Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear parents,

A warm welcome back!

Welcome back to school to all our children and parents and all our new children in Nursery and Reception. All of the children have come back excited to be in their new classes and ready to learn.

We have come back to some unsettled weather. Pupils can wear their summer uniform until half term but please remember to bring a coat in wet weather, as the children will be outside at breaks where possible. Please ensure your child has a plastic water bottle (no metal ones) with a sports/flip top to avoid spillages. All children in Early Years and Years 1 and 2 get free fruit. Years 3 to 6 need to bring in their own fruit for their morning snack. We now have free milk as part of our school lunch provision.

All children in Reception to Year 6 are continuing to have free school meals as part of the Mayor's scheme. I am pleased to say we have almost 100% take up. See below for information about our new provider.

You will have received a copy of the diary for this term – please note your 'Meet the Teacher' date, which will be in your child's classroom. Homework will start this week for Years 1-6 on Google classroom; all children have signed in this week in school. If you have any difficulty please speak to the class teacher.

We look forward to working in partnership with you all this year, and to meeting you all at the curriculum meetings over the next couple of weeks.

Mrs. Cunningham

Important Dates

Monday 9th September
8:50 Yr4 Meet the teacher meeting
- **Yr5 Residential trip**

Tuesday 10th September
8:50 Yr2 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 11th September
8:50 Yr3 Meet the teacher meeting
- **Y5 Residential trip return**

Friday 13th September
9:00 Beginning of term mass— (Y1-6)
parents welcome

Monday 16th September
8:50 Yr6 Meet the teacher/Transfer to secondary school information/residential meeting

Tuesday 17th September
8:50 Yr5 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 18th September
8:50 Yr1 Meet the teacher meeting plus phonics and reading information.

Friday 20th September
8:50 Reception Meet the teacher meeting plus phonics and reading information.

Monday 23rd September
- **Book fair all week**

Tuesday 24th September
- **Yr6 Height & weight checks**

Friday 27th September
- **Languages Day**

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff.
Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer:
Mrs Cunningham or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan.
In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Cunningham to seek further advice.

We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.

Year 6 roles and responsibilities

Year 6 pupils are in the process of writing letters of application for various roles for the new academic year. In their letters of application the children should share their ideas for the role they are applying for and why they think they are suitable candidates. The children need to submit a letter by **Wednesday 11th September** and Mrs Cunningham, Mrs McMahon & Mrs Sheehan, will be involved in the selection process. There are several roles which the children can choose to apply for:

- **Head girl and Head boy**
- **Deputy Head girl and Deputy Head boy**
- **House Captains – St Andrew, St David, St George, St John and St Patrick**
- **Sports Leaders**
- **Prefects**

Curriculum Meetings

The Curriculum meetings for each class will take place over the next couple of weeks. This will enable you to see your child's classroom, meet your child's new teacher and hear about the curriculum they will be following.

Please see diary dates for timings.

All information will be uploaded to Google Classroom.

Housepoints

House points will resume this term.
Children are allocated a House when they begin in Reception.

Our Houses are St David, St George, St Andrew, St John and St Patrick. Please ask your child which House they are in.

Children may receive house points for lots of different reasons.

Each week at our celebration assembly we announce the House with the most house points. The House that wins will receive 15minutes of Golden time in Key Stage 1 or a Homework pass in Key Stage 2 **(usually given on the Friday of that week.)**

Each half term the House with the most house points for that half term will be allowed to come into school in their own clothes
(they need to wear an item of clothing showing the colour of their house)

The winning House will be announced each week in the newsletter.

Wishing Year 5 a wonderful time on their residential trip at Kingswood

Olive Catering

We are very pleased to introduce our new catering company—Olive Catering.

The children were so excited when they came into the 'restaurant' and they all really enjoyed the food. They don't pre-order their food but choose what they want when they see the food. Milk is also free as part of the lunch provision.











Congratulation to us on achieving Gold for the fourth year running.
Thank you to Mr Bovington & Mrs Sheehan for all they do for PE & Sport at our school.



Our Lady & St Johns

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement in the School Games for 2023/24.

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