

St. Herbert's RC Primary School

Autumn Term

18th September 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

The children have settled in well, and look so smart - a huge thank you, and a reminder that spare jumpers, ties etc are available from Mrs Collins. Many families have donated spare uniform, some of which has rarely been worn.

All repairs due to the flooding, and our new entrance, have been completed over the holidays and past couple of weeks, and office furniture has been delivered today – our final part of the project is to now furnish our library, very exciting!

School car park

Now our car park is back open, please can I remind families that it is for staff use only, **at all times**; please can you let all members of the family know, that may be in the position of dropping off or collecting children from school. Thank you.

Pupil Attendance

A quick reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school, it is a legal requirement to contact school as soon as possible to explain any absences. Also, we have a number of pupils who are still arriving late, which is taking up office time as the child signs in and then is delivered to class. Please can we ask that pupils arrive on time to prevent delays at the office. We thank you for your support in this area.

Pupil Flu Nasal Spray

The pupils are due to be given their flu nasal spray on Friday 6th October. Details will follow in a separate email from the office, together with the link that parents need to follow to give permission if they wish their child to receive this inoculation.

Bags

Since the pandemic we have asked that items brought into school are limited. This is more important now due to space available - please only allow your child to bring a small bag to school, if necessary. We have limited space in the building, and bags take up a lot of space in the classroom (no large rucksacks are allowed).

St. Herbert's RC Primary School – Job Vacancies

Would you like to contribute to moving our school forward on its mission in providing the best for our children? We are currently looking to employ more lunch time supervisors. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to our staff team and help keep dinner times safe and fun for all our children. Your working hours would be 11:30am – 1:00pm; the main duty of the role is the supervision of children during that time. For more information please email; enquiries@stherberts.education or contact the school office.

Fundraising:

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year our Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held on the **Friday 29th September**. To ensure we can keep our audience comfortable and we keep to fire regulations, we are splitting our morning into two sessions, one for our Lower Key Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 parents (Yr 5 & 6) **9:15-9:45am**, and one for EY and KS1 parents **10:00-10:30am**. If you have children in both performances, you are welcome to stay all morning; by splitting into two performances, there will be some parents who can leave early/join later, keeping numbers in the audience manageable. We will be asking for donations of cakes (bought only please) to be brought into school on the 28th September. Please can we ask that you stay for the full half hour and only leave at the end of the session, so that all children in that department have a full audience!

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly will be held on **Tuesday 17th October**; this is an assembly that we share with the **grandparents** of the children, and we celebrate how lucky we are to have food readily available in this

country. Again, this year we are very aware that many families are struggling in our locality, and therefore our donations will be shared equally with local charities and our school families from our school food bank. We will be very grateful for any donations of tinned/dry goods (not fresh food please), and will be holding a non-uniform day on the Friday 13th October, where the children wear their 'home' clothes in lieu of a tin/packet etc. Thank you for your support with our fundraising, particularly at this time.

Parent meetings

Our priority is to work with our families to provide the best learning experience for our children, and therefore we will be providing various meetings/workshops specific for your child's education this year eg: Yr 2 SATs parents information meeting etc. This information will be sent out from the class teacher/phase leader depending on the meeting/workshop. Parent's Evening will be held on Thursday 2nd November this year, however if you need to speak with the class teacher at any time, please phone to make an appointment at a time convenient to you both.

We understand that sometimes a quick message needs to be passed on to teachers, but please can we not do this at the door at the beginning of the school day, as the teacher is in charge of the children at that point, and not supervising if talking to parents. Messages can be delivered via the staff on the playground or the office.

Christmas

Please see dates below!

Dates for your diaries:

25th September - Tempest photographer in school (more details to follow)

28th September - donations of cakes please!

29th September - Macmillan coffee morning

6th October – Flu nasal spray for pupils with permission

13th October - Non-uniform day: donations for Harvest Assembly please!

17th October - Harvest Assembly: Grandparents are invited.

17th October - Yr 2 SATS Parents' meeting Time 8:45am

19th October - Yr 6 SATs Parents' meeting Time 8:45am

23rd-27th October - HALF TERM

2nd November - Parent's Evening

30th November - UKS2 show 1:30pm **OR** 7pm performances (2 tickets per family for one performance)

12th December - EY Nativity 09:30am (2 tickets per family)

13th December KS1 Nativity 1:30pm **OR** 14th December 9:30am (2 tickets per family for one performance)

18th December - LKS2 Carol service 6:30pm

19th December - Christmas Pupil Party Afternoon

20th December - School Christmas Mass at Church 10:00am

21st December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Finish for Christmas Holidays 22nd December at 1:30pm.

And finally, if any families need any support please come and see us - we are here to help as much as we can, and we will not only be keeping our food pantry stocked but also, we are looking to collect blankets, duvets etc to aid people who may need assistance in the colder months. This school community is so supportive and generous, and we will collectively help each other through another challenge during the next few months!

Kind Regards

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