



Term 1: October Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents / Carers

Where did September go? Our pupils have done very well settling into their new class and establishing their new routines. A nice long weekend is here as a little reward for all of that hard work! On Monday 29th September all pupils should be in their winter uniform so non-PE days are white shirt and ties rather than polo shirts please.

Already in school, the diary is filling up and plans are being made for the Christmas season. You will see some provisional dates on this newsletter.

Please be patient as we are working on our new website to celebrate our 165th year as a school. In 1860, pupils were being brought to school on horse-drawn vehicles! We will be sharing some old photographs throughout this academic year and will be encouraging past pupils to share their memories via our new website too!

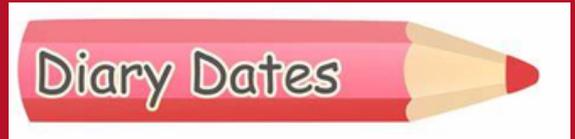
Mrs J Miller

Wednesday 1st October: Primary 1

Primary 1 pupils will stay until 1.55pm each day from Wednesday 1st October. Pick-up will be from the back playground. Thank you!

Reminders

- Unless at Breakfast Club the school doors do not open until 8.30am. If pupils are left unsupervised at the front door or back gate of school before this time they are not the responsibility of school staff.
- No jewellery, including ear-rings should be worn during school sports or PE.
- There are no arrangements to look after children who are not picked up on time whether that is 1.55pm, 2.55pm or 4.00pm.



Friday 26th September

School Closed all day for Staff Training

Friday 10th October

Harvest Assembly (please see information included below)

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th October

Whole School Flu Vaccinations

Friday 17th October

PTA Crazy Hair Day (pay via ParentMail please)

Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd October

School closes at 1.45pm for Parental Interviews

Friday 24th October

School Closes at 12 Noon

Half-term

Monday 27th Oct - Fri 31st Oct

Week Beginning 3rd November

Travelling Book Fair (helpers required via the PTA)

Friday 7th November

Remembrance Assembly

10th - 14th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Saturday 15th November

SEAG Test 1

17th - 21st November

Road Safety Week

Saturday 22nd November

SEAG Test 2

Monday 24th November

P7 Post-SEAG Treat

Wednesday 3rd Dec - Friday 6th Dec (Provisional)

P1 - P4 Christmas Performances

Thursday 11th December (Provisional)

P5 - P7 Carol Service (am & pm - all pupils involved)

Friday 12th December

Whole School Santa Walk

15th - 18th December

Class Christmas Parties

OTHER DATES TO BE ADDED



HARVEST AT THE MODEL

Every year our Primary 5 pupils create and deliver Harvest Hampers to residents at Castlerocklands and Wesley Court. The children and residents love to see one another and even exchange letters. Please help us by sending in the following items with your child to school BEFORE Wednesday 8th October...THANK YOU!

Primary 1: Please bring a tin of soup (our Primary 1 children will bring their tins to the Harvest Table in Assembly; a lovely moment for them).

Primary 2: Please bring a packet of biscuits.

Primary 3: Please bring tea, coffee or hot chocolate.

Primary 4: Please bring a bar of chocolate.

Primary 5: Please bring a packet of boiled sweets or mints

Primary 6: Please bring soap, shower gel or hand cream

Primary 7: Please bring a potted plant or a bunch of flowers on Friday 10th October



- **Voluntary Contribution Fund Appeal:** Thank you VERY much to those parents who have paid towards our school fund already. This will be open until the start of November on ParentMail.

- Thank you to the P1 parent who donated stationery items to staff.

- Thank you to Tesco's for their donation of items towards school prizes etc.



Sleepy Hollow

Please ensure you close the back gate behind you if you are collecting from Sleepy Hollow in the afternoon to ensure the safety of our pupils.

PE Days

P1: Thursday & Friday

P2-P4: Tuesday & Thursday

P5-P7: Monday & Wednesday

Thank you for wearing our PE so well!





PTA CRAZY HAIR DAY

Friday 17th October

(wear school uniform)

Why don't you consider coloured hair spray or chalk / fancy updos / great accessories / make it seasonal / base it on a story or film or a celebrity...most of all have fun!

There may be a few prizes!



This year, Maths week will take place from 11th - 19th October. Last year over 344 school took part in this initiative. This year the theme is “Maths for All” with the idea being that elements of Maths can be enjoyable for everyone even if it isn't your favourite subject.

At the Model there will be activities in classrooms but we will continue to promote our Mathletics Programme that we have invested in. Not only does it help pupils with mental maths but also provides practise of key concepts and some challenges too. In our younger year groups we will be encouraging pupils to engage in a little extra mental maths too! Parents can get children involved with everyday Maths at home such as measuring various things in the house, weighing ingredients or arts and crafts - it all helps build mathematical language!



Primary 1 - Primary 6 parents will have the opportunity to meet with class teachers during the week beginning Monday 20th October. On Monday 20th October - Thursday 23rd October school will close at 1.45pm to facilitate this. School dinners will operate as normal but there will be no after school clubs this week or buses.

All children will then finish at 12 Noon on Friday 24th October for half-term. It is normal school uniform on this day.

Timings are a little different this year to take account of class sizes, increasing number of pupils who require Personal Learning Plans and family dynamics that sometimes require more than one interview timeslot. It is taking teachers much longer to get through these year on year. Class teachers or Mrs Smythe will be in touch if your child requires a longer meeting time. Most pupils will only need the allocated 10 minute slot given.

Interviews will take place in classrooms and can be booked via ParentMail soon.

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