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Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy start to the term and I just wanted to tell you how amazing the children have been. From our trip to London to visitors to the school for things like PE, Street Smart, Living Streets and the Careers Fair we have received many compliments about the children – how well behaved, friendly and articulate they are. We are very proud of them and I am sure you are too. Thank you for all the support you give us and for helping the children to enjoy their time in school taking a full part in all the opportunities presented to them.

As you know, school starts at 8.45. The gates open at 8.40 and children coming after 8.45 will be deemed to be late for the morning session. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time. The attendance of the school is updated daily to the DfE and reasons for absence are sought at this time. This year we are sending out regular updates to ensure parents know how many absences their child has had since the beginning of the school year. Please note that registers are taken twice a day so if your child misses a day this will be noted as two sessions. All absences are recorded so even if your child is absent through a medical reason you will receive notification of the absence each week. Please ensure that as far as possible, medical appointments are made after school. Where that is not possible you must provide the appointment card to the school before the session is missed for the absence to be authorised. Term time holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and fines may occur for families taking a holiday during school opening times. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Uniforms

The children look so smart in their school uniforms. However, at the end of every day each classroom seems to have a number of jumpers and t-shirts that are left behind. Please ensure your child's name is in every item of clothing so we can more easily identify which jumper belongs to which child.

Head Lice

We are not very far into the new school term but have had a number of parents informing us that their child has head lice. Please check your child's hair regularly and ensure you treat the whole family if one child is infected, including parents. See <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> for more details.

Homework

Foundation – Homework (reading books) is given out on a Friday and collected in the following Friday. Please try to read at least 3 times a week to or with your child and record it in your child's reading record.

KS1 - Homework is given out on a Wednesday and collected in the following Wednesday, especially reading and spelling. Please try to read at least 3 times a week with your child and record it in your child's reading record.

KS2 - Homework is given out on a Friday and collected in the following Friday, this will consist of spellings/grammar, times tables/maths and reading. Please try to read at least 3 times a week with your child and record it in your child's reading record.

Walk to School

Last week we launched our WOW campaign which encourages children to walk to school if they can. For those who live further away they are asked to park the car a little further away from school and walk the last little bit. The children are very enthusiastic about this and some children from Y5/6 have been appointed as "Ambassadors" to help support the campaign. Children track their journey to school daily and can earn a WOW badge at the end of each month. Walking to school when possible is good for children's health and also means less pollution from cars around the school. It also makes the road outside the school safer for everyone and will support our neighbours who rightly get upset when cars are left blocking their driveways at drop off and pick up times. Please support the children in this venture if you can.

School Photographs – 2nd October

School photographs will be taken this week on Thursday 2nd October. We will have every child photographed individually and also in sibling groups unless you tell us otherwise. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs and if you would prefer your child not to be photographed at all, please contact the office to advise

Flu Immunisations – 6th October

If you have completed the online consent form for a flu immunisation this will take place in school on 6th October. Please note as a school we have nothing to do with this event other than providing a room for the immunisations to take place. It is entirely up to you whether you sign your child up for the procedure. Only the children whose parents have signed them up will be on the list for immunisation. The list is held by the NHS and school do not have access to it.

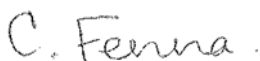
Harvest Festival – 17th October

We will soon start collecting for our Harvest Festival which will take place in the church during Friday Mass 17th October at 9.30 and also at Sunday Mass 19th October also at 9.30. All families are invited to both these Masses and we look forward to seeing you there. This year we will be collecting donations for the Wirral Foodbank.

Half Term

Half Term takes place between Monday 27th and Friday 31st October. School will reopen to children on Monday 3rd November at 8.45 (gates open at 8.40)

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Fenna
Headteacher

