

Dear Parents,

**Uniform PE Kits and Healthy lifestyles.**

Physical Education is an important part of our school curriculum. Please ensure that your child has their PE kits in school ready to take part in PE lessons.



Also, as part of our healthy lifestyle agenda, we ask that the children choose a healthy choice for playtimes and lunchboxes. Please support your children to choose healthy options and not sugary foods.

**End of the school day.**

Sadly, parents we have had a large number of children who are collected late at the end of the school day. The gates on the playgrounds will now be closed at 3:10 pm **PROMPT** and the children will be brought up to the school office. If your child is late being picked up, you will be telephoned to come and collect your child. We ask you to sign the late register. If your child is picked up late regularly then you will be asked to join us for a meeting with myself and Sally Beasley the Attendance Officer to discuss late collection. If you are struggling and are looking for afterschool collection services, then please visit the school office who can give you all the details for local services.

**Attendance**

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. Please ensure that you endeavour to get your child to school and in on time. The playground opens at **8:40am** and the school day starts at **8:50am**. If your child arrives to school after the registers close they will receive a late mark. Please remember that taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling and we ask for your co-operation to not take your child away in school time, if you are planning on travelling in term time please complete a leave of absence form that can be obtained from the school office. If your child is ill you must supply medical evidence (appointment card/ prescriptions/ medication).

If your child is absent due to illness but no medical evidence can be obtained a visit from the Education Welfare Officer may be arranged. Our Attendance Policy can be obtained for reference on our schools web site.

**Parentpay**

After the half term we are hoping to implement a new cashless system to enable parents to pay for items such as school lunches, breakfast club and trip etc. This will enable parents to make payments at their local paypoint and online through the parent pay website. As soon as we receive the information we will forward this to all parents.

**Healthy Eating**

We are currently running a healthy eating initiative for KS2. We have provided students a healthy snack option at break times. This has been very popular.

### **School Mass**

Every Thursday we celebrate mass, the children lead with the readings and hymns. Mass is at 9:15 am in either church or school. Our next school parish mass of the year is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00 am. Please join us for mass.



### **Here to help**

Nothing is more important than to ensure the happiness, well-being and academic progress of all children in our school. If you have a concern or worry, then please DO NOT let them build up. Please come and see us and we will work hard to sort them out for you. We have a number of senior teachers in school who are happy to help and can resolve any problems you may have. You can see myself, Headteacher, Mrs Evans, Miss Young and Mr O'Connor who are our Assistant Headteachers or Mrs Hill our senior teacher. Otherwise you can see your child's teacher after school. Please be assured that we will endeavour to help sort any problems or concerns out for you.

### **Sacraments**

If you want your child to make the sacrament of the Eucharist and or Confirmation in 2018 and they are baptised Catholics then please look out for a letter coming home before half term. Within this letter it will ask you to make a commitment to enrol your child for the sacraments and then this will follow on to a parent meeting and enrolment mass within the parish before Christmas.

### **Into film Class visits**

Over the next few weeks the children will have the opportunity to part of a Film festival. The children will visit the cinema to watch showcase movies that fit into the PHSE part of the curriculum. There will be a small cost towards this exciting activity. Please complete the consent forms and return it to school with payment.

### **Year 7 Applications**

Closing date for Year 7 applications is the 31st October. If you have not applied for your child's Y7 place and you require help, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with Mr Padotan who will be able to help with this.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Friday 13th October** – Mufti day for

Harvest, Bring an item of food and Harvest School mass in church.

**Sunday, 15th October**—School

Parish Mass at 10:00am. Please join us.

**Wednesday, 18th October** —Children break up for half term.

**Thursday, 19th and Friday, 20st October** —Teacher training days. School closed to pupils.

**Monday 30th October** — Children return to school.

**Tuesday 7th November**—Parents Evening 3:15-6:00pm School Hall

### **Joke of the Week**

What do mummies like listening to on Halloween?

**Answer**

Wrap music!

What would you find on a haunted beach?

**Answer**

A sand-witch!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

*Mrs Hinton*