



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

Dear Parents,

Monday 9th October 2023

Information Letter 4 – Autumn Term 2023

Head Pupils

Congratulations to Molly and Noah our new Head Pupils. Both pupils were formally interviewed by the Chair of Governors and did a marvellous job of being ambassadors for our school. A big well done to all the pupils who were shortlisted.

Harvest

Our Harvest service will take place on Thursday 19th 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 the following food items for the 'goody bags' Wednesday 18th October:

- *any bread white or brown or rolls*
- *spread such as Flora/Clover etc*
- *ham or cheese*
- *bag of crisps*
- *chocolate bar or biscuit bar*

Parents and pupils are invited to come into school to assemble them on Thursday 19th October from 7.30am-8.45am. The staff will then deliver these necessary food items to Worcester Street Cafe later that day. If you are unable to donate any of the above items we will also collect DRY food items shown on their shopping list. The items list can be found on their website:

[Worcester Street Cafe](#)

After School Clubs Policy

A copy of the policy has been sent with this letter.

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. The consultation evenings will take place on the following dates: Tuesday 24th October 5pm-7pm and Wednesday 25th 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 later this week.

Pre-loved Uniform

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

Breakfast Club

A reminder that the drop off times for Breakfast Club are: 7.45am (early slots must be booked in advance), 8am and 8.15am. Staff members will be available to let pupils in at these specific times.

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.

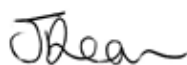
Each class will also attend church once as part of the input. Dates for the visits are Tuesday afternoons. Not only is this a fantastic art opportunity but the sessions are based on mindfulness and spirituality.

Kay Mason has some great events coming up:

- Messy Christmas Activities and Crafts (activities and crafts are free) & Coffee Shop on the 9th December 1pm till 4pm
- Christmas Tree Festival on the 2nd and 3rd of December 10.30am till 4pm
- Christmas table decoration Workshop on the 18th November 7-9pm Adults only

All of the above events will be held St James the Great Church.

Kind regards



Mrs J Dean
Headteacher