainers, no nail varnish, small **plain** stud ear-rings, no jewellery, school coloured socks, shirts tucked in, no heels, no large decorative hair bands, bows or flowers, and no grade 1 haircuts please. Also every child needs a coat to wear outside as the weather gets cooler. Thank you again.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Book Fair week beginning October 11th
- Parents Evenings THURSDAY OCT' 11th 3.30pm till 5pm & THURSDAY OCTOBER 18th 3.30pm TILL 7.30pm.
- Wednesday October 24th Harvest Assembly for the children and our Harvest afternoon for grandparents and local community residents at 2pm PLEASE SEND DONATIONS OF FOOD. Fresh food donations on the 24th October please. Thank you.  
*All food will be donated to the Stourbridge Food Bank which our school supports.*
- Friday October 26th INSET DAY - no children in school.
- Half term—Monday 29th till Friday 2nd November. (Back on Monday November 5th)
- PTA Christmas Fair Friday Dec 7th at 3.30pm
- Reception Christmas play @ 9.15am & Christmas dinner -Wednesday December 12th
- KS2 theatre trip Thursday December 13th - then Grandparents Christmas dinner (pm)
- Pre school Nativity Friday December 14th at 9.15am & 2pm.
- KS2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity church—Tuesday December 18th at 1.30pm( parents of yrs 1,2 & 3) & Wednesday 19th at 9.30pm (parents of 4,5 & 6)
- Christmas hols—Friday 21st December at 3.15pm until Tuesday January 8th 2019

The PTA have organised a school Lottery which raises money for the children in school and also allows families to win cash prizes. If you have not yet joined this Lottery please do so at [www.yourschool lottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschool lottery.co.uk) You could be a lucky winner and so could school.

The PTA Film night next week on Friday 12th October ( Art club will still go ahead) and the Christmas Fair on Friday December 7th will also raise money for your children. Thank you for your support.

Friday treats are fun and excellent socialising events for the children during a Friday afternoon, as well as raising money to buy resources. KS1 has bought construction toys, magnetic learning boards for phonics, a book display and books. KS2 have bought reading and comprehension resources to support our reading focus this year. Maths resources have been purchased to work alongside our times tables focus with Times Tables Rock Stars and our new Doodle Maths online maths programme. Thank you.

Safety on the internet is still a growing concern for everyone these days. Children are being bullied, abused, victimised and conned through the use of e mails, texts, social networking, mobile phones, i pads etc. and playing games on the web. **All the children are at risk! Also, please be aware of your child walking the streets with ear phones on or using their phone as this makes them vulnerable to thieves, who snatch the phone or ear phones away from them.**



At school we teach the children how to be safe and we have firewalls and filters to ensure they are kept safe, but you as parents have a big responsibility to ensure this safety continues at home. Our children should not be on social networking sites as they are too young. You should check the games they play are suitable and that they only communicate with friends and relatives in a polite way. Our e- safety policy is on the website and our e- safety contracts will be coming out soon for everyone to agree and sign. Our Digital Leaders who support the kids in school with e safety and being online are: Scarlett White, Jack Leedham,

SEPSIS awareness is important. Sepsis is blood poisoning or septicaemia from a reaction to an infection. It can affect anyone of any age. It has no signs! So if your child is unwell, with either a fever or a very low temperature just ask: Could it be sepsis? The sooner Sepsis is recognised and treated the better the outcome. Further information can be found at: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/bloodpoisoning/pages/treatment.aspx> OR <http://sepsistrust.org> The sickness bug has started at Amblecote so remind your child to wash their hands well after the toilet and before eating, like we do at school. Keep them off the right amount of time, to stop the virus spreading.