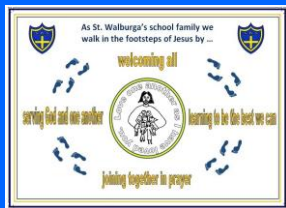


St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday, 6th October 2023

Number 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe it is October already – especially as I think we are looking forward to some unseasonably pleasant weather this weekend!

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Reception Learning workshops on Monday evening, I am sure you found the information helpful. Thank you very much to Mrs Smith and Mrs Paine for organising this for us.

Lovely too, to see so many Year 2 parents and carers at their class liturgies this week – joining together in prayer is one element of our Mission Statement, and we are so pleased to be able to invite families to share this special time with their children.

On Thursday evening, we held our first 'Stay and Play' Session for parents and children who are thinking of joining us in September 2024. It was lovely to see some familiar faces, and also to welcome new families who were visiting our school for the first time. It was such a great opportunity for the children to see the classroom and try out some of our toys and equipment. We have another session planned for Thursday, 9th November, 3.30 to 4.30pm, so please spread the word among any friends you have who may be considering a school placement for their child next September – no need to book, just turn up on the day. We are also booking places on our Open Information sessions for parents - please contact the School Office on 01202 528811.

Cake sale

Thank you to everyone who donated, cut, plated up and sold cakes last Friday – we raised a splendid £413.48 for Macmillan! We are very appreciative of all your efforts – and will be sending the money off soon to help this fantastic charity.



Second hand uniform

Thanks, too, to our amazing team of uniform sellers who did a great job selling on Tuesday afternoon – lots of super bargains and a cracking £87.00 raised for School funds – we are very grateful to you.

Uniform

Just a reminder while we are on the subject of uniform, that your child should be in winter uniform after the October half term. This means that every child should be wearing a shirt and tie! If you are not sure about the rest of the uniform, you can check on our website <https://www.stwalburgas.bournemouth.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Coats

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school as the weather is very changeable at the moment. We try as far as possible to ensure that the children get fresh-air and a run around at playtime, so it is really important that they have a warm, dry coat, even if it looks sunny when you leave the house! Many thanks.

Parents' Evening

Don't forget to book your slot for Parents Evening via WisePay – Parents' Evening appointments will be via Microsoft Teams, on either Wednesday 18th October or Thursday 19th October, between 3.30 and 7.00pm. You will need your child's login details to access the meeting.

Smart watches

We have noticed an increasing number of children wearing Smart watches to school. If you choose to send your child in to school with one of these, it is very important that they do not use them to send or receive messages during the school day, or use them to take photos. As you will have seen from our mobile phone policy, it is really important that children use this equipment appropriately. If a child misuses their watch in this way, we will have no option but to ask them not to bring it to school in the future. Please talk to your child about this.

Current Reception

We also have some spaces in our current Reception classes – if you know of any one who is looking for a place for their child, please pass on our details and ask them to contact the office.

Mission Statement hero

Our Mission Statement hero this week is Isatou Ceesay a Gambian activist, popularly referred to as the Queen of Recycling. She initiated a recycling movement called One Plastic Bag in the Gambia. Through this movement, she educated women in The Gambia to recycle plastic waste into sellable products that earned them income.

Well done to our Stars of the week!

Super Role Model: RP: Alice; RJ: Kira; 1JC: Ifedemma; 1WH: Zara; 2NW: Miriam; 2ML: Kobi; 3BM: Nicholas; 3NL: Leo; 4CY: Zayra; 4CR: Poppy; 5RD: Ollie; 5RH: Megan; 6KB: Sergio; 6PM: Chloe H.

Learning Champion: RP:Holly; RJ:Alisha; 1JC:Horacio; 1WH:Rio; 2NW:Max; 2ML: Sebastian; 3BM: Finn; 3NL: Elisha; 4CY:Eva; 4CR: Carla; 5RD: Elena; 5RH: Oliver; 6KB: Mia WS ; 6PM; Ava C. Well done to all of them!

Dates for your diary:

Mon 9 th Oct	All day	Flu Immunisations
Tues 10 th Oct	2.15pm	3NL Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome
Tues 10 th Oct	Pm	Year 5 & 6 Choir to Kingsleigh School
Wed 11 th Oct	2.15pm	3BM Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome
Wed 18 th Oct	All day	Harvest celebrations and Food Bank collection
Wed 18 th Oct	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening (online)
Thurs 19 th Oct	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening (online)
Fri 20 th Oct	2.50pm	Children break up for half term
Mon 30 th Oct	8.40am	Children return to school

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family.

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