

Autumn Term Dates

NOVEMBER

- 06.11.23: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 07.11.23: Y5 Trip to Salford Quays.
- 08.11.23: School football team match against The Deans Primary School at Beech Farm Playing Fields: 3.40pm.
- 09.11.23: School individual photographs.
- 10.11.23: Remembrance Day Worship in school.
- 13.11.23: National Anti-Bullying Week.
- 13.11.23: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 15.11.23: Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week.
- 15.11.23: B-Tales Anti-Bullying performance for the junior classes
- 17.11.23: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.
- 18.11.23: All Saints Church Christmas Fair: 11am.
- 22.11.23: Courageous Advocates Worship in school.
- 22.11.23: Y5 class visit to All Saints Church morning service - 10am.

DECEMBER

- 04.12.23: KS1 Christmas Shows. Y1 – 9am. Y2 – 2.40pm.
- 05.12.23: EYFS Christmas Shows. NUR – 9am. REC – 2.40pm.
- 06.12.23: Lower KS2 Christmas Shows. Y3 – 9am. Y4 – 2.40pm.
- 07.12.23: Upper KS2 Christmas Shows. Y6 – 9am. Y5 – 2.40pm.
- 08.12.23: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch.
- 11.12.23: Infant/EYFS Christmas party.
- 13.12.23: Junior Christmas party.
- 15.12.23: Christmas Panto in school.
- 15.12.23: School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm.

JANUARY 03.01.24: Back to school on Wednesday 3rd January.

03.11.2023

It has been a good start to the new half-term with lots of exciting activities planned for the children over the coming weeks. You can find out more detail about what the children will be learning in the curriculum leaflets that the teachers are posting on the school website. They are also putting up the homework projects for this half-term. Getting involved with these projects is a fantastic way to support the children's learning at home. The teachers have also been busy looking at the gaps in learning that they have identified from the mid-term tests the infant and junior children did just before half-term. The staff will be able to share the results from these tests with you in the up-coming autumn term parent evening meetings. If you have not done so already, you can go online to book a slot for our autumn term parents' evenings. These will take place on 6th and 13th November. You will have the chance to discuss how your child has settled into their new class with their class teacher. There will also be the opportunity to look at all their work from the year so far.

In the classroom this week Our Y6 class visited the Swinton Cenotaph and Memorial Garden. Here they were met by local historian Glen Croston, who spoke to the children about local heroes who fought and died for our country. The children had many questions for Glen who was more than happy to discuss them. They searched for their own ancestors on the plaques and some were able to locate their names. They also learnt about Salford men who fought further afield in places like Singapore and China. As they are currently learning about WWII and the impact it had on Salford, the visit had special meaning to the class. They also learnt about local heroes who have been awarded the Victoria Cross and we searched for one of their graves in the local cemetery on the way back to school.

Weekly updates.... PE Clothes

On your child's PE day they should come to school in their school PE kit. This can be navy shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings with a plain white tee shirt or polo shirt. They can wear their school navy cardigan or sweatshirt over this. They should have black trainers on their feet. They should not come to school wearing football tops or brightly coloured tops, leggings or trainers. We thank you for your support with this.

Y6 PLEASE NOTE – The Y6 class PE day is changing to Monday from next week (06.11.23).

Attendance

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it is essential. All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. Good attendance is directly linked to improved academic performance which should in turn lead to better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop the children's friendships, social & life skills.

Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education. Parents are legally responsible for making sure that children go to school. If your child doesn't go to school, you could get fined or prosecuted.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults. Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class.

If your child is at school for only 90 per cent of the school year then they will have missed 19 days - almost four whole weeks of school. For primary-age children, this can mean almost 120 guided learning hours. This is a big gap for any child to make up.

For all of these reasons, we closely monitor the children's attendance at school over each half-term. Today we are sending out good attendance certificates for those children who have met the school's attendance target and information letters for those who have fallen below it. We want to celebrate good attendance and also ensure all our parents & carers are aware of what their child's attendance figure for the half-term has been. Sometimes, parents & carers do not realise what an impact absence or lateness can have on their child's attendance figure.

We will continue to monitor attendance over this coming half-term and we will be sending out more certificates and information letters at the end of it. We will also celebrate attendance each week in school with our school attendance mascot, Barney Bear, being awarded to the class with the highest attendance.

Star Hand writer Certificates

Good handwriting is something that we feel is really important for our children to develop. Each week, the infant and junior class teachers pick one child to be the star hand writer. They receive a special star hand writer pen and get to sit on a bench at the front of the hall in our Thanksgiving assembly on Friday morning. This week we also gave the star hand writers a special certificate to recognise their achievements. This was an idea that had been suggested by our Ethos Committee last half-term and it was lovely to see the first certificates being given out in the hall today.

Reminders from the office

- Parents evening slots are still available on the School Spider App until 9am on Monday 6th November

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Collective Worship Theme

We have started looking at a new Christian value this half-term – wisdom. This week, we thought about some of the sayings from the Book of Proverbs in the Bible. Having a Bible story each week was something that the children told the ethos committee that they wanted to do and they certainly enjoyed thinking about this one and considering what the Proverbs meant. We shared some of their wonderful ideas in our thoughtful book worship. We will be sending out a sheet with ideas about how you can support the children in thinking about the value of hope at home over the coming weeks. They could record some of their responses to this in their home worship books.

Home Worship Books

We were delighted to see so many infant and junior children bringing their home worship books into school again this week to share with the other classes during our Thursday collective worship. The children all had the chance to stand at the front of the hall and tell everyone about what they had done. They all received a Good To Be Green sticker for their efforts. Our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) was awarded to Danielle in Y5 for her wonderful work.

Pudsey Bear Raffle

To help raise funds for Children in Need we are raffling 2 Pudsey Bears. The largest one was kindly donated by Mrs Mayo. Raffle tickets cost £1 each and can be purchased on the School Spider App. There are no physical tickets, for every £1 ticket purchased your child's name will be entered into the draw which will take place in school on 17th November. The raffle closes at 9am on Friday 17th November.