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Newsletter 2: Autumn Term 2020

Curriculum News

Reading

We have recently purchased new resources to support the Accelerated Reading programme for pupils from Y2 to Y6. We have added 230 new books and new shelving for the storage and display of our growing collection.

An additional £2,700 has also been spent on over 800 new books to support the Phonics Bug programme.

We are really focused on ensuring all children are able to choose books that engage, support and challenge them on their journey as a reader.

Yoga

This is proving very popular with our pupils, so to support these sessions we have just purchased a set of 30 new 'Yoga Mats'.

Armistice Day

The children respectfully observed a two-minute silence this week to commemorate all those who have died in service. Pupils learnt more about this during lesson time; sharing stories, listening to poems and watching videos. They also took time to reflect during Class Worship.

Parent Information

Parents Evenings/Consultations

At this time of the Autumn term, we usually have a series of Parents Consultation meetings to enable you to meet your child's Teacher and discuss how well they have returned to work and the progress they are making. This year however we have to come up with a new plan!

We are planning to organise telephone consultations, which will take place from week beginning 4th January 2021. Further details will follow, but please note you will be able to book a time slot using Parent Mail and we will be calling you.

In the meantime, if you do have any concerns or questions, then please do not hesitate to call us.

Attendance

Our attendance rates continue to be above the National and County averages. This week Year 1 had an amazing 99.3% and overall attendance for the whole school was 96.5% This is excellent news, thank you!

School Photos

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions we are unable to arrange for the school photographer to come into school. As soon as the situation changes we will arrange for them to visit.

Scholastic Book Club

All children should have received the next edition of the book club magazine. If you would like to make a purchase, please return your order and money to the office by Monday 9th December. All orders will be processed on this date.

Flu Vaccine

The children from Reception up to Year 6 will be having their Flu Vaccination on Wednesday 2nd December providing a form has been signed and sent back to school.

Children in Need

Thank you for all of your donations and biscuit orders. We will provide a full update soon.

Shildon Alive and Free Breakfasts!

Please be aware that Shildon Alive can offer a free breakfast for children on their way to school. Please look at their website for other areas of support.

Blue Peter on Youtube

Blue Peter is the longest running kids' TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Important Dates

School will close on Friday 18th December 2020 for the Christmas Holidays.

School re-opens on Monday 4th January 2021.

'Achieving Our Potential as God's Children'

