

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st November 2019

Wow! The first half term went so quickly, and what a great first half term it was – how is it November already? All of the children seemed to have settled into their new classes very well, especially Early Years who seem like they have been in school forever!

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended parents evening last half term. A good working relationship between school and parents is vital if your child is going to flourish at school. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated. The feedback from the surveys on the night was extremely positive.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Halloween Disco was a huge success – all of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A huge thank you to Daniel's Mum and Dad from Year 3 for decorating the hall: it looked amazing and really made the disco for the children.

[Check out their Facebook page C & L Events.](#)

READING

Reading is the number one school priority! If a child struggles to read, then we are seriously hindering their life chances. We are having a huge push on reading this year in school, and we need your help. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE continue to make the time to listen to your child read at home, at least three times per week. Also, please make the time to read other books to your children – this will excite your child about reading and help them to develop a love of reading. When we speak to children, they all say that they love having stories read to them. Class teachers have a recommended list of books that are suitable for each age. If you're struggling to find a 'good' book, please ask the class teachers to recommend a book.



The more that you READ, the more things you will KNOW.



The more that you LEARN, the more places you'll GO. (Dr Seuss)

ATTENDANCE

It goes without saying that it is vitally important that children attend school regularly if they are going to get the most out of school and progress, socially, emotionally and academically. Unless your child is really ill, they need to be in school.

We are looking at suitable, and motivating, ways of rewarding children who have good attendance, and we would appreciate your help in this. If you would like to take part in a group discussion about possible ideas, please let the school office know before the Friday 8th November.

SPORTS

At the beginning of the year, the school council surveyed all of the children and asked which after-school clubs they would like. A football, a dodge ball, a rugby and a running club have been set up, and it is great to see so many children taking part in sports after school. There are still some places left in some of the clubs too! We are trying our best to arrange an after school 'Yoga Club' as this was a popular choice, so any Yoga experts out there, please let us know?

Also, our Year 5/6 football and rugby team have participated in Interschool competitions. Also, a Year 3/4 cross-country team, a Year 5/6 cross-country team, a Year 5/6 Dodge ball team, a Year 5/6 Boccia team and a Year 4/5 swimming team will all be competing in interschool competitions before the end of this half term.



SPARKLE AND SHINE

The first 'Sparkle & Shine' Assembly has taken place to celebrate Outstanding Writing. The winners from each class were Kyle (Early Years), Rohan (Year 1), Lucas (Year 2), Kaci (Year 3), Leah (Year 4), Bobby (Year 5) and Paige (Year 6). There were some fantastic pieces of writing—please check out the pictures on our school Dojo and

Facebook Pages.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This half term is always a busy one in school with the run up to Christmas. Please find a list of significant events in school to help you plan (more details will be sent home nearer the time).

When?	What?
Monday 11 th November	The school Choir will be going to the Cenotaph (St Peter's Church) to lay a wreath and pay their respects for Remembrance Day
Wednesday 13 th November	Tempest Photographer in school: Individual and sibling photographs will be taken.
Thursday 14 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly—Parents/Carers (max of 4 per child) are invited to watch the children perform their Class Assembly on 'Diwali'. The assembly will start at 9:00am.
Friday 15 th November	Non-Uniform Day—Bring a bottle contribution for the Christmas Tombola
Friday 29 th November	Non-Uniform Day—Bring something chocolate contribution for the Christmas Tombola
Monday 9 th December	Christmas Sing along—Year 3, Year 4 and the school Choir will be performing a Christmas Sing-along followed by mince pies and Christmas Tombola. In the school hall at 3:15
Tuesday 10 th December	* Christmas Markets—A festive Market will be set up in the hall during the morning. Each class will visit the market where they will be able to buy Christmas gifts for their family members (or even themselves). Gifts will range from £1 to £4. * Christmas Sing along—Year 3, Year 4 and the school Choir will be performing a Christmas Sing-along followed by mince pies and Christmas Tombola. In the school hall at 3:15
Wednesday 11 th December	* Christmas Lunch * Early Years —Parents/carers will be invited into school to make a Christmas decoration with their child (2pm start)
Thursday 12th December	* **GENERAL ELECTION - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN*** * Y5/6 Trip to watch Man United at Old Trafford in the UEFA Cup
Friday 13 th December	School Choir (Vocalise) will be singing Christmas Carols at Tesco (Hindley) in the afternoon and collecting for school funds.
Tuesday 17 th December	*Year 2 (supported by Year 1) will be performing a Christmas Show. 2pm start (max of 2 adults per child) * School Choir (Vocalise) will be visiting Egerton Court to spread a little Christmas cheer to the residents.
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day in School (Non uniform)
Thursday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas (opens again on Tuesday 7 th January 2020)