

HAPPY NEW YEAR. Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020.

Punctuality / Absence

Doors open at 8.45am and the school day begins at 9am

ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL BY THIS TIME.

If your child is going to be absent please contact the school first thing - thank you.

Academies

We sent a letter home this week about the Diocesan plans for all Catholic schools in the Diocese both primary and secondary to become academies and join larger 'Multi Academy Trusts' we will be joining Carmel Trust, this will be completed by 2022. We have no further details at present but will keep everyone up to date.

If you have not seen the letter a copy can be found in the News section of the school website and extra copies are available from the school office.

Autumn Term Attendance Information

Class	% Attendance
Reception	89%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%

There was a lot of illness last term and because of this attendance in some classes is lower than normal and whole school attendance is down to 94%.

Fewer pupils are arriving late for school and this is great to see. School starts **at 9am** each day arriving after this time your child is losing time from their lessons.

Why not try an earlier drop off? Our **free** Breakfast club is open every day from 7.45am with bagels, cereal and fruit on offer.

Packed Lunches and Snack

Please remember we try to promote healthy eating in school. We are in the process of producing policy and guidance on what should go into a 'healthy packed lunch'. No fizzy or sugary drinks please. If children are bringing snack for playtime please make sure it's a healthy choice; fruit or cereal bars - avoid chocolate please.

School Uniform

School shoes not trainers should be worn to school - if school shoes are waiting to be replaced avoid brightly coloured trainers. Thank you

Earrings

As you will be aware - schools uniform policy is for **NO EARRINGS** to be worn in school. If you are planning on getting your child ears pierced - please do it at the end of the summer term so they will be healed for September. Thanks.

Parking

REMINDER - park away from school and don't double park on Murphy Crescent.

Wellies

As part of OPAL we have 'Welly Racks' for outside. We want the children to enjoy the whole outdoor space and in order to do this they will need wellies. Please bring in a pair of wellies (clearly marked with your child's name) and they can stay in school to be used by your child at playtime.

PE Kits

Every child needs a full PE kit in school every day. Please ensure every item of clothing is clearly named. If there is no visible name we can't guarantee it will be returned.

This term Year 5 will be swimming each Wednesday.

If your child brings home another child's clothes please return them to school ASAP.

Mobile Phones

Children should not bring mobile phones into school unless they are walking home alone at the end of the day and need them for security. If phones come into school they must be given to the teacher.

Online Safety

Educating young people about online safety has been in the news a lot recently. E-Safety is a priority in school and taught in every class each term during Safety Week. Safer Internet Day this year is on Tuesday 11th February
Some useful websites

www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks an interesting book to share with your child.

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.childnet.com

www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

Diary Dates	
Sunday 12 th January	First Holy Communion Session for children in church 9.30am and parents session at St Wilfrid's School. Parents come to school after dropping children at church.
Sunday 19 th January	Family Mass 11am St Mary's church. All welcome
Friday 24 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly 9.15 in school. Led by Year 5. (This assembly is for years 3-6)
Friday 3 rd February	9.10am Assembly led by Year 4. Everyone welcome and join us.
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday 14 th February	Last day before Half Term
Monday 24 th February	School re-opens after Half Term
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day - Theme 'Bedtime Stories' children and staff are invited to come to school in pyjamas or onesies.
Sunday 8 th March	Family Mass 11 am St Mary's Church. All welcome
Tuesday 17 th & Wednesday 18 th March	Parents Evening (Years 1-6)
Friday 20 th March	Sports Relief £1 donation per family - wear sports clothes
Friday 27 th March	'Coffee Show' Years 1 & 2. Come and have a cuppa and be entertained by the children in Year 1 & 2.
Friday 3 rd March	Last day of Spring term
Monday 20 th April	School re-opens for Summer Term