



NEWSLETTER 6: OCTOBER

Here we are at the end of our first half-term. It has been really great to have all of the children back in school learning and to welcome parents/carers back into school. The children have worked really hard this term and have embraced our new Phonics/Reading program Read, Write, Inc. They have also taken part in our Show Racism the Red Card Day and WOW what an array of fabulous Halloween costumes we have had today.

We hope you all have a relaxing half-term and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st November.

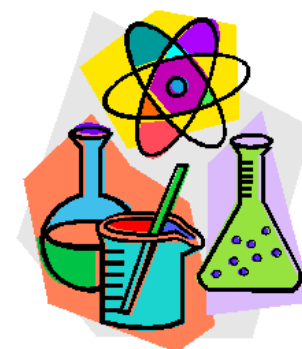
A reminder that face to face Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on Monday 1st November, except for Reception class who will have a workshop on 3rd November.

Year 1 to Year 6: If you have not already booked an appointment please visit <https://stjosephsprimaryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book.

Nursery: Parents/carers please contact the school office to book an appointment.

KS2 Science Packs

St. Joseph's has been chosen to take part in a science initiative through Durham University. All of our KS2 children have been given a 'Celebrate Science at Home' pack, which includes lots of fun, free activities to try at home this half term! All of the resources you will need to complete the activities at home are included in the pack along with an evaluation form. All we ask is that you give them a go and then return the evaluation form after half term. All of the children will be entered into a draw to receive a prize from Durham University!



Dogs in School Yards

Just a reminder that **dogs are not allowed** (even if carried) on the school premises at any time, including when dropping off/picking up your children.



Medication

A reminder that school can administer prescribed and non-prescribed medication if your child needs it while at school. Parental agreement forms need to be completed and medication hand into the office.

Forms are available from the school office or our website

<https://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/?s=parental+agreement+form>



Swimming

Children in Year 3 will be going swimming after half-term starting on Wednesday 3rd November. They will need to bring their swimming kit (including swimming hat), a towel and a warm coat each Wednesday morning as they will be walking to the Louisa Centre.



Shoe Boxes

Just a reminder that we are once again collecting the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. The shoe boxes need to be brought in to school by Wednesday 3rd November at the latest

Thank you for your support!



Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by selling

- Poppies
- Zip Pulls (Suggested donation 50p)
- Reflectors (Suggested donation 50p)
- Silicon Wristbands (Suggested donation £1.00)
- Snap Bands (Suggested donation £1.50)



Year 6 pupils will be selling these to the pupils in school throughout the school day and children can bring money into school after half-term.