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*"As unique individuals, we
do our best at work and
play for the love of God
and others."*



Dear Parents and Carers,

- 1) If your child needs medication in school – including inhalers – please ensure they are given to the class teacher or the office. Children should not be carrying inhalers around in pockets as we need to ensure another child doesn't get hold of it and that it is not lost.
- 2) Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed lots of new families – not only in Reception but In Y1,2,5 and 6. Each class has a 'Class Rep' who organises a 'Whats app' group to aid communication. Please see the details attached. If you would like to be included in the class messages, please contact the reps. In addition the PTA hold a coffee morning every week which helps parents to socialise with each other.
- 3) I am sorry that there has been some confusion regarding KS1 pick up. We tried something new but the feedback was that it was too congested on the path. We have re-thought the structure and have put up signs around the playground. It would be really helpful if you could stand next to the year group sign for your child – this makes it much easier for staff to spot parents. Thanks for your cooperation.
- 4) Next Thursday (26th) the **Year 1** team will be holding a parent workshop at 9am (for about 30minutes) to help you understand how to support your child to read. We appreciate it is short notice, so will repeat the same event on October 10th for any parents (reception or year 1) who are unable to attend next week. The powerpoint will also be saved on the class page.
- 5) The PTA need a chair! Please contact school if you would like to show your interest!
- 6) Sports Clubs – if your child is taking part in school clubs, please complete (either online or in the school office) the permission slip. It is very difficult for the office to keep track of who is going where and these slips help us create registers to ensure children are accounted for.
- 7) Following some parental feedback here are some links to websites which may help you to support your child with their online safety. It is something that we frequently discuss/teach/review in school but may help you at home too. I will be in touch shortly regarding a parenting workshop I am organising on this topic.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=72,70,69,67,66&ref=4765&keyWord=>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/online-abuse/>

8) WORLD MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

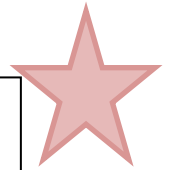
On Friday the 27th September, we are holding another cake and coffee morning for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Parents are invited to donate cakes (individual ones which don't require slicing are best) for this very worthy event please. The cakes will be available for parents to purchase, along with the usual tea/coffee, after the Friday morning assembly & at first break for the children. Please can you therefore also send your little ones in with a few pennies on this day. Donated cakes are to be brought to the main reception on Friday

morning, with any containers that require collection afterwards, clearly labelled please. Thank you in anticipation. Your generosity & support for such charitable events, is always overwhelming and very much appreciated.

- 9) On Friday 27th of September some parents will be holding a prayer session, after assembly, to pray for those in our community who are sick or need support. Our Prayers will be for Isabel Kalladanthiyil and her family in particular. Please join us for 10 minutes after assembly in the school hall.




Community Morning

As some of you will be aware, last year we were very sad to lose a much loved member of staff -Val Marchbank. In memoriam of Val we would like to hold a community morning on Saturday 19th October (10am until 12am). Children, parents, wider families and parish members are invited to help us plant bulbs and create a seating area which will become '**Marchbank Meadow**' as the flowers establish. We would love support from any gardeners amongst you as well as donation of shrubs,



Dates for your diary:

We continue to invite parents and carers to a Friday assembly in the school hall (9 – 9.30am). Children are encouraged to bring certificates from home, or to share news/achievements that they are proud of.

 Denotes ordinary time  Denotes advent  New dates added

September 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	3 Welcome back!	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Girls football Music and Dance club	11 PFC start	12 Tennis	13 Pottery club Rugby club	14	15
16	17	18	19 reception reading workshop for parents 9 am Year 5/6 football team in a tournament (feel free to stay and support!)	20	21	22
23	24	25 Down Syndrome Society assembly	26 Year 1 Reading workshop for parents 9am Thankful Thursday - all parents invited in to see their children's work 8.45 -9am	27 Macmillan Coffee morning cake donations gratefully received.	28	29

October 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 September	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Year 2 trip to Tatton Park (£17.20)	9	10 Reading Parent workshop	11	12	13
14 Geography Week (details to follow)	15	16	17	18 Harvest Festival (Reception class) Food donations for Hampers Of Hope gratefully received	19 Community Morning	20
21 Booking for parents evening open (see website)	22 PTA AGM 7pm School	23	24 'Thankful Thursday'	25 School closes for half term	26	27
28	29	30	31 HALFTERM			

November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 HALFTERM	2	3
4 Bikeability Year 4	5 Bikeability Year 6	6 Bikeability Year 6	7 Year 4 trip to Chester	8 PTA Halloween Disco	9	10
11	12	13 Year 5 trip to Robinwood	14 Year 5 Robinwood	15 Year 5 Robinwood Own clothes donations for fair - bottles	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Parents' Evening Booking closed	23 Christmas Fair	24 Mass of enrolment 10.30am (sacramental Programme)
25	26	27 Parents' evening 3.30 -6.30pm	28 Parents' evening 3.30 - 6pm	29	30	

December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2 Fundraising for Manchester Children's Hospital activities week	3	4	5 'Thankful Thursday'	6 Reception trip to Tatton Park	7	8
9	10 Nativity Performance 2pm	11 Nativity Performance 2pm and 6pm	12	13	14	15
16	17 Pantomime 6pm Carols at church	18 Christingle Mass Christmas Dinner Day	19 Class parties 1-3 pm disco	20 School Closes	21	22

More details will be given about the events nearer the time. If you have any questions, please ask your class teachers in the first instance.

Sunday 10.30am Mass – a group of volunteers run a children's liturgy. If your child would like to come along, they would be warmly welcomed. In addition, if you are able to help on a rota basis, please look at the school website for contact details.

Kind Regards, Hannah McGuire