

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been so lovely having the children back in school this week – they have made a great start to the year already! Thank you for sending them in looking so smart, it really does help them to be in the mindset of learning. Just a reminder that children should not wear trainers to school, except on their PE days (see below). School shoes should be plain black or navy. It was lovely to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Team' event on Wednesday, and you should by now have received a copy of the curriculum leaflet outlining what your children will be learning this term. We have welcomed some new colleagues this term: Miss McKinley is our new Leader for Inclusion, Mrs Tomlinson is teaching in Year 6, and Miss McGuinness and Mrs Sellwood are teaching in Year 2. Lots of additions to our fantastic TA team too – Mrs Deans (Year 6), Miss Addis (Year 5), Mrs Akam (Year 3), Miss Legaspi and Miss Honeywill (Year 2) and Mrs Karakus and Mrs Gibson in Year 1.

The Reception team have been visiting our new children this week – seeing them in their home setting and telling them all about joining our school! We are looking forward to welcoming the children into school part time next week, and then full time from Monday the 16th September. We can't wait to get to know the newest members of our school family!

Many thanks to Father Anthony and Deacon Ryan, who joined us on Thursday to celebrate a Mass to mark the start of the new school year. Thanks too, to the children who read so beautifully, and to our altar servers – it was a lovely opportunity to join together in prayer and offer up our hopes and prayers for the coming academic year.



Nut free school

Please can I remind you that we are a nut-free school, as we have several children and staff with severe allergies. This means that your child must not bring any nut product into school in their lunchbox – this includes Nutella in sandwiches or cakes. Many thanks.

Water

Can I also remind you that children are allowed water in their water bottles, and should not bring squash or fruit juice to school.

Year 5 Residential meeting

We are very much looking forward to the Year 5 'Anglo-Saxon' residential on Wednesday 18th September (5RH) and Thursday 19th September (5JC). Year 5 parents are invited to attend an information evening on Tuesday, 10th September at 6.00pm. Please note, this meeting is for adults and **children must not attend.**

Year 1 information evening

We have an information evening for parents of children in Year 1, to support them with their child's transition from Reception. The meeting is at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 11th September. **Children should not attend this meeting.**

PE days

Just a reminder that the children should come in wearing their PE kit on PE days: a uniform yellow polo shirt with the school badge, navy shorts and plimsolls (or trainers). They can wear a school PE hoodie or a PLAIN navy sweatshirt, and if you would like them to wear jogging bottoms, these should be plain navy too. The PE days are:

Reception: Thursday

Year 1: Wednesday and Friday

Year 2: Monday and Wednesday

Year 3: Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4: Monday and Thursday

Year 5: Monday and Tuesday

Year 6: Thursday and Friday

If your child attends a before or after school club that requires PE kit, they can wear their school PE kit on that day in addition to the class PE days.

Clubs:

Don't forget that afterschool clubs start again next week:

Monday 9th – Year 4, 5 and 6 football

Monday 9th – Year 1, 2 and 3 Yoga

Tuesday 10th – Year 1, 2 and 3 Foundation Sports After school

Tuesday 10th – Year 4, 5 and 6 Tennis

Wednesday 11th – Year 1, and 2 Zumba.

Wednesday 11th – Year 2,3 and 5 Lego club

Thursday 12th – Year 4, 5 & 6 Dodgeball.

Thursday 12th – Year 3, 4 and 5 Zumba

Thursday 12th – Year 4 and 5 Lego club

Friday 13th – Year 1, 2 and 3 football

Remember, your child will need to be booked onto these clubs and cannot just turn up on the day!

Medicines

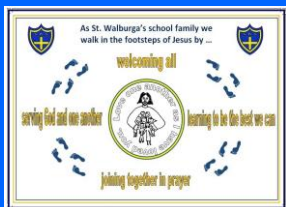
Please ensure that any epipens and inhalers are returned to school as soon as possible – thank you.

Squirrels

Please see the attached flyer about the Squirrels group for 4 – 6year olds at the Annunciation church. St Walburga's has had a long association with all the scouting groups at the church – and it would be lovely to have some new recruits!

