



Dear Parents,

The end of our first full week in school and so much has happened - the Summer holidays certainly do seem like a distant memory now. Our children have certainly risen to the challenges of their new classes and it has been a real pleasure to be able to visit each year group and find out all about the many exciting things that they have been working on this week. We'll all be ready for a restful weekend, let's hope the sun continues to shine!

## *Spotlight On...New Beginnings*



### **New Beginnings...**

We now have all our Reception class in school. It was such a delight to meet them on their tour of 'big' school, there were many smiling faces and interesting questions!

I have also given every child in the school a daffodil or tulip bulb to plant. This is a sign that each new year is a new beginning, and a chance to grow something new in our lives. I can't wait to see them in the Spring!

## Meet the Team!

A huge welcome to our new families. Below is a list of all the teaching staff:

Reception: Mrs Dowler and Mrs Neale

Year 1: Miss Martin

Year 2: Mrs Cox

Year 3: Mrs Holland (Acting Deputy Head)

Year 4: Miss Sharratt

Year 5: Mrs Petrie

Year 6: Mrs Bullen and Mrs Duffy

SENCO: Mrs Gregory

Our teaching assistants: Mrs Ranfield, Mrs Brown, Mrs Hales, Mrs McAllister and Miss Edmunds.

## Awards

Congratulations to our weekly badge winners. Treats at the ready please!

**Courtesy Award** – Good manners and polite behaviour.

**Merit Award** – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

**Good Conduct Award** – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Year Group	Courtesy Award	Merit Award	Good Conduct Award
Reception	Siobhan Martin	Theo Booth	Cian Doran-Lawrence
Year 1	Patrick Culshaw	Sienna Nightingale	Rafael Muleiro
Year 2	Imogen Ward	Emilia Ross	Juliette Nightingale
Year 3	Timmie Jacob	Josh Richards	Beth Barnes
Year 4	James Ellison	Isabella Burgess	Jesslin Cyriac
Year 5	Emily Neale	Sandor Vodros	Bella McLeod
Year 6	Jasmine Wilson	Rhia Richardson-Berta	Stefanie Konig

## After School Clubs

Apologies, there was a mistake in last weeks' newsletter. Running club is open to Y2 and Y3 before half term and Years 4, 5 and 6 after half-term.

Mrs Moores is returning to do Drama Club on the following dates: 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov and 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. This will be for children in Years 5 and 6. Book early!

## School Councillors

This week, Years 2-6 elected their School Councillors. The following children will be representing their classes at our School Council meetings. I look forward to hearing all about their ideas and plans for the year ahead.

**Y2:** Jack Williams and Imogen Ward

**Y3:** Lena Zajac-Kluk and Alex Hubbard-Storrow

**Y4:** Martha Culshaw and Charlie Jordan

**Y5:** George Ollier and Kate Barnes

**Y6:** Felix Brown and Madeleine Fawke

## Junior Safety Officers

Madalein Ford Y5 and Liam Hales Y5 have been appointed Junior Safety Officers for the school. They have the important role of delivering messages from Cheshire Constabulary regarding Road Safety and Cheshire Fire and Rescue on safety in the home and school.

## House and Vice Captains

Earlier this week we held our House meetings. Our Year 6 and Year 5 children were invited to put themselves forward to be House Captain or Vice Captain. Speeches were read and votes were cast. The following children were elected:

	<b>House Captain</b>	<b>Vice House Captain</b>
St. Andrew:	Jack O'Reilly	Joseph Amanuel
St. David:	Joseph Wall	Sophie Crossthwaite
St. George:	Daniel Daley	George Ollier
St. Patrick:	Jemima Roberts	Emily Cole

## Bikeability

Everybody in Years 5 and 6 should have received their forms for Bikeability. All forms need to be returned asap as it commences on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## Permission for Exams

Any children who are given permission to be absent for an entrance exam need to return to school once they have finished. Thank you.

## Holiday Dates

Please do check our school holiday dates as they are not the same for all Cheshire schools. We finish on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October for our next half term holiday.

## Curriculum Overviews

All children will be bringing home a synopsis of the work that they will be covering this term. It is valuable information for parents and carers as it allows their learning to be extended beyond the classroom. You may even manage to plan in some family days out linked to the topics they are studying.

## KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

All children in Years 1 to 6 will bring home a sheet of KIRFs today. There will be a different sheet each half term. These facts are a very important part of the Maths that they will be learning this year. It is expected that all children will learn these and be able to apply them to their work in class. Please ask your child's class teacher if you need further information.

## Being Safe Online

I have been asked to share the following information from our 'Police Safer Schools' Lead and would be extremely grateful if you would discuss the following points with your children. Technology is advancing so much it is vital that we keep our children safe.

Protect yourself online:

- Only accept friend requests and other types of communication from people who you know and trust.
- Adjust your privacy settings so that you are in control of your profile and you know who is able to view it.
- Be aware that Facebook, Twitter and other forms of social media usually have some form of age restriction; Facebook for example is 13 years and upwards.
- If you are unfortunate enough to become a victim of online bullying, be sure to block the communications from the person sending them to you and report them to the site administrators.

Advice for parents:

- Try to put the computer in an easy to see place in the home so that you can monitor what sites your child is visiting
- Check out the websites your child is using, just like you'd check out a school or a youth group they might visit. Have a look and make a judgement whether you think it is a safe environment for them to be involved in.
- Set up reasonable guidelines and limits for internet usage. Understand that it may be a big part of their life but that it needs to be regulated

- Explain to your children why it is important for them never to give out personal details or post pictures of themselves publicly, just like you would when you explain to them not to talk to strangers

To find out more about keeping safe online go to <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Or visit :

Resources and ideas for activities for parents and professionals aimed at EYFS and KS1 <http://kidsmart.org.uk>

NSPCC guide for parents to the social networks used by children and young people [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

### Children's Liturgy

There will be a children's liturgy at the 11o'clock mass at St Vincent's on the following dates:

18<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December.



### Sports Clubs and Afterschool Clubs

### P.E. Kits

Please ensure that your children have trainers, as well as pumps, with them in school each week for outdoor P.E.

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## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>		
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 3 & 4 remember Swimming Kits!		
Judo – <b>remember to pick up from Manor Park School</b>	15:15	16:30
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>		
Year 6 Clonter Visit		
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016</b>		
Debating Club	15:15	16:00
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Nature Explorer's Club	15:15	16:00
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016</b>		
Girls' Sports club	15:15	16:15
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016</b>		
Y4 Remember Musical Instruments		
Netball	15:15	16:15
Running Club –Y1, Y2 & Y3	15:15	16:00
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15



