



NEWSLETTER 5: OCTOBER

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



- Nursery - Reid for lots of lovely listening and super tidying this week
- Reception - Thomas for a fantastic attitude towards all aspects of school life
- Year 1 - Harriet for being super independent in her learning and producing work to be very proud of
- Year 2 - Alfie for producing a fantastic letter in our writing lesson this week
- Year 3 - Sophia for her excellent attitude and caring nature
- Year 4 - Nathan for trying so hard to improve his handwriting. Well done!
- Year 5 - Roisin for consistently producing high quality work in all lessons. Well done!
- Year 6 - Jack B for an excellent persuasive letter. Brilliant vocabulary, and a strong opinion given



Attendance

As you know, attendance is hugely important and we will be reporting attendance on a weekly/monthly basis. The class with the best attendance each month will be rewarded with an extra 10 minutes of play time.

Pupils with 100% attendance each term will also receive a certificate.

This week's attendance is:

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
97.1%	92.4%	93.0%	96.4%	94.8%	92.2%	95.8%	97.7%	94.8%



House Points

We have re-introduced the House Points system in school. Children can earn house points from all staff during the week. The house points for this week are:

St Aidan - 1100

St Oswald - 966

St Cuthbert - 1002

St Bede - 1009

Well done to everyone

Early Years: Beauty and the Beast and the Police

Our Early Years unit had a visit from the police this week to talk about how the police keep us safe. They had a lovely time talking to the police, showing them some "bones" that they had discovered and looking inside the police van.

They also had a visit from the cast of Beauty and The Beast. The pantomime will be running at Stanley Civic Hall from 15th - 24th December.



We will be having a Halloween themed day on Thursday 21st October. All pupils can come to school dressed in Halloween costumes. There will be additional activities and a disco straight after school until 4.30pm if your child wishes to stay. There is a charge of £2 for the after-school activities and disco which can be paid via ParentPay.

Autumn/Winter Menu/ParentPay

At St. Joseph's we provide a school meal service offering hot, nutritionally balanced meals, freshly prepared and cooked on the school premises. The meals are produced by our catering team Taylor Shaw and offer a choice from 3 main courses and 3 desserts per day. Each meal is developed to ensure the right amount of protein, carbohydrates, fruit and vegetables is available while avoiding confectionary and artificially-sweetened drinks, with limits on the fat, salt and sugar content in each meal.

As we prepare for the weather getting colder we are changing our menus to incorporate more variety of Autumn/Winter meals. These menus will come into effect from Monday 1st November and will be able for parents/carers to be book via ParentPay.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, meals are free and can be booked for the full term. Nursery & KS2 children meals can be booked on a weekly, monthly or termly basis and must be paid for at the time of booking. As I am sure you can appreciate, it can be distressing for a child if they haven't been booked in to have a school meal and they don't have a packed lunch. Staff will obviously then contact parents/carers to arrange a meal but children may have to have whatever is available at short notice and it is not always their choice. Please help us ensure your child has the meal of their choice by booking meals by a Sunday at the latest for the following week. If you have any queries about booking on ParentPay, please contact Mrs Cowan who will be more than happy to help.

Below are instructions on how to book your child's meals on ParentPay:

1. Sign in at www.parentpay.com
2. Select the child you wish to make the bookings for
3. Select Bookings Make or View Bookings
4. Select the time of day to a make a booking for
 - Lunchtime for Rec to Y6 lunches
 - Afternoon for Nursery lunches
5. Select the week to view
6. Select Make or View Bookings - you will be presented with a booking screen
7. Book a meal by selecting/clicking on one of the menu choices
8. A summary will appear at the bottom of the page with any previous unpaid bookings in red
9. Review the booking summary and select confirm booking
10. Any credit in your ParentPay account will be used to pay for the meals. Any remaining cost can be paid by Bank transfer, Visa Checkout or other payment method

Show Racism the Red Card day

On Wednesday 20th October children can wear red/sports clothes as we will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card Day. Children will be taking part in sport activities throughout the day. A voluntary donation can be made via ParentPay



Packed Lunches

If your child has a packed lunch can you please ensure that do not bring sweets/lollies or chocolate bars. Thank you for your continued support.



Coats/Weather

Children are outside at various times during the school day for break, lunchtime and classroom activities. As we move into Autumn, the days are getting colder therefore can you please ensure that your child(ren) bring(s) a coat to school regardless of what the weather is like in the morning. Also, if it is really cold and the children are outside they will need a hat, scarf and gloves.



If it is raining heavily on a morning the children can come straight into school however due to staff briefings and teachers preparing for the school day the doors will not be opened until 8.40 am. Thank you.

If you have any queries, please contact us at
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