



Newsletter - 30 Sept 2022

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It was great to see many of you at the meet and greet visits in the past few weeks and I hope that you found them useful to know where your child sits in class, make contact with the teacher and where they hang up their coat! We have also been exceptionally proud of the Year 5 children who recently attended a chess event at Kings Hall and were complimented on their enthusiasm, cooperation and respect toward the game, workshop leads and each other – thank you for living our **HANDS** values.



Parking Concerns

Unfortunately, we have been contacted by a neighbour whose driveway had been obstructed by a parent's car which made it impossible for the neighbour to get out. Please can we remind everyone to park safely and courteously on the local highways.

Can we remind all parents/carers and adults to continue to follow the clear signage in the school about keeping the **"Drop Off Zone"** clear? Please do not park or wait in the drop off zone between 8.30 – 9.15am. **This zone is NOT for parking and walking your child into school.**

Drop off arrangements

The children have been amazing at coming in to school each morning and filtering to where they need to be – well done to all. Once through the school gates, the children are safely supervised by school staff. We are also fortunate to have 2 entrances to school to ease the flow and this makes for a calm environment to start the day. The choice of which gate to use is optional and is there to help support your family needs.

We are aware that there is less space outside the Westville Road gate, however there are good safe footpaths around the gate area to wait. To help limit the amount of people at the Westville gate, please can we suggest that once you have dropped your child off, you quickly vacate the gate and Westville Road footpath area, leaving it clear for further children arriving.

Curriculum Information – Little Wandle Phonic Scheme

Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Brown held a phonic workshop for Reception parents on Wednesday evening to explain that we have recently signed up for the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme. The programme ensures we have a systematic, rigorous and consistent approach to the teaching of phonics. The children in EYFS and KS1 are already fully engaged with the new resources and will be bringing home books matched to their phonic knowledge. This ensures that they will be reading with confidence and more fluency. The catch-up programme also supports children in KS2 who may have gaps in their phonics knowledge.

There are also resources for parents/carers about supporting your child's reading at home. There are some useful videos showing how the sounds are said and written and also how the children are taught at school. By clicking the link below you will have access to the Little Wandle page for parents.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Kind Regards
Mrs M Robinson



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Please find below forthcoming dates and events for your diaries. Please note that these may be subject to change and additional dates added.

DIARY DATES – AUTUMN TERM

DIARY DATES (Autumn Term)	Date
Cross Country – Westville House	01/10/22
Yr1 Parent Lunches	W/C 03/10/22 & 10/10/22
Whole School – Individual School Photos	06/10/22
PTA – School Disco	14/10/22
Cross Country – Ashlands	15/10/22
Harvest Festival – All Saints’ Church	18/10/22
Yrs 5&6 Visit to Joseph at the Alhambra	19/10/22
School closes for October Half Term	21/10/22
School re-opens – 8.50am	31/10/22
Yrs 1-6 Parents’ Evening – Zoom	02/11/22
Yrs 1-6 Parents’ Evening – Zoom	03/11/22
Yr 3 Visit to Bolton Abbey	03/11/22
EYFS – Stay and Play	W/C 07/11/22
KS1 Parent Book Look	07/11/22
3S Collective Worship	08/11/22
UKS2 Parent Book Look	09/11/22
LKS2 Parent Book Look	10/11/22
Cross Country – Ghyll Royd	12/11/22
Open Day	15/11/22 (TBC)
1M Collective Worship	18/11/22
Yr 2 Parent Lunches	W/C 21/11/22 & 28/11/22
The Plumber Drummer (in school)	28/11/22
6T Collective Worship	29/11/22
PTA Christmas Wreath Making	02/12/22
School Choir at Church	03/12/22
Two Rivers Band (in school)	07/12/22
EYFS Nativity – 9.30am	08/12/22
Yr 1 Carol Service – 2.30pm	08/12/22
Yr 2 Nativity – 2.15pm	09/12/22
PTA Christmas Fair	10/12/22
EYFS Christmas Party	13/12/22
UKS2 Christmas Party	15/12/22
KS2 Carol Service at Church 7pm	15/12/22
LKS2 Christmas Party	16/12/22
KS1 Christmas Party	16/12/22
School closes for the Christmas holidays	16/12/22
School re-opens – 8.50am	04/01/23