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This half-term's value is: Trust
My God is my strength in whom I trust.

(Psalm 18.2)

Friday 13th October

Dear parents

Following the beautiful start to the week, there is now a much more autumnal feel to school life. Last Friday we celebrated the autumn harvest festival. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to our collection for 'The House of Bread.' The gifts will be much appreciated by those who need them.

This Week

This week we have celebrated World Mental Health Day in school, with each class exploring different themes during the week. A lot of the activities focused on how we can get rid of our worries.



Stars of the Week

Well done to the children who were awarded 'Star of the Week' for their year groups:

Olivia S (Rec), Edmund (Year 1), Toby and Matthew (Year 2), Olivia-Mai (Year 3), Rupert (Year 4), Quinn (Year 5) and William (Year 6).

Also, well done to **Sophia P (Year 3)** who won a values award for 'Endurance'.

Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October

Parents' Evenings will take place face-to-face, in school, on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October. These meetings are an opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into their new class. The appointments will be 10 minutes long. To book an appointment, please click on the relevant teacher's name below. When you follow the link, you will see a calendar. Once on the calendar, pick a date and then select an available appointment time from the list. You will receive email confirmation of your appointment.

[Mrs Chalkley \(EYFS\)](#)
[Mrs Cope/Mrs Slade-Nowell \(Y1/2\)](#)
[Miss Arnold \(Y3/4A\)](#)
[Miss Bentley \(Y3/4B\)](#)
[Mrs Gully \(Y5/6\)](#)

SEND review meetings

Last term, we reviewed our SEND processes in order to keep developing our provision for pupils with additional needs. Our new Trust SENCo has been proactive in actioning our development plan. So far this term she has held drop-in sessions for parents, led staff meetings and liaised with specialist services. Our next step is to formalise our termly





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parents SEND review meetings. In order to do this, we have set aside 2 days where staff can meet with parents to review their children’s targets. If this applies to your child, you will receive an invite next week.

Healthy Snacks



As part of our commitment to ensuring our children know how to stay fit and healthy, we have always encouraged children to have a healthy snack at playtime. In EYFS and Key Stage 1, children receive free fruit to eat at playtimes. In Key Stage 2, children bring in their own snacks. Please can you ensure that snacks coming into school for breaktimes are healthy snacks such as fruit. Your support is much appreciated.

Building works

You may have noticed that a container has appeared on the key stage 2 playground. This is in preparation for the second phase of our grant-funded building work that is starting on Monday. The work involves all the windows and doors in the main building, that are not UPVC, being replaced. This will involve some disruption to where classes are located. We have a schedule of works and will let you know when your child’s class will be affected.

The work starts on Monday in the Y5/6 classroom. The Year 6s will be at Stanley Head and the Year 5s will be taught in the new intervention room (formally year 2 classroom).

We are looking forward to having some fully functional windows!

Focus on Attendance



Last Week’s attendance fell to 95.5%

Well done to Miss Arnold’s class for the highest attendance at 98.9%.

This week’s focus is on ‘Attendance actions’. As a school we will do all we can to encourage children’s attendance to be as high as possible. It has been proven that children’s attainment and wellbeing is

negatively impacted by poor attendance, therefore there are various thresholds for which action will be taken by the school.

Attendance 100%
Attendance is excellent – no further actions for the school.
95%
Attendance is good and in line with acceptable levels of absence. The school will alert you at regular intervals of your child’s attendance.
90%
Child is considered a persistent absentee. The school will issue a letter to inform parents/carers of current attendance and implement appropriate strategies to support the child in attending school every day. School to consider referral to EWS and legal action if persistent absence cannot be resolved at school-level.
85%
Child is considered a persistent absentee. School to refer to EWS and proceed with legal interventions if persistent absence cannot be resolved at school and Local Authority (LA) level. Legal interventions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting contracts • Education supervision orders • Attendance prosecution • Parenting orders • Fixed penalty notices

Staff will be sharing your child’s attendance so far this year with you during Parents’ Evenings. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s attendance, please contact the school office.

Parent Governor

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the need for new parent governors to support us in our continuing journey. We still have one vacancy that we need to fill.

Details of the post were posted on ClassDojo today. I would be happy to speak to anyone who may be interested in this important post.

Lunchtime supervisors

Last week we said goodbye to Mrs Bailey as she retired from her post of lunchtime supervisor.

This week we have been pleased to welcome Miss Patrick to the team. Miss Patrick was excited to join the team and has enjoyed her first week getting to know the children.





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Mrs Cox is retiring at half-term so we have another available vacancy. If anyone is interested in the post, please contact the school office.

Next week

Year 6 are off on a week's residential to Stanley Head on Monday. Just a reminder that children need to be in school at 8:00am. Please access school via the Key stage 2 gate as the vehicle access will be in use.

Monday 16th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Residential at Stanley Head <i>(whole week)</i>
Tuesday 17th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keyboard lessons <i>Led by Mrs Eccles (pm)</i> Forest School Lessons – Year 3/4B GROUP 2 <i>Run by Miss Lilley (pm)</i> Forest School Club – Year 1/2 <i>3:20 – 4:30 run by Miss Lilley</i>
Wednesday 18th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday Prayers – Year 3/4B <i>9:15am Church - Parents welcome</i> Guitar/vocal lessons <i>Led by Mr Moon (am)</i>
Thursday 19th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violin lessons <i>Led by Ms Hayes (pm)</i>

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Alison De Ste Croix
Headteacher

DIARY DATES 2022/2023	
Autumn Term	
October	
23 rd	Year 3/4 trip to Black Country Living Museum <i>(Details sent home)</i>
24 th / 25 th	Parents' Evenings 4pm-6:30pm <i>(Details to follow)</i>
27 th	PTFA – Disglow 6pm to 8pm <i>(Details to follow)</i>
30th Oct – 3rd Nov HALF TERM	
November	
6 th	Design and Technology week
6 th	Flu Vaccinations <i>(Details to follow)</i>
8 th	Wednesday Prayers – Year 5/6 <i>(9:15am Church – parents welcome)</i>
10 th	Remembrance service <i>(Details to follow)</i>
13 th	Anti-bullying Week Odd Sock day
14 th	Packington Farm visit to Reception
15 th	Year 5/6 Assembly <i>(Parents welcome)</i>
17 th	Children in Need
22 nd	Wednesday Prayers – Year 3/4A <i>(9:15am Church – parents welcome)</i>
25 th	Village Christmas Lights Switch on
28 th	Packington Farm visit to Reception
29 th	Wednesday Prayers – Year 3/4B <i>(9:15am Church – parents welcome)</i>
December	
1 st	PTFA Christmas Fair
8 th	KS2 Communion service
12 th /13 th	KS1 Production <i>(Details to follow)</i>
14 th	KS2 Christmas Concert <i>(Details to follow)</i>
19 th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party (pm)
20 th	Whole school Christmas Dinner
21 st	KS2 Christmas Party (pm)
22 nd	Christmas Carol Service
TERM ENDS 22.12.22	





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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Tuesday 5th September	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Wednesday 6th September	Term starts
Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November	Half Term
Friday 22nd December	Term Ends

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January	Term Starts
Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	Half Term
Friday 22nd March	Term Ends
Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April	Easter Holiday
Sunday 31st March	Easter Sunday

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8th April	Term Starts
Monday 6th May	May Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Friday 24th May	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Friday 19th July	Term ends for pupils
Monday 22nd July	PD day staff (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

