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Welcome Back!

September / October 2019

Welcome

Welcome to the new term. We hope you have all enjoyed a good summer break. It is great to see all the children looking so smart in their code of dress. Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE kit and pumps are clearly named so that they can be quickly returned to the owners. Please ensure that PE kit – black shorts/ red t-shirt and plimsolls for indoor and trainers for outdoors, are in school every day. Thank you.

In addition to the usual PE lessons, Wood peckers (R, Y1,Y2) are having a block of 5 Qualitas PE sessions in school time on Friday afternoons, commencing 20 September. These sessions are funded through our Sport Premium funding.

Autumn term themes

KS2 theme this term is 'May the Force be with you!' This is a science-based topic where children will be investigating different forces – finding out about magnets, gravity, friction, air and water resistance etc and making and testing their own parachutes. They will be reading and writing explanations, instructions and reports.

EYFS/KS1 theme is 'Up, Up and away'. This is a geography based topic looking at the world from above, learning about the countries, continents and oceans as well as the history of air travel – aeroplanes and hot air balloons. In science the children will be learning about forces.

After-school Dodge Ball

After-school Dodge Ball for KS2 (Y3 – Y6) commences on Tuesday 17 September 3.30-4.30pm. Please see separate letter for information and slips. Please collect children from the main entrance at 4.30pm.

The cost is **£5.00 for the block of 5 sessions** paid in advance. The full cost will be subsidised through Sport Premium funding. There are only 16 places so if more children are interested we will take names 'from the hat' and ensure that any children who do not get a place are first on the list for the next after-school sessions.

School Games Mark GOLD 2018-19

We are delighted that the school has again achieved School Games Mark Gold. Thank you to Mr Cooke, as our PE and Sport subject leader for coordinating and organising events and activities and working with local schools and Qualitas Sport Partnership to ensure that our children have access to high quality PE provision and extra-curricular activities.



St Marks – Sunday 15 September 4.30pm 'Songs of Praise'

Parents and children are warmly invited to Songs of Praise at St Marks Church at 4.30 pm on the 15th with a light refreshments afterwards.

St Marks are also continuing to host coffee mornings on the first Thursday of the month. There have been a steady number of people attending each time to enjoy a chat and the quiz. Please go along and support.



Woolley Moor Show

Thank you to Mrs Eyre for organising support for running the Lucky Dip at the Woolley Moor Show during the summer holiday, and to all those who helped out and supported. The Lucky Dip raised almost £60 for school.

We are also delighted that the scarecrow – Darth Vader, was awarded second place in the village scarecrow competition. Thank you to Mrs Gill and Mrs Cooke for their support with the scarecrow.



Darth Vader

NSPCC – ‘Speak Out, Stay safe’ Tuesday 10 September

The NSPCC are visiting school on Tuesday 10 September to deliver an assembly and workshop to develop children’s awareness and understanding of how to stay safe. This subject matter is approached in a child friendly, engaging style, helping children to retain the important safeguarding messages.

Football lunch time club - KS2 commencing Wednesday 11 September

Football training commences on Wednesday lunchtimes from 11th September. Any KS2 children are welcome to join and will require football boots and shin pads.

Coffee/Open morning for ‘new’ starters 2020 – Thursday 19 September

Thank you to all those who have distributed fliers and posters to local nurseries etc to promote the Open Morning for potential new starters September 2020.



Harvest Showcase Open afternoon. – Thursday 26 September 2.45pm.

Children will be taking part in various harvest workshops during the day – learning about how and why harvest is celebrated in different cultures and parts of the world. At 2.45pm parents are invited to join us for refreshments and have a look round the classrooms at children’s work and displays.

For harvest this year, we are collecting non-perishable, in date items for the Clay Cross Food Bank. This is a charity providing emergency supplies for local people. Currently the food bank is shortest of mayonnaise, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned meatballs, tinned ravioli, tinned rice pudding and tinned custard. These items and other non-perishable foods may be brought into school week commencing 23rd September.

Swimming KS2 commences Friday 20 September

Swimming for Y3,4,5,6 starts on Friday 20th September. A separate letter and information will be sent for all KS2 children with details of kit, medical information required etc. Forms/Information must be returned before your child can go swimming. Thank you.

Clay Cross and District Festival rehearsals commencing Wed 18 September

The first choir rehearsal is 18th September at Sharley Park Primary 1.30pm – 3.00pm. There is a list of dates, venues times here and further details on the school website (or ask at the office if you need another paper copy)

Wed 25 September at Holmgate 1.30pm -2.45pm

Wed 2 October @ Tupton Hall - meet at main entrance at 9.15am. Collect at 12.00pm

Wed 9 October @ Tupton Hall - meet at main entrance at 9.15am. Collect at 12.00pm.

Wed 16 October @ Winding Wheel Chesterfield 9.15- 2.30pm. Meet at do-nut car park at 9.15am.

Performance – Winding Wheel - Thursday 17 October 7.00pm.

We will soon be sending out raffle tickets and the draw will be on the evening of the performance. Please support this event by selling as many as possible. Thank you! Tickets cost £4.00 each. Information to follow.



Parent evenings – Autumn term.

Autumn Parent consultation evening for KS2 and KS1 will be week commencing 7 October. Information to follow later in the term.

Parents of reception children – Parent meetings will be after school 23rd and 24th September.

School photographer – Thursday 10 October

Advance notice that the 'Leading Imagery' school photographer will be in school on the morning of 10th October for individual and group/class photographs. There is an on-line viewing and ordering system for photographs so proofs will not be sent out. Please note that no names or children's details will be on-line and there will be unique code access to view /purchase photographs. Further information to follow.

Autumn Disco Wednesday 23 October 5.00 - 6.15pm

Children are invited to an autumn disco on 23 October in the school hall. There will be a pumpkin design competition – details to follow- and a 'tuck shop' with items to purchase if you wish – including autumn treats and glowsticks etc.



School Communion Service @ St Marks Church - Friday 25 October

Parents and visitors are warmly invited to our school Grape and Wafer service on the last day of term at St Mark's Church, starting 2.00pm. We are very pleased that the Arch Deacon of Chesterfield, Venerable Carol Cosslet will also be joining us. Fran Roberts and church community will be providing refreshments from 1.15pm. School will be closed in the afternoon and children may go home after the service. Any children who do not have an adult attending should be collected from St Marks at 2.30pm. Thank you.



Flu immunisation

Later in the term we will be sending out information about the nasal vaccinations. Please return the consent form for the nasal vaccination **whether or not** you wish your child to have the immunisation. The vaccinations take place in December Thank you.

Autumn term 2 commences Tuesday 5th November.

School closes for half term break on Friday 25th October. There is an INSET day for staff on Monday 4th November and school reopens for children on **Tuesday 5th November.**

