



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take a moment to read this newsletter so you are aware of all that is happening in school in the coming weeks. As we approach our harvest celebrations, we pray for everyone to show commitment to those in need. For those in need, we pray for the strength and courage to seek help. Please get in touch with school via the office or chat to a staff member if you are struggling in any way. We are here to support you in any way we can.

Dates for your diary

Wed 28 & Thurs 29 Sept	Y6 Narrowboat – day trips
Fri 30 September	First Congrats Assembly – 9am
Wed 5 October	Parent / Carer Consultations
Thurs 6 October	10am Mass in church
Tues 11 October	Y5 Anglo-Saxon trip
Fri 14 October	Break up for Half Term
Mon 31 October	Return & Black History Week
Mon 7 November	Diwali Dance workshop

Parent/Carer Consultations

In just over a week, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher(s). If you haven't already, please book a slot using Arbor or come to the school office and we will help you.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Wednesday 28th September

We are holding a coffee morning this coming Wednesday. MacMillan Cancer Research is a great cause – not that we need a reason to meet! This is an opportunity for you to meet other parents; chat about school or parenting; find out what each other is doing in response to the increased cost in living. There is no agenda, no expectation, just friendly faces, a warm drink and good company.



Pop in to school from 8:50am. All are welcome 😊

Attendance

After a disappointing start to the year, with a few families taking extended holidays as we returned back to school, our attendance is on the up. Last week, school attendance was 98.4% - although it was a three-day week! Every day counts. Our running attendance is 96.1% (low).

Please be aware that no holidays will be permitted. However, it is essential that we know where your child is. **Safeguarding steps are taken when we are not given a reason for your child not to be in school** e.g. staff may make a home visit. Any adult with parental rights will be contacted. In some situations, a referral to the Education Welfare Officer may be made. We will inform you of any action school plan to take.

Punctuality



I am grateful to the response people have shown to improving punctuality. Many families are clearly trying hard to ensure children are in school on time, ready for the school day. There has been a massive improvement since September. Please try to keep this up as we enter the colder, darker months when it absolutely does get harder to get up out of our warm beds.

School gates open at 8:40am.

School Uniform

The school website describes school uniform expectations. I ask that you support your child by ensuring they wear the correct uniform each day at school. Regularly, several children claim that they have forgotten their tie. Missing uniform is recorded in your child's diary and if they forget uniform on a regular basis, parents/carers will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss concerns.

Black shoes must be worn and are suitable all year round – no trainers (including no sports brand). Boots can only be worn in the winter months and should be appropriate for school.

There should be no sports emblems on PE kits. Local supermarkets and Kevin's uniform stall on Bulwell Market have the required uniform available at a reasonable price. Please come to speak to myself or your child's class teacher if you do not have money to purchase the correct uniform.

CAFOD Family Fast Day and Harvest Celebration – Friday 7th October

We are all aware of the struggles people in our community and beyond are facing as the cost of living rises and spirals out of control. Around the world, one in three people have gone hungry in the last year. This Harvest, we are going to help to brighten up the world by fundraising for the CAFOD World Food Crisis appeal to support our global family. If you would prefer to support a local foodbank or charity, this can be done instead.



BRIGHTEN UP

On Friday 7th October, children should come to school in the brightest clothes they have. They can either bring 50p for our CAFOD collection or bring an item of food for a foodbank or the homeless. Either is fantastic and no one is asked to contribute if it is not possible for you to do so right now.

Parent Forum – Tuesday 1st November at 3:15pm

Do you have ideas you'd like to share to help support and develop our school community?



Would you like to be 'in the know' and contribute to future school events?

If yes, please come along to this meeting and I will share our school priorities, listen to your views and we can make plans for Christmas celebrations.

HELP!

Does anyone know a DJ who offers parties for children 4 – 11 years of age? If so, please let me know the person's details.

Fantastic Internet Safety Newsletters



Click [HERE](#)

Updated Policies - see the school website or follow the link:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy - Sept 2022
- Behaviour and Discipline Policy – Sept 2022

<https://www.stmaryshysongreen.com/information/our-policies/>

Well done Mrs McDonald!

We are so proud of you for running the Robin Hood Half Marathon – raising money for Wish Upon a Star. x



Thank you for your on-going support. *Anne-Marie Bell*