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Newsletter – November 2023

We hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you all had a relaxing half term break. It is hard to believe that we are now in the run up to Christmas, we have some exciting things planned for this half term. The children have had a great start and we are proud of the hard work they have put in and the achievements they have made so far.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

We are pleased to say we are taking part in this year's 'Children in Need', which will provide our children with a unique and fun opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children who are less fortunate. This year we are encouraging our children to come to school in their pyjamas and bring any loose change to put on Pudsey. [Children in Need Just Giving](#)

Attendance

Thank you for your efforts so far in supporting our push on improving attendance. As we all know, regular attendance is strongly linked to children achieving well in school, they have opportunities to engage with the curriculum, ask questions and seek help when needed. Consistent attendance sets the foundation for a strong education journey.

Did you know?

- 1 – Missing just a few days of school each term can add up to significant learning gaps.
- 2 – Chronic absenteeism in primary school is often a predictor of future dropout rates.
- 3 – Regular attendance is a shared responsibility among parents, children and the school community.

We were very lucky to have lots of suggestions from the most recent parent forum and we have already put some of their ideas in place. We welcome any views on how we can continue to raise our attendance

Timings for the school day

School Start Time	8.50am
School Finish Time	3.15pm

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PE Kits

Please can you ensure that children have their PE kits in school and available for their PE days. These will be on their class newsletters. During the colder weather months, children may wear a black, unbranded tracksuit. We would also like to remind you that children should not be wearing jewellery for school.

Parent Governors

Following on from the recent Parent Governor Election, we would like to thank everyone who was nominated and those who voted. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Rachael Dixon has been re-elected and will continue in her role as parent governor. Mrs Dixon will be joined by Mr Kevin Fallin, who we warmly welcome to the St Nicholas Governing body.

Parent Forum

Thank you for a wonderful turnout to our latest parent forum on the 3rd October. It was a great opportunity to share ideas and suggestions with parents. We were able to discuss a wide range of topics and put ideas together which will benefit our whole school community. If you were unable to attend, a copy of the minutes from this meeting is now available on the parents section of the school website. [Parent Forum Meeting October 2023](#)

School Money

We would like to remind you of the importance of managing your child's school meal payments and checking their School Money account. Paying for school meals is a fundamental part of our school's operation, and your prompt and consistent payments are greatly appreciated. If you are struggling to pay them please come and speak to the school office and we can offer some support and advice.

After School Club

Reminder: There will be no afterschool club available on Tuesday 19th December, due to staff training taking place. You will not be able to book for this day on SchoolMoney.

E – Safety Workshops

In our increasingly digital world, the safety and well-being of our children online are of paramount importance. To ensure that our children and families are well – informed and equipped with the necessary knowledge and tools to navigate the digital landscape safely, we are excited to announce two e safety workshops. This is to support parents in navigating around the internet – looking at apps , online privacy, social media etiquette, gaming etc. We hope to see you there.

Tuesday 14th November 2.45pm – FS2 & KS1 E-Safety Parent Workshop

Wednesday 15th November 2.45pm – KS2 E-Safety Parent Workshop

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Autumn Term 2023 Diary Dates

Friday 24th November – White Ribbon Day
Monday 27th November 3pm – Year 5 & 6 Football Competition
Tuesday 28th November 1pm – Football Club Visit
Tuesday 28th November 1.30pm – Humberside Fire Brigade - Road Safety Assembly
Thursday 30th November 2.30pm – Parents Stay & Christmas Craft (Staff 3.30pm)

Friday 1st December – Year 6 Jorvik Trip
Wednesday 6th December 9.30am – Magic Carpet Theatre
Thursday 7th December 9.15am – HMS Rock Concert Assembly
Friday 8th December – Choir Singing Waitrose
Monday 11th December – Flu Vaccine Catch up session
Thursday 14th December 1pm – FS2 Cottingham Hall Care Home Visit
Monday 18th December 10am – FS2 Nativity
Monday 18th December 1.30pm – KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 19th December 10am – KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 20th December 3.30pm – 4.30pm – KS2 Carol Concert
Thursday 21st December – Christmas Party Day
Friday 22nd December 3.15pm – Finish for the Christmas holidays

School re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 9th January 2024 (8.45am)

Further information on tickets for the Christmas plays and concert will be sent out nearer the time – thank you.

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