Mobile phones

If your child in year 4,5 or 6 is walking home alone and you feel that they need to have a mobile phone on them, they need to complete a Mobile phone agreement, which also needs to be signed by you. If you need a copy of the agreement, your child can ask his or her class teacher for one. Unless you feel



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it is absolutely necessary for your child to have a phone on them, we would advise against them bringing a phone to school.

Policies

We have an updated Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy in line with the new 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document which was issued by the DFE on September 1st. – you can read these on our website under Key Information.

Starting school in September 2024

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they are due to start in Reception in 2025! Please join us for a 'stay and play session' with your child from 3.30- 4.30 on either Thursday 3rd October or Thursday 7th November. We are also booking places on our Open Information sessions for parents - please contact the School Office on 01202 528811. Please spread the word among your friends who may have children due to start school.

Thank you

I am sure you will join me in thanking our fantastic premises team who worked so hard over the summer to ensure that the school looks great for the start of the new year. Mr and Mrs Prince have spent a lot of time over seeing the deep clean. Miss Prince deserves our thanks too – she spent lots of time in school over the summer, sorting out deliveries and completing lots of admin tasks so that everything was ready for the teachers to meet their new classes.

Contact details

Please don't forget to let us know if you change your phone number or change address. It is really important that we have up to date contact details for you should we need to contact you in case of an emergency.

Parking!

Please don't forget that you must not park on Malvern Rd opposite the reception classes, or in Camden Close. You should not park on the corners of Beatty Rd either – it blocks the junction and makes the road extremely dangerous for children crossing. Please park in a way which shows consideration of other road users and especially our neighbours. If someone else drops your child off for you, please ensure that they understand these rules which are in place to keep our children safe.

Mission Statement

This week we have been revisiting our Mission Statement in class, as well as looking at our School Values. We have been talking about what each part means, and how we can put it into practice. Please can you chat to your child about things they can put in place at home which would reinforce these ideas.

Our Mission Statement here this week was Malala Yousafzai. It is Education Sunday this weekend, and we reflected on how lucky we are to have a happy, safe school that we can attend.

Special congratulations go to our first Stars of the new school year:

Learning Champion:

1JC:Remee; 1WH: Florence; 2NW: Elizabeth; 2MS: Helena; 3NL: Luna; 3DB: Sebastian; 4DC: Ella; 4PM: Lucas H; 5JC: Evanna; 5RH: Alesia; 6HT: Lila; 6KB: Flora

Super Role Model:

1JC:Gabriella; 1WH: Rosealie; 2NW: Zara; 2MS:Hanna; 3NL: Joshy; 3DB: Eleanor; 4DC: Brooklyn; 4PM: Ralph; 5JC: Ollie; 5RH:Malena; 6HT: Ivo; 6KB: Sam.

Well done to all of them!

Dates for your diary

Mon 9 th Sept		Reception children start part-time
Tues 10 th Sept	6.00pm	Year 5 Residential- parents information evening – NO CHILDREN TO ATTEND
Wed 11 th Sept	6.00pm	Year 1 parents' information evening- NO CHILDREN TO ATTEND
Mon 16 th Sept	8.40am	Reception children start with full-time
Wed 18 th Sept		5RH leave for 1 night residential
Thurs 19 th Sept		5JC leave for 1 night residential
Mon 23 rd Sept	2.15pm	4DC Class Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 24 th Sept	2.15pm	4PM Class Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Fri 27 th Sept	2.50pm	Macmillan cake sale – more info to follow
Mon 30 th Sept	2.15pm	5RH Class Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Mon 30 th Sept	3.15pm or 6.00pm	Reception Parents' Workshop – more info to follow
Tue 1 st Oct	2.15pm	5JC Class Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 3 rd Oct	3.30-4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 25
Mon 7 th Oct	2.15pm	6KB Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Wed 9 th Oct	2.15pm	6HT Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 10 th Oct	All day	Harvest celebrations and Food Bank collection – more info to follow
Mon 14 th Oct	2.15pm	3DB Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 15 th Oct	2.15pm	3NL celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Wed 23 rd Oct	3.30- 7.00	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Thurs 24 th Oct	3.30- 7.00	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Fri 25 th Oct	2.50pm	Children break up for half term

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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