



*Working together for the achievement of all.*

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second newsletter of the new school year. We have been very busy settling in and establishing new routines and ways of working. The children have impressed us with their positive attitudes to learning and we are off to a flying start. The teachers enjoyed meeting you during the week and discussing routines and curriculum expectations for the term.

### Our Golden Rules

The children have been discussing the golden rules in their classes and thinking about each one carefully. As adults we are aiming to remind children using positive reinforcement, for example, 'do listen', rather than 'don't run'.

Do be kind	We do not use unkind hands, feet or words
Do be safe	We do not fight or rush around
Do listen	We do not call out or interrupt
Do work hard	We do not waste our own or other peoples' learning time
Do look after property	We do not damage school or personal property
Do be honest	We do not mislead or try to cover up the truth
Do move quietly around the school	We do not shout or run

### Birthdays

It has been so lovely seeing excited children dressed in their own clothes on their birthdays. We think it makes them feel very special!

### Stars of the Week ☺

Each week, teachers choose one child in their class who has demonstrated exceptional learning or our Christian Values of Friendship, Kindness, Respect, Creativity, Forgiveness and Honesty. A big well done to the following children.

		<b>Our wonderful Stars of the Week</b>					
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	
	Aluna	Maria	Oscar	Max	Michael	Sebastian	

### Reception

A very big warm welcome to our new Reception children. We have been so impressed with how nicely you have settled in to school life this week.

## PE

A gentle reminder that children need to come into school on their PE day wearing their PE kit as follows: a white T-shirt with red trim, white shorts or red tracksuit bottoms and black or white trainers. PE days are:

Reception – Tuesday

Year 1 – Tuesday

Year 2 – Thursday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 – Swimming on Wednesday

Year 5 – Thursday

Year 6 – Wednesday

## Curriculum meetings and information

Thank you very much to all the parents who were able to attend our Curriculum Meetings this week. We hope that you found them useful. You can download the Curriculum Letters from the class pages on the school website.

## Church

We enjoyed our first trip to Chapel last Friday and Fr Roddy encouraged us to reflect on the year gone by and look forward to the new year ahead. He also amazed us with two interesting facts. Did you know that the average human brain weighs about 3 pounds/1400 grams and the heart 11 ounces/310 grams?

## Food and Drink

Thank you for sending in packed lunches and snacks to school in sealed containers. The lunch boxes are now stored on trolleys next to the dining hall and the snacks inside the classroom. Most snacks are within school guidelines, but please can we remind you not to send in biscuits with chocolate or fruit winders. Please can you kindly label lunch boxes clearly with your child's name and year group.

Our healthy snacks **must not contain nuts.**

Things you can eat for your break-time snack	Things you cannot eat for your break-time snack
Fruit 	Fruit winders 
A plain biscuit 	Biscuits with jam, chocolate or any other extras 
A plain cereal bar	A cereal bar with chocolate on it
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks 	Crisps 

## Medicines and Allergies

Our SENCO Miss Sara Keeny has been contacting parents during the past week and has now updated all the medical records and boxes in school. Please don't hesitate to make contact with her should your child's medical needs have changed.

## PE Kit

Thank you so much for your support with making sure the children come into school wearing their PE kits on their allocated PE days. The response from parents has been very positive and it has meant that we have already reduced the number of lost items and been able to spend more time in lessons and less time getting changed. May we please remind parents that children must wear a white T-shirt with red trim, white shorts or red/black tracksuit bottoms and black or white trainers. Thank you for adhering to this uniform, as it looks smart and gives our children a sense of belonging.

## Tapestry

Reception parents are warmly welcomed to our Tapestry and Phonics Workshop this coming week. We will be explaining how the Tapestry programme helps support your child's learning both at school and at home. We need your permission to use Tapestry, so please pick up a letter from Miss Galvin.

## Choir

We are once again recruiting enthusiastic singers for our KS2 choir. The children sing at a variety of different music events throughout the year so would need to be able to commit to, on occasions, taking part in after school concert. A separate letter with the relevant information is being circulated and please do bring back the slip to the office if you would like your child to become a member.

## Uniform

The children are looking very proud and smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support with this too. Please can the children wear black school shoes only and not boots.

## End of the day pick up

Please be patient at the end of day pick up times and allow children enough time to say goodbye to their teachers safely. Your support and patience is much appreciated.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you and well done for the improvements in morning punctuality. It is already making such a difference to the children's learning. Attendance so far is looking better too. Please make sure your child is at school by 8.55am, so that they are ready for registration. If you arrive after 9.00am, please could you sign the school 'late book'.

There remain a small and persistent number of children who are collected late at the end of the school day. Please work with us to resolve this.

Attendance	
Reception	100%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	95.7%
Total	97.6%

Well done to Reception and Year 2 with 100% attendance!  
Also to Year 4 and 5 for beating our target of 97%.

Let's work on late drop offs. When your child arrives late they miss vital learning which will help them throughout the rest of the lesson.

Lates	
Reception	1
Year 1	5
Year 2	8
Year 3	3
Year 4	4
Year 5	6
Year 6	3
Total	30

## Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Reception parent workshop – tapestry and reading records**  
at 2.45pm - 3.30pm

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 6 parent meeting - secondary transfer meeting and Sayers Croft** at  
2.45pm – 3.30pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 2 class assembly** at 3.00pm

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**Year 1 and Year 2 parent workshop – phonics** at 2.45pm – 3.30pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Year 1 class assembly** at 3.00pm

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Year 3 – Year 6 parent workshop - Destination Reader** at 2.45pm – 3.30pm

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Year 3 class assembly** at 3.00pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**Year 4 class assembly** at 3.00pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thanksgiving/Holy Communion at St. George's Church**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Sayers Croft Week for Year 6**

**11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Anti Bullying Week**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Parents' Evening** at 3.45pm – 5.45pm

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**Parents' Evening** at 3.45pm – 5.45pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**Year 5 class assembly** at 3.00pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Children in Need day**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**Year 6 class assembly** at 3.00pm

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**Smile Train Concert** at 7.00pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Nativity Performance** at 9.30pm and 2.00pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Carol Service Grosvenor Chapel** tbc

**Weekend Events**

If you find yourself with a free weekend, perhaps you would like to visit the Butterfly Biosphere: Pleasures of the Nectar Dome in Grosvenor Square. It is the world's first Lepidopterarium, combining butterfly ecology, nectar tasting and an abundance of photo opportunities with the butterflies. It is only open until Sunday so you'll have to be quick to see the beautiful creatures.

Thank you for all your support with our lovely school.

Best wishes

**Ms Petra Slater, Head of School and Mrs Rebecca Harris, Executive Headteacher**