



NEWSLETTER

"BEING THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE, TOGETHER!"

Happy Half Term!

The last half term was a very long one and everyone was ready for a break. The children worked really hard and did so well adapting their learning with the new iPads. It has been a great start to the new school year and we look forward to what this new half term brings.

Uniform

Thank you for continuing to ensure that the children come to school looking smart. The uniform is looking great and children have a real sense of pride in wearing it.

Data Collection

Please return any outstanding data collection sheets. It is very important that we have the most accurate and up to date information. If you change any of your contact details e.g. your phone number, please make sure you inform the office so that we can keep our records up to date.



Harvest

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food for the harvest festival. We were overwhelmed by the generosity shown and we were very proud to be able to hand the food over to the

St Bart's and St Alban's Foodbank. It is fantastic that we are able to work together to show the children 'humanity' in action. Thank you!



Book Swap Shop

This half term we will be starting a 'Book Swap Shop.' Your child can bring in an old book(s) which they no longer want and swap it for a book that has been brought in by someone else. We hope to have reading leaders running the swap shop once it is established. Please donate any unwanted books to school. Mrs Craig will be very happy to take them!

Applications for Nursery and Reception 2020

Applications for Nursery and Reception places to start in September 2020 are now open. The link to the online application is - <http://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions>. You will need to apply for your child's reception place even if they are currently in the nursery. A place in nursery does not guarantee a place in reception. The closing date for Nursery applications is **31 January 2020**. The closing date for Reception applications is **15 January 2020**.

iPads - come and join us!

Don't forget - there will be 2 open door sessions where you are welcome to come into school to join us in lessons to see how the children have been using the iPads to enhance their learning. We really hope that you can join us! The sessions will be: **Tuesday 10th December**

- **Session 1 8:45-9:45am and Session 2 2:00-3:00pm**

Church Visits

The children have been attending visits to our school church, St Bartholomew's in Blurton. It is important that the children make the connection between the Church and the school. We are looking to strengthen these links as the year goes on.

Have you seen the new improved school website?

Diary Dates

Thur 7 Nov	Reception - Y6 Flu Vaccinations
Fri 15 Nov	Children in Need cake sale
Fri 15 Nov	Y4 Liverpool World Museum Trip
Mon 18 Nov	Parents Evening - 2pm Close
Tue 3 Dec	N1 Amerton Farm Trip
Tues 3 Dec	1:15pm Wreath making workshop (Parents) £5
Thur 5 Dec	N2 Amerton Farm Trip
Fri 6 Dec	Athletes Visit
w/c 9 Dec	Last week of clubs
Tues 10 Dec	iPad open door sessions (Y1-6) 8:45-9:45 & 2-3pm
Wed 11 Dec	KS1 Nativity 9:30am & 2pm
Thu 12 Dec	General Elections (School closed for pupils)
Fri 13 Dec	Foundation Stage Nativity 1:45pm
Mon 16 Dec	Outcome Afternoon 1:45-2:45pm
Tue 17 Dec	Christmas/ winter jumper day bring £1 for Donna Louise Charity
Thu 19 Dec	Christmas Parties (pm)
Fri 20 Dec	Christmas Service Last day of school

Parent Questionnaires

Don't forget to return your parent questionnaires. The responses to these are analysed carefully and we try to address all concerns and take on board any comments which will help improve what we do. We are here to provide the very best education for your children, we would very much like your input into how we are doing with this.

Book Bags

It is great to see so many children with their Belgrave book bags. We are already noticing the difference in school now that we can store these safely in the classrooms. Thank you for supporting what we are doing. A gentle reminder that children from Nursery to Y4 will need to bring their reading books in a school book bag. The bags cost £5.50 and can be paid for online or using your School Money Barcode at a local paypoint. Bags can be collected from the school office.

Parents Evening

The Autumn meeting will take place on Monday 18th November. Appointment letters have been sent out this week. We have staff who are able to provide bilingual support in the first half of the evening. If you cannot make it during the first half, please make it known to a member of staff that you require a translator and we will do all we can to accommodate this.

Children in Need Cake Sale



We will be holding a cake sale in order to raise money for Children in Need on Friday 15th November. Please show your support by baking and/or buying for the sale. Thank you!



Please speak to a member of staff about any questions, comments, concerns you might have.