

# Newsletter 17th January 2020



We are all 'wonderfully made' and loved by Him just as we are.

## What is coming up ...

- Monday 27th Jan – Full Governing Body Meeting 4pm
- Tuesday 28th Jan – Y5 workshops at Malet Lambert (more info to follow)
- Monday 10th Feb – Foundation Values Committee Meeting 4pm
- Wednesday 12th Feb – Y3 visit to Magna
- Thursday 13th Feb – Y4 Violin performance to parents (separate letter sent to parents with times)
- Friday 14th Feb – Last day of half term (finish at normal time of 3pm)
- Monday 24th Feb – Half term starts (usual times of opening)
- Thursday 5th Mar – World Book Day (please see message below)
- Friday 6th Mar – School and Nursery closed for Teacher Training Day
- Monday 9th Mar – Full Governing Body Meeting 4pm
- Wednesday 25th Mar – Rock Steady Concert (information to follow)
- Friday 3rd Apr – Last day of half term (finish at normal time of 3pm)

## Contact Details

Please do not forget to let us know about any contact details or other circumstances that may have changed recently. This is especially important with mobile phone numbers as people might have been given a new phone as a Christmas present and also have new numbers too! This includes people who are family members other than parents or family friends who are on the emergency contact list for your child or children.

### **Message from the Immunisation Team**

It's not too late to have your child vaccinated against the flu. If your child has not already received the vaccine please contact the Immunisation Team on 0333 358 3397 Option 7, Option 2 to arrange.

### **Welcome!**

We would like to say a warm welcome to Mrs Peacham and Mrs Northage who have joined our excellent team of Teaching Assistants!

We would also like to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Lines, our senior child supervisory assistant, who retired just before Christmas. She had been with us for 8 years! Mrs Lines will be missed but we are wishing her a happy retirement.

### **School Meals – must be booked in advance**

Please don't forget to book your child's meals on ParentPay by the 21st of January for next month. We will no longer be accepting meal bookings on the day as it is taking up too much of the admin team's time in the morning to get all of the late meal bookings. It also makes it difficult for the school kitchen to order the correct amount of food in as the numbers are changing every day. Thank you for your support with this!

### **School Gates & Car Park**

Please note that the school car park is only for use by authorised visitors. The car park is not to be used for dropping off or collecting pupils at the start and end of the school day. Please can we remind all parents and carers not to park on the yellow zigs zags outside the main school gates. This causes many problems for cars trying to enter the school grounds and for traffic travelling down Whitworth Street. It is also a safety concern for when our children are leaving school via the car park.

## **Important E-Safety Links**

A lot of our children in school are now using mobile phones and accessing the internet. Here are some useful links to help parents keep their children safe online:

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) – [www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk) – [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) – [www.askaboutgames.com](http://www.askaboutgames.com) – <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

## **Jewellery in school**

We have seen an increase in the number of necklaces, rings and large earrings being worn in school. They are not part of the school uniform and must not be worn during the school day.

Small stud earrings can be worn if your child has pierced ears. Children should not wear hooped or 'dangling' earrings as these can easily get caught as your child plays or moves about school and this could cause them harm.

This is also the same with rings and necklaces.

Your child may wear a wristwatch if they would like to but this must not be a smartwatch (one that has games on it or one that can access the internet).

## **Breakfast Club**

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the questionnaire about our Breakfast Club. Mrs Devaney will talk through the information with the Executive Head, Mr Barber, and feedback any changes as soon as she can.

## **What is the Lilac Room?**

Many of you may have heard your child talk about the Lilac Room but you might not really know what it is. Hopefully this will help!

Our Lilac Room is a multi-purpose room within the school. It is a calm space where all children can have some quiet time and speak to an adult if they are upset or worried about something.

In school our core values of peace, trust and friendship are talked about and modelled all the time and as a result we have very low levels of bullying but sometimes there are still disagreements and fall outs. The Lilac Room provides the ideal space for children to be supported by an adult to sort out any disagreements they may have had in school or out of school.

It is used as a place to work if children need time away from their class team.

It is also a space for group work, pastoral support and emotional wellbeing.

If you would like to know more about our Lilac Room or come and visit, please speak to Miss Smith.

### **School Christmas Cards**

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that purchased one of the Christmas cards/mugs that the children designed in school. We have received a cheque for £209.00 in commission which will be put to great use in school by buying resources for the children. Thank you!

### **Prayer**

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about John the Baptist, how baptism can be a symbol of hope, and how we can have hope in our lives in other ways. Hope is a very important value for us all to have ... it gives us the energy, creativity and strength to turn difficult times into better times. Hope is not an easy value to hold onto but it is life-transforming to people who have it. Miss Smith has used the prayer below in Collective Worship this week. Children are invited to pray but they do not have to.

Dear Lord,

We are sorry for anything that we have said or done that may have hurt others. Give us hope for the future by washing away what is past. Fill us with the power to live in a way that is pleasing to you and loving to others.

Amen