



NEWSLETTER

September 2019

What have we been up to?

All of the children across the Academy have settled in really well this term and have made a great start to the new school year. Our Reception children are now in school full time and it has been fantastic to welcome them to our school family.

The Infant children have started their Autumn Term History topic 'Time Traveller' where they are learning about the development of toys through time. They took part in a toy workshop earlier this month to kick start their learning.



The Junior children have also started their Autumn Term History topic 'Ancient Legacies' and are learning about the Egyptians. They began their learning with a trip to the Tutankhamun Museum in Dorchester.



We have once again started our Archie Project, the intergenerational project that brings together children in Kestrels and Merlins classes with members of the local community with dementia. The children visit Immacolata House every other week and we have already welcomed some of the residents to school to spend time with the children.

Welly Walk Reminder

We are all looking forward to our whole school welly walk tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd October.



As detailed in last week's letter, **all Infant children will need to be dropped at Junior School between 8.40am and 8.50am.** The children will leave their bags at the Juniors while we walk and collect them afterwards.

Please could **all** children make sure that they bring a full drink bottle with them as our walk is sure to be thirsty work!

It is vital that all children who use asthma inhalers have these in school. These will be taken with us on the walk.

Staffing Update

Since the start of term we have welcomed a number of new staff members.

On the Infant site we welcomed Pipits Teaching Assistant Mrs Andrews and Lunchtime Supervisor Mrs Molnar. Wagtails Teaching Assistant Mrs Di White has taken on a new role as a Life Lessons Facilitator two afternoons a week, working across both the Infant and Junior sites. During these two afternoons, Mrs Kirsty White will be working with the children in Wagtails Class.

On the Junior site we welcomed Mrs Lucas as Kestrels Teaching Assistant and we will soon be welcoming Mrs Barber as our new Higher Level Teaching Assistant. We are sad to announce that Mrs Cannon has left the Academy. Mrs Cannon worked at the school for 5 years, supporting children in classes and through our specialist nurture provision. We will miss Mrs Cannon and all that she offered to the children and the Academy. We will inform you once we have appointed her replacement.

PTFA Dates

- * **18th October—Christmas Card Deadline**
- * **24th October—Christmas Card Order Deadline & Junior Disco**

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to read with the children in school.

If you can spare some time during the week and are interested in

helping, please leave your name at either school office.

Thank you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

2nd October		Welly Walk
14th October	9.30am	Harvest Church Service at St. Michaels—all parents welcome
18th October		PTFA Christmas card deadline
22nd October		Infant Parents' Evening
23rd October		Junior Parents' Evening
24th October		PTFA Christmas card order deadline and PTFA Junior disco
25th October		INSET Day
26th October—3rd November		Half Term Holiday
4th November		Back to school
W/c 11th November		Anti-bullying week
15th November		Children in Need event
27th November		Junior topic outcome day
29th November		Mufti day—bring items for Christmas Fair



Communication

We wish to make it clear that all communication with the school should be carried out via the school office either in person, by telephone or via the school email address.

It is not acceptable for parents to attempt to contact school staff via private social media accounts. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Appointments and Enquiries

We would like to remind Junior school parents to come to the school office to arrange to speak to class teachers rather than going directly to classrooms at the start or end of the school day.

Thank you.

Mobile Phones

This is to remind parents that under no circumstances should children have mobile phones in school.

Thank you.