

NEWSLETTER

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The newsletter is distributed every Friday. It contains information that parents need to know about events, activities, fundraising etc. Please read your newsletter



Next Week school bus stop needed on:
Friday 15 September 2017
Yr 5 swimming returning approx. 3pm



WELCOME BACK

It was wonderful to see everyone back at school looking so smart and smiling at the beginning of the week. Stories of exciting and enjoyable summers have been shared and the new term has begun.

Thank you to everyone who has responded positively to the new parking challenge. Many seem to have opted for walking to school which is a great idea if you live near enough or know someone who lives nearby who would let you park at their house for a short time.

Hopefully you have also noticed the smart, new hall windows and fire escapes. These were finished in good time and really enhance the appearance of the building and health and safety within school. Later in the term the contractors will return to put in a new fence to separate the walkway along the side of the car park from the cars and to move the cycle rack. We will keep you informed of when this will happen. In the meantime, welcome back to the new term.

CONGRATULATIONS



In May, St Mary's, once again took part in the 'Selby in Bloom' art competition run by Selby Town Council. Historically our pupils have been very successful in the competition and this year is no different. Alice (now in Year 3) and Megan (now in Year 2) were awarded 1st and 3rd prize respectively in the Infant category. They will go to the Town Hall later this month to collect their prizes. Congratulations Alice and Megan and thank you to Mrs Beech for organising the entries last term

ALLERGY REMINDER

For many years we have asked pupils and staff not to bring nuts or foods containing nuts into school because of the risk this poses to pupils with allergies. A reminder was sent out by text earlier this week but we are putting it on the newsletter as well to make sure everyone is aware, especially as we have new pupils this year who could suffer a serious allergic reaction if they came into contact with these foods.

FORMS

Could all parents of Reception pupils please make sure all forms that were in your welcome pack are filled in and returned as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has returned forms already, it is much appreciated.

EDUCATION MASS - SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, 6PM

Thank you to all those who responded so promptly to our request for help with this Mass. In the end we had far more offers than we needed so, due to short notice, the older children were asked if they would like to read. Please do still come and join us at St Mary's church on Saturday at 6pm. It will be lovely to see pupils from Holy Family High School and St Mary's come together for Education weekend.

DIARY DATES

29 SEPT 2017	Welcome Assembly @ 9am
2 OCT 2017	Year 6 Trip to Winmarleigh (5 days)
14 OCT 2017	Harvest Mass - St Mary's Church, Selby @ 6pm
18 OCT 2017	Parents Open Lesson Morning 9am
20 OCT 2017	School Closes for Half Term

OPEN LESSONS

As an extension to our parent drop-in sessions last year, we are offering 'open lesson' days this year. These will be dates when parents can come into school for a full session in order to see how the children are learning in school. In response to feedback last year, these will be on different days of the week and alternate between morning and afternoon. Look out for the diary dates list to see when these sessions will be.

SCHOOL INFORMATION FORMS

Your child should have brought home 3 forms earlier this week. These forms are to be filled in (front & back), signed and returned to school as soon as possible (Monday would be great!).

One form is to give your child permission to go out of school into the local area, one is a medical information form. Both will cover the whole school year.

If there are any changes to your child's details through the year please contact the school office immediately.

The third form is a home/school agreement, please take time to read through this with your child and sign the form at the bottom.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Now that all Key Stage 1 children get free school meals people often forget to apply for this support. This is a very simple process and will ensure your child gets free school meals throughout their time at school.

It also triggers something called Pupil Premium funding which school uses to subsidise provision for your child. This could take the form of paying for school trips, learning support materials or learning interventions. This year we are also adding the offer of supporting the purchase of school uniform. If you feel you may be eligible please talk to the school office to find out more.

SWIMMING



This year school has again booked a swimming slot for Friday afternoon at Selby Leisure Centre. We only have one slot so only one class will be swimming per term. (Year's 3, 4 & 5 are the years that take part in swimming lessons). This term we are starting with Year 5. Please return permission slips as soon as possible to ensure your child is able to take part in this activity.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Asthma

Inhalers need to be kept with the child if they are able to use their inhaler independently, or with the class teacher if not. It should be in date, with the child's name written on it. Children will not be allowed out of the school grounds - visits, swimming etc. without their inhaler.



Antibiotics/Medicine

Only prescribed medicine that is required 4 times a day will be administered in school. The medicine should be in the original container with the child's name on the label. A consent form must be completed by the parent/guardian.