



***'Together, with the love and joy of God, we will discover, develop & maximise our unique potential.'***

Dear Parents,

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### **Information Letter 3 – Autumn Term 2023**

#### **Pupil Leaders**

Last week, our new Play Leaders and Sports Crew took part in training led by Alex Repton, School Games Organiser for the Wyre Forest and Worcester City. These leaders have been organising activities and playground games for the other pupils. Breaktimes are certainly looking more enjoyable and purposeful.

#### **Harvest**

Our Harvest service will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This year we will be supporting Worcester Street Cafe. They need 55 'goody bags' made up with meals for people who are in need. We will be collecting food items for the 'goody bags' and asking parents and pupils to come into school to assemble them on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30am-8.45am. The staff will then deliver these necessary food items to Worcester Street Cafe later that day. A food items list will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.

#### **Behaviour Policy**

Following a year of extensive research and consultation with stakeholders, Mrs Berry, the staff team and governors have written a new Behaviour Policy. A copy of the policy has been sent with this letter.

#### **Individual Pupil Photos**

NextGen School Photography will be in school tomorrow, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September for individual pupil photos and school age sibling photos. If you would like a family / pre-school sibling photograph please come to school any time between 8.30am to 9am. All pupils to wear full school uniform. No PE kit needed for Willow and Rowan Class.

#### **Parent Consultation Evenings - Autumn Term 2023**

These appointments will take the form of a private consultation between teachers and parents. 10 minutes will be allocated for each meeting. If you require a longer consultation this can be arranged with your child's class teacher but might not be on the same day.

The consultation evenings will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 5pm-7pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm-5pm

Parents of pupils with an Individual Provision Map for their learning needs will be invited to a separate meeting with Mrs Dean (SENDco). These meetings will take place in the slot either before or after your scheduled teacher consultation. The timings for both meetings will be communicated via the tear off slip from the Parents Consultation letter.

### **New School Roof**

Following successfully applying for a DFE Conditions Improvement Fund the school roof is currently being replaced. The building work commenced during the summer break and will be completed at the end of October. The disruption will be kept to a minimum for our pupils and school will be able to operate as usual. Thank you to the staff and pupils for adapting to some necessary timetable changes.

### **Congratulations Assembly**

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We look forward to many more pupils' efforts being celebrated in our weekly Congratulations Assembly. If your child receives a card/certificate you will be notified by text about the good news.

### **Attendance**

Our whole school attendance for last academic year was high at 95.5% against the National Average of 92.5%. We have come back to school even stronger this year with a current attendance figure of 98.05%. Keep up the good work!

### **Pre-loved Uniform**

Our pre-loved uniform will be on sale every morning in the foyer in exchange for a donation to the PTA.

### **Pupil Fund-raising**

Finley in Year 6 is fund raising for Breast Cancer during October. He will be running a mile every day in October. If you would like to support Finn's efforts, please click on the link sent securely via text.

### **Art Project**

Back in the spring term, Rev Mark asked if NJK would join a steering group to help make St James Church a space for arts and creativity. We are incredibly lucky that a wonderful Christian artist Kay Mason has offered to work with all year groups during this academic year.

Kay has been setting up a 'Create Pray' group for adults at St James and St Mary's over the past year. She has formulated a child-friendly version where each class will be inspired by 'It's a wonderful World' song and lyrics and will create pieces of artwork over a half term.

This project will culminate in a KS1 art exhibition at church in the spring term and a KS2 art exhibition at church in the summer term. Pupils' work will be displayed and mounted by Kay. Parents and children will be invited to attend the art exhibitions.

Each class will also attend church once as part of the input. Dates for the visits are Tuesday afternoons. Not only is this a fantastic art opportunity but the sessions are based on mindfulness and spirituality.

### **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**

We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our building and have not been asked to close any areas. However, we want to take care and to be sure, and are currently working with the DfE to actively check whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings. If RAAC is identified, we will let you know straight away, and we have contingencies in place.

Any contingency plans will prioritise the continuation of education and ensure that, if RAAC is identified, any impact on pupils is kept to an absolute minimum. As always, the safety of our pupils and staff is of paramount importance.

### **Prayers for the start of this academic year**

At the start of the new year at school we pray for all teachers, wider school staff and learners.

May they start each day clothed in your light,

May teachers and wider staff see the needs of each individual and remain patient and insightful and true to their calling. May they find rest and encouragement and chance to stay fresh and keep learning as well as giving. May they know that, even when things seem hard, they are making a lasting difference and giving people the tools to change the world for the better.

Jesus, clothe them in your light.

May learners see the opportunities before them and be blessed with teachers who find the right way for them to learn. May they be compassionate and supportive to those who learn alongside them. May they grow in confidence and wisdom as well as just knowledge, and inspire them to use what they learn to help others.

Jesus, clothe them in your light.


May we also keep on learning, never resting on our laurels but open to new opportunities, questioning and searching, and seeking to know you more. May we seek out the dark places where your light is needed. Grant us the courage to step forward and make a difference.

Jesus, clothe us in your light.

Amen

Lord Jesus Christ  
This is our school, let your light shine here.  
Let the rooms be full of joy.  
Let love be all around-love for one another; love for all people; and love for you.  
Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts build a school.  
Amen

Kind regards



Mrs J Dean  
Headteacher

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