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NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th September 2018

A WARM WELCOME (FRESH STARTS AND NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS)

I am sure you would like to join the governors and staff in offering a very warm welcome to our new Deputy Head teacher (Yr4) Mrs. Heckman, we do hope that she is very happy at our school.

It has been wonderful to see the children back in school this week. Most have turned up very smart, in full uniform (labelled) and indoor footwear. There seems to have been some miscommunication about new hoodies for year 6 – these are for Kingswood **only** and for the very end of the school year and should not be worn as ‘coats’ or anything else to school.

As Fr John said in Mass on Wednesday every school year is ‘special’ and important to each individual child. I will take this opportunity to remind you of the remaining curriculum evenings that were advertised from the end of June onwards. If you are able to come, this ‘speaks volumes’ to your child about your concern and interest in the year ahead.

Remaining Curriculum Evenings:

Monday 10th September (Years 3 and 4),

Wednesday 12th September (Years Rec, 1 and 2).

All meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.

A main focus for this year will be developing character education, virtues and values. We currently do this through the John Paul II Foundation for Sport virtues. However, as the year progresses you will hear more about the 7 Habits.

We begin the year with the same virtue as we ended the year on – **Ambition**.

The bible says ‘**Whatever your work is, put your heart into it, as if it were for the Lord and not for men**’. **Colossians 3:23**. We recognise that we are all made in the image and likeness of God and we all want each and every child to find worth in all they do at school. Teachers during the month of September will be looking out for pupils that are ambitious for themselves and their class and want to be the best they can possibly be. Let’s work together to make 2018/19 the best year yet!

Mrs Todd

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Welcome Service for Reception Children: Tuesday 18th September at 2.30 p.m. in School.

Children animating Mass in Church: Sunday 30th September at 6:30pm, Sunday 14th October at 11am (Harvest Mass) and Sunday 2nd December at 11am.

Harvest Service in school: Monday 15th October 9:15am

October 1st to 5th – Arts Week

November 5th to 16th - WWI Themed fortnight

Blessing Advent Wreath: Monday 3rd December at 2:30pm

Carol Service: Wednesday 19th December at 6pm

Reception /Year 1 and 2 Nativity: 19th December Reception at 9.15am, Year 1 and Year 2 at 2:00pm

Remaining Training Days for 2018/19:

Monday 1st October, Friday 26th October 2018, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

For a full record of activities and events in school, please check the School Calendar on the school website: sspeterandpaulyeadon.co.uk This year I also hope to produce a ‘Parental Engagement Calendar and invite parents to ‘Stay and Play or Stay and Learn (Read, Maths Art) on a half-termly basis for each year group.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Thank you so much to Fr. John for concelebrating the first Mass of our new school year. I do hope that those parents and grandparents that were able to attend agree that the singing, responses and reading were wonderful. *Mrs Todd*

GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

To ensure the safety of your children, please return the information slip regarding your "usual" arrangements for the end of the day, as soon as possible (slip attached to this newsletter or copies available from the school office). We do appreciate that arrangements may change and you may inform school via the office or the class teacher directly through homework diaries (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) or a note (Reception, Years 1 & 2). Thank you for your co-operation.

PARENT PAY

Parents of children who have started in Reception will have received a letter with activation details for ParentPay. Once you have activated your account you will be able to pay for a pump bag and book bag and then collect from the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS/EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday – Lunchtime Year 5 12:00pm until 12:30pm and Year 6 12:30pm until 1:00pm

After School Football for Years 5 and 6 – starts Monday 10th September

Netball Years 5 and 6 – starts Monday 17th September

Chess for Years 3 to 6 – starts Monday 17th September

Spanish for Years 1 and 2 – starts Monday 10th September

Tuesday – Lunchtime Year 4 12:35pm until 1:00pm

After School - Year 3 and 4 Multi-sports – starts Tuesday 11th September

Wednesday - Drama

Thursday – Multi-sports Breakfast Club Years 1 and 2 – starts Thursday 13th September

After School Choir for Years 3 to 6 – starts Thursday 20th September.

The days and times for clubs may change as the year progresses, for example there may be a KS1 art club or meditation for upper Key Stage 2. We will give plenty of notice.

