



Love, learn and grow together

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to see all our children back at school. Thank you to all our families who have prepared them so well. The children look very smart in their new uniforms and are remembering to wear sports kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is no need to wear shorts under track suit bottoms - make a choice on the day depending on the weather.

This term is going to be very different and we will all need to be flexible and resilient as we move forward. We apologise in advance for inconveniences - one way systems, queueing, emailing, phoning, staggered starts and finishes, waiting in the rain. These are things we will all have to put up with if we are to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for being patient and understanding.



Joley and Theo in our new Year 1 outdoor play area.

Drop Off and Pick Up

In the mornings, from Monday, please leave children at the school gate to walk into school unaccompanied, unless they particularly need support to get to the door.

In the afternoons, please keep to year group times as much as possible and spread out collection between 3.15pm and 3.30pm. Do not arrive early and congregate at the gate.

Adults are advised to wear a face covering from Monday when collecting children from school. This is due to a significant rise in positive cases locally. We are aware that not everyone is able to wear a mask due to medical conditions but everyone who can, should do so.

More staff in school will be wearing visors from next week in areas where social distancing is challenging.

Cookery Lessons

Apple of my Eye will be visiting school on Mondays and Fridays this half term to deliver cookery classes to our Junior classes.



These lessons have been extremely well planned to ensure that all children work socially-distanced and have their own equipment and ingredients. As part of the lessons they will also learn about healthy food choices and how to keep fit.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The event this year will be for staff and children only on Thursday 24th September. Parents can make a donation. Staff will provide cakes for the children.



Baby News

Congratulations to Ms Smith, who runs the fabulous Sport4Kids, on the birth of her baby boy this week. She has called him Ollie. We wish her and her family well.

	Star of the week	Good Manners	Gospel Values
Year 1	Aurelia	Logan	
Year 2	Henri	Hudson	
Year 3	Jessica	Darcy Belle	
Year 4	Lexie	Halley	
Year 5	Ucer	Abbie	Jenny
Year 6	Iris	Thomas	

Instrumental Music

Parents who would like their child to have guitar or ukulele lessons, should book on line and pay £44 for this term by Monday morning.



Rock Steady music lessons begin again next week on Wednesday mornings. They will be using the hall so that children can be socially distanced as some groups have children in them from different class bubbles.

Father Kevan's Visit

We were delighted to see Father Kevan when he visited us yesterday. It was great to see him looking so well after his move to Holy Cross.

He visited all the classrooms with our Chair of Governors, Mr Jimmy McNamee, to welcome children back to school and wish them well for the term ahead.

Harvest Festival

Tuesday 29th September is the date of our Harvest Festival - Michaelmas Day, the feast of St Michael and All Angels.

Children may bring a tin or packet to school to be passed to St Helens food bank. Staff will create a fresh food display in the hall and prayers will be said for all those who are hungry in our country and around the world.



Sponsored Walk

We will be holding a sponsored walk around the school field on Thursday 1st October. Money raised will go partly to school funds and partly to our partner school in Africa. Sponsor forms will be sent out next week.

Snacks

We no longer have a break in the afternoon as we need to finish lessons earlier to be outside ready for staggered collection.



From Monday 14th September, infants will no longer need to bring a snack as we now have fruit and milk being delivered for them at morning break time. Juniors will still need to bring a snack for morning break if they would like one.

Catch-Up Funding

We will be receiving more Catch-Up funding to give children who have fallen behind extra support in school. Some children will need this more than others. Most catch-up will take place during the school day, but some lessons will continue until 4pm. Parents of children staying late will be contacted in advance. Catch-up lessons will start on Monday 21st September. Well done to all the Year 6 children who attended Catch-up during the Summer holidays. Mr Quinn is very pleased with the progress you are making.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

These have been some of the most difficult activities to 'bubble' in school and we are being extremely careful with the activities we offer. We are currently keeping to the seven class bubbles, with screens or tables between children. Staff have had to restrict some activities and equipment for the first few weeks. We will gradually bring in more activities when we feel we can do so safely.

Parents need to book in advance as we need to know exact numbers beforehand in order to put the best safety measures in place.

School Trips

We have booked Winmarleigh Hall for our Y6 children for June 2021. A letter will be sent to those parents next week.

Parents of last year's Y6 were refunded the full amount when their visit was cancelled. This will be the same if the trip does not go ahead in 2021.

We are awaiting further guidance before booking the London trip - this may have to take place later in the year as West End shows are currently unable to open.