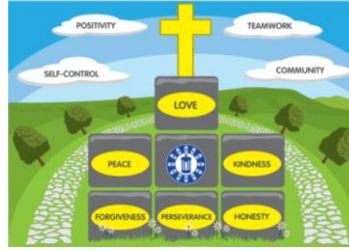




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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## Welcome back! Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all members of our school community after the long summer holiday. I hope you are all well and feel refreshed ready for all the excitement of a new school term. And to all of our new children, parents and families - welcome to Higham St. John's! We are so pleased that you have chosen our school and are looking forward to working closely with you to help your child in their learning journey.

### Our Mission Statement:

Our school motto is: *One more step...*

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*"Our school community aims to provide an education that develops children to their full potential within a safe, happy and creative environment.*

*We aim to maintain a Christian ethos, encouraging curiosity and life-long enthusiasm for learning, whilst fostering mutual respect for people of other faiths and cultures."*

### Extra-curricular clubs

Letters have now gone out for the sports clubs with Sports Cool which are running this half-term. Please return the slips along with a cheque or cash (as detailed on the letter) which is paid directly to Sports Cool. Please note: these clubs are not paid via Parent Pay.

### Updates to medical and contact forms

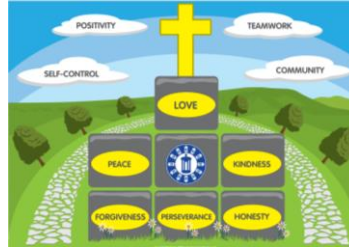
The school office will be emailing out contact and medical forms. Please check your child's details are correct, amend any changes and return these to the school office as soon as possible. If any details change during the school year, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Medication

Please ensure any medication for your child in school is in date. Parents and carers should bring any prescribed medication directly to the office and sign a form giving permission for us to administer this. If your child requires a medicine 3 times per day, it is likely you are able to administer this outside of school hours (before school, after school and before bedtime). If your child has a care plan and there have been any changes to their medical needs, please inform the school office as soon as possible.



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### Snacks in school

In Reception and Key Stage 1, the children are offered free fruit and vegetables as a healthy snack at morning break time. In Key Stage 2, we operate a tuck shop. As a whole staff, we reviewed this provision in line with healthy eating guidance during the summer term and will be making some changes:

- Water is available in school and children are encouraged to bring in a refillable water bottle (to reduce single use plastics) which they may access during the day. We will therefore no longer be selling juices at our tuck shop
- Crisps etc. will be replaced with healthier options including: crackers, rice crackers, bananas, apples and packets of raisins

If children choose not to use our tuck shop, they are of course permitted to bring in their own healthy snack. This should be fruit or a healthy alternative such as a rice cracker etc. (please no chocolate bars / biscuits or crisps).

Cereal bars are discouraged as they often have a very high sugar content. They also often contain nuts which are strictly forbidden on site (see below).

We operate a **NUT FREE policy** on site. This is because we have a number of children with allergies in school whose lives would be at risk if they came into contact with nuts or nut products. It is therefore imperative that no products containing nuts are brought into school.

### Office arrangements for September

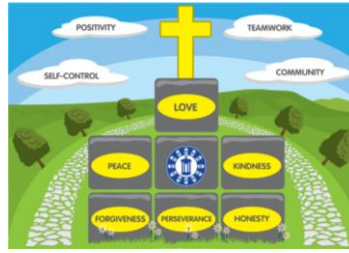
As you will be aware, Mrs Robinson retired in the summer. She worked in our school office on a Monday and a Wednesday. We have appointed a new member of staff, Mrs Clews, who will be starting with us from the 1<sup>st</sup> October. As a result, I and members of my team will be covering the office during September on Monday and Wednesday. We will be able to answer calls and emails and take urgent messages, however any queries regarding Parent Pay, clubs, payments, etc. are best directed to Miss Annette Jackson who will be happy to help you on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

### Safeguarding arrangements

- For all urgent safeguarding matters, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in school is Mrs Shaw and the Deputy DSL is Mrs Spence
- All teaching staff will be available on the school yard from 8:45am for any urgent messages
- The school office can be contacted anytime between 8:30am and 4pm via email or telephone



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- Outside of school office hours, if you have urgent concerns about a child, the numbers to call are:  
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm: 0300 1236720  
Out of hours: 0300 1236722

### New school website!

We are in the process of developing a brand new website. Along with the website will be an app for parents which will link all key aspects of the website directly to your mobile device. I will let you know further details when this is due to be launched.

### Ethos Group, School Council and Eco Club

All three of these groups will be set up over the coming weeks in school. We will be asking the children to volunteer or perhaps 'apply' for a position on one of the groups. We have lots of exciting opportunities coming up for how the children can have THEIR say in what goes on in school.

### Roald Dahl Day!

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September is Roald Dahl Day. As this is very close, children do not need to dress up (I know how hard it is to gather together things for a costume at the last minute!!). Instead, we have asked them to bring in a copy of their favourite Roald Dahl book to share or perhaps a prop of some kind which links to the story which they can talk about. We will be delivering lots of activities in school linked to the day and look forward to sharing these with you on Twitter.

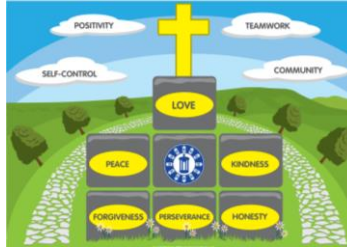
### Dates for your diary

Once our new website is up-and-running, the school calendar will be available easily and will download to your mobile app. For now, here are some key events coming up in the diary including our 'drop in and meet your child's new teacher' event:

Date / Time	Event
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Reverend Lesley leading Collective Worship (Classes 2-5) She will also be reading a story to class 1
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Sports Cool! Thursday Lunchtime sessions begin (FREE to all children - no booking required)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 3:30-4:30pm	Sports Cool! FOOTBALL (please pay and book in advance)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 6-6:30pm	Meeting for parents of children in Y5 and Y6 regarding secondary school applications (school hall)



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Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Sports Cool! Thursday Lunchtime sessions begin (FREE to all children - no booking required)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 3:30-4:30pm	Sports Cool! HANDBALL (please pay and book in advance)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Day - bring in a book or a prop
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 3:30-4:30pm	Parent drop-in to see children's new classrooms and meet the staff
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Pendle Vale inter-schools football competition for Y5 and Y6 starts (7 a side) at Fishermore (further details to follow)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	The library bus visits school
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September (pm)	Class 1 to visit Reverend Lesley at church and the village hall for the first of their 'Play and Praise' sessions
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos in school
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 3:30-6pm	Parents' Evenings
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half-term

Best wishes

Helen Shaw  
Headteacher