DATA CHECKING SHEETS

We are **not** going to send home copies of Data Checking Sheets this year. It is most important that we are kept informed of any changes in case of emergency. If you have moved since last year, changed mobile or email address, have decided to change emergency contact details or the priority of these, please let us know via a note to the office or an email. In addition, we need to know if you have changed doctors or your child has been recently diagnosed with a medical condition or a dietary requirement. If you are unsure as to what has been submitted in the past, please feel free to ask for a copy of your sheet – again via a note to the office or through an email. It is now a requirement that we have at least 2 emergency contacts for your child. We will be contacting parents individually to ask for details of a second contact if we do not have this information.

HOMEWORK

Children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes per day (KS2-15 minutes). This will be a levelled book from our reading spine. Children also have access to a library book or can read books from home. Parents of younger children are asked to record what their child has read – for example from pages 12 – 24 and how well they have read and understood.

Your child's class teacher will go into more detail about homework at the parents' information evening, however what I would say is that the more your child does on things like Lexia, Athletics and Times Tables Rock Starts the more equipped they will be for their work in class.

ATTENDANCE

We take great pride in our attendance record – being one of the best schools in Leeds for attendance for many years now. In line with our Child Protection Policy, if your child is absent from school for any reason, **please contact us by 10 a.m. on the first morning of absence**. If school has not heard from you by this time, we will endeavour to contact you via telephone.

RECORDER LESSONS FOR YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3

Year 3 parents Please ensure that the children have their recorder and recorder book in school on Monday as the day for recorders is now Monday.

Year 2 parents If you pay for the recorder and book over the weekend your child will be given this on Monday for their lesson, if you have indicated that your child is going to use the book and recorder of an older sibling please bring this in labelled with your child's name on Monday. We do encourage the children to practise regularly at home so it is beneficial if they have their own equipment.

MUSIC LESSONS

If you completed a slip to indicate your child would like to start/ continue with music lessons these will start next week. All children who requested music lessons are able to have lessons. Please make payment on ParentPay, fees are payable termly and one month's notice is required if your child wishes to stop lessons. Music lessons will be on the following days:

Monday – Flute and Cello

Tuesday – Clarinet

Friday – Violin and Guitar

RECEPTION REQUEST

Please can Reception children bring in any pine cones, acorns or conkers they find for work in the classroom.

'SCOOTING' BREAKS

We have re-started 'scooting' breaks. Your child's scooter should be placed in the scooter pod, at the top of the carpark. Please see below for your child's designated day:

Mondays – Year 2

Tuesdays – Year 5 & Year 6

Wednesdays – Reception and Year 1

Thursdays – Year 4

Fridays – Year 3

The act of sending a scooter and helmet into school will act as parental permission and guarantee that you believe the scooter is in good condition and will be safe for use. Please be aware that children will not be able to use their scooters if staff feel the weather is unsuitable. Children must wear a helmet and sharing of scooters or helmets is not permitted.

Working parents can put scooters in the cycle shed in the willow garden. Mr. Holdsworth will unlock this at 7:30 a.m. in the morning and keep it open until 5:45 p.m. in the evening.

Parents can keep scooters in this shed for several days if needs be but obviously at their own risk. Thanks to Mr. Holdsworth for 'blacking' it out before Christmas to ensure that it is a little more secure.

DRAMA LESSONS

LM Stage school offer classes in musical theatre on Wednesday after school until 16:30. There are just a couple of spaces left.

LM Stage school also offer lunch time drama on Friday's. Children will work towards graded exams in speech & drama we have 100% pass rate with 98% gaining distinction. If you would like to enrol your child please contact Lynne on 07722672679 or email lynne@lmstageschool.co.uk or return the letter attached to the newsletter.

LEEDS DYSLEXIA FESTIVAL

The first Leeds Dyslexia Festival will take place on Saturday 29th September 2018, at Leeds Art Gallery, 10am-5pm. Leeds Dyslexia Festival is brought to families and educators of Yorkshire by West Yorkshire Patoss and Yorkshire Rose Dyslexia. Please book your FREE entry ticket, and workshop tickets on the Eventbrite link below.

Facebook: @leedsdyslexiafestival

Twitter: @leedsdyslexia

Web: leedsdyslexiafestival.org.uk

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leeds-dyslexia-festival-2018-tickets-47223355327>

WEEKLY AWARDS

'Mathletics – Best in Class'

Year 1 – Eamon L

Year 2 – Struan Y

Year 3 – Florence H

Year 5 – Thomas E

Year 6 – Kian F

'Spellodrome – Highest Achiever'

Year 6 – Kian F