



# October 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well we are heading towards the end of our first term back at school and I am pleased to be able to say that everyone settled in really quickly and the term is going very well so far. The stage we raised funds for over the course of last year is now ready to be bought. So, we are hoping to have it here and ready to be used for our Christmas Early Years and Key Stage 1 productions (to which you are all invited, of course). We are busy arranging dates for Santa to come to the parties of Early Years and Key Stage 1 at Christmas - we thought we would get in first before he got booked up. Once he confirms his availability, we will inform you of when he is coming!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new parents and children. For those of you who have children moving into Reception class in September 2018, we have arranged a coffee morning and information giving session for 9am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November for you. The event will be very informal and please feel free to bring grandmas and grandads if you wish. Babies and young children are welcome. Look out for a text with your invite and more details will be sent out nearer the time.

Mr. Bill Pickard has been a governor at our school for more than 20 years. This is a pretty amazing feat as it means he has given his time, free of charge, for the benefit of our children and our school community for over two decades. I would personally like to thank him for this and hope he still comes in to see us regularly. He announced his retirement at the end of last term, so we wish him the best of luck with his newly acquired free time. Bill will still be part of our academy as he will continue in his role on the board of Members, which meets here three times per year. I would also like to thank Mr. Paul Marshall, who has agreed to step up to take the position of Chair of Governors, with Mrs. Joanne Earl doing a great job of supporting him in the role of Vice Chair of Governors. The governors have plans in place for the next year and are the unsung heroes of our academy, working tirelessly for the good of our families.

I hope you have enjoyed the term so far. Don't forget to come and see the staff if there is anything we can help you with.

J.M. Goodfellow  
(Headteacher)

## Dates For Your Diary

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 5 Taster Session at Kingsmeadow

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Halloween Themed Sleepover For KS1 and KS2 Pupils

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Festival at St Nicholas' Church

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Nasal Flu Vaccination In School Hall

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Last day of Autumn Term 1

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October Autumn Half Term Holiday**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** - First Day of Autumn Term 2

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 5 Live Tale Creative Writing Workshop at The Live Theatre

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - RE Visitor in Year 6

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Anti-Bullying Week

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Bikeability Training in Year 5 and Year 6

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need Day (Wear Spots for School to Show Your Support)



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Once again our coffee mornings were a huge success. We raised a total of **£646.15.**

**Thank you for your support.**

### Harvest Festival

#### Reception – Year 6 Pupils

Our pupils will be celebrating Harvest Festival at St Nicholas' Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Families are all welcome to come and join in with our event. We ask for:

Pupils to arrive at the church for 8:55am

(Registration will be taken in the church)

Guests to arrive at church 9:05am

Service will start at 9:10am

Any children attending Breakfast Club on this morning will be walked to church by school staff.

### Keeping Your Children Safe Online Safety and Gaming

Computer games with an 18 year old rating are being shown to young children more and more frequently.

Please be aware that the content of these games is not appropriate for primary school aged children.

You would be shocked to know the type of adult content in some of these games. Please can we urge parents not to allow their young children to play inappropriate games?

### Staff Allocation for 2017 / 2018

Nursery - Mrs Sumner, Mrs Blance - Mrs Walker, Miss Armstrong,

Reception - Miss Scott, Miss Kinghorn – Mrs Atkinson , Mrs Hui

Year 1 - Miss Bradley - Mrs Hogg

Year 1 / 2 - Mrs Sellers - Mrs Lendrum

Year 2 - Miss Heron / Mrs Ritchie - Mrs Cracknell

Year 3 – Mrs Docherty - Mrs Marshall, Mrs Dixon

Year 3 / 4 - Miss Foster - Mrs Marshall, Mrs Dixon

Year 4 – Miss Fleming – Mrs Marshall, Mrs Dixon

Year 5 – Miss Welsh - Mrs Judge

Year 6 – Mrs Langley - Mrs Crawford

Mr Melrose will be supporting PE lessons and hosting afterschool clubs.

Mrs Gordon will be working in school part-time.

### PE Kit – (year 1 – year 6)

**physical education**



*"every child is a winner when they try their very best!"*

As we are fast approaching the winter months, the weather is likely to turn very cold soon.

Can we please remind parents and pupils that a **full PE Kit** should be kept in school?

Pupils will need: tracksuit bottoms, trainers, jumper or long sleeve top as well as their indoor PE shorts and T-shirt. (Trainers for PE need to be different to shoes worn every day for school.)



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Non-uniform day – wear anything spotty for school and make a donation to Children in Need. (Suggested donation of £1 per child.)

### Newsletter Free Draw



*This month's free Newsletter Draw was won By Sky Dring in Year 1. She has won a bottle of wine for her parents and a box of sweets for herself.*

*Parents must collect their prize from the school office.*