

St. Herbert's RC Primary School

Autumn Term

2nd September 2022



Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all your lovely gifts and best wishes that we received at the end of last academic year - they are greatly appreciated, particularly at this time.

We hope you have had a lovely Summer break, and are ready for your children to return back to school. We are looking forward to seeing you all next week, and there are a few reminders/pieces of information that we need to share with you.

Roadworks

Roadworks were due to take place, at the junction of Middleton Road and Broadway, for three months from the 25th July - the works are now delayed. We will keep you informed as we receive any information.

Gates

The school gates will open at **8:40am** every morning, ready for the children to enter class at 8:50am. The gates close at 9:00am, therefore if children arrive after 9:00am, they need to enter school via the office and be signed in. Arrival after 9:00am is classed as late on the register. Please ensure your child is on time every morning; this is particularly important as they complete morning activities from 8:50-9:05am, where they practice their skills in various subjects and reinforce their learning.

Uniform

Please could you make sure that all items of uniform, including shoes, coats and jumpers, are all labelled with your child's name. As you can appreciate, 30 items of uniform in a class easily get mixed up when changing for PE!

Can I also remind parents that only a small stud earring is permitted in school, and they have to be removed for PE and swimming activities. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, please can you make sure they are not worn the days your child has sport activities (Your child will receive a letter from your class teacher next week, with various details including PE days).

As we enter into Autumn, please could every child make sure they have a coat with them every day - the weather can change very quickly, and we always try to go outside for play as much as possible; they also need them when we go to church, swimming etc.

We do have some spare uniform; if anybody needs any items, please see Mrs Collins.

Lunchboxes and snacks

A quick reminder that we are a Healthy School, and do hold the Healthy Schools Award. As part of this programme we strive to encourage healthy lifestyles including healthy eating. Therefore we only allow fruit or vegetables as a snack in KS2, at breaktime, together with water only in their water bottle (EY and KS1 have their fruit and milk provided). We also ask that children do not bring in chocolate (of any kind including chocolate spread) or sweets in their packed lunches. Crisps should also be of the baked variety. Thank you for supporting our school in this area.

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).

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!

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you next week,

Kind Regards

Mrs S J Milligan

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