

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.

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.

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 18th September. We can't wait to get to know the newest members of our school family!

Many thanks to Father Anthony and Deacon Barry, 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.

It's certainly been a hot start to the new term! Next week, the temperatures look more like the usual for this time of year, so I would ask that all the children who wear ties should do so from Monday. If there is another heatwave, we will review the wearing of ties again!

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.

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: Tuesday and Friday
Year 1: Monday and Friday
Year 2: Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3: Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4: Monday and Wednesday
Year 5: Monday and Tuesday
Year 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

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 11th – Year 4, 5 and 6 football
Monday 11th – Year 1, 2 and 3 Yoga
Tuesday 12th – Year 1, 2 and 3 Foundation Sports After school
Tuesday 12th – Year 4, 5 and 6 Tennis
Wednesday 13th – Year 1, 2 and 3 Dance.
Wednesday 13th – Year 3, 4 and 5 STEM club
Thursday 14th – Year 4, 5 & 6 Dodgeball.
Thursday 14th – Year 3, 4 and 5 Zumba
Friday 15th – 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! Choir will be starting on Friday 22nd September – please see letter sent today.

Medicines

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

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

Policies

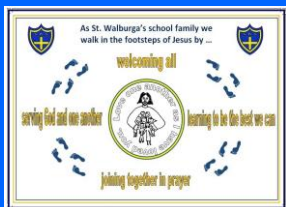
We have an updated Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy in line with the new 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document which was issued by the DFE on September 1st. We have also rewritten our policy for the Use of Mobile Phones – you can read these on our website under Key Information.

Starting school in September 2024

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they are due to start in Reception in 2024! Please join us for a 'stay and play session' with your child from 3.30- 4.30 on either Thursday 5th October or Thursday 9th 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.

Microsoft Teams Login Details

Your child's account has been reset and their new login details have been sent home with them today on a lilac card.



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday, 8th September 2023

Number 1

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, and the super new fencing around the perimeter of the school. 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.

Lunchtime supervisors

We are looking to recruit some more staff to join our lunchtime team, supporting the children with hot lunches in the hall or packed lunches in the classroom, and supervising them outside for their lunch play time. If you would like to find out more about this role, which is term time only, please contact Mrs Duffy in the school office by phone or email, or speak to Mrs Crutchley or myself on the gate. Please spread the word among your family and friends.

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.

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

Learning Champion:

1JC: Layla; 1WH: James; 2NW: Lucas; 2ML: Albie; 3BM: Max; 3NL: Oscar; 4CY: Blake; 4CR: Bruno; 5RD: Sam; 5RH: Kathleen; 6KB: Zosia; 6PM: Hope.

Super Role Model:

1JC: Florence; 1WH: Camille; 2NW: Connie; 2ML: Darcey; 3BM: Esme; 3NL: Mia; 4CY: Ozan; 4CR: Hilina; 5RD: Antoni; 5RH: Joseph; 6KB: Rafa; 6PM: James.

Well done to all of them!

Dates for your diary

Mon 11 th Sept		Reception children start part-time
Tues 12 th Sept	6.00pm	Year 1 parents information evening – NO CHILDREN TO ATTEND
Mon 18 th Sept	8.40am	Reception children start with full-time
Mon 18 th Sept	All Week	Year 6 Bikeability
Thurs 21 st Sept	1.30pm	6KB Class Mass – parents and carers welcome
Mon 25 th Sept	2.15pm	4CY Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome
Mon 25 th Sept	All Week	Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 26 th Sept	2.15pm	4CR Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 28 th Sept	1.30pm	6PM Class Mass – parents and carers welcome
Fri 29 th Sept	2.50pm	Macmillan cake sale – more details to follow
Mon 2 nd Oct	2.15pm	2NW Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome
Mon 2 nd Oct	3.15pm or 6.00pm	Reception Parents' Workshop – more info to follow
Tue 3 rd Oct	2.15pm	2ML Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome
Thurs 5 th Oct	3.30-4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 24 (and their parents!)
Tues 10 th Oct	2.15pm	3NL – Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome
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 – more info to follow
Wed 18 th Oct	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Thurs 19 th Oct	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Fri 20 th Oct	2.50pm	Children break up for half term

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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