October 2018 – NEWSLETTER

Thank You!
Firstly, thank you to all parents/carers for your patience on 15th and 16th October when we had to close the school due to a suspected gas leak. After the gas board carried out thorough checks inside and outside the school building, we were able to open safely on Wednesday 17th October.

Cultural Day: Friday 12th October 2018

Thank you to all of the children and parents who put so much effort into Friday's cultural day. There was a colourful array of costumes from around the world and a smorgasbord of food provided for each class, it was both fun and informative.

We had a special visitor, Stuart Lawrence, who spoke of the fantastic work that the Stephen Lawrence Foundation does in establishing opportunities for young people in many industries. He also highlighted something that we observed from our cultural day that highlighted the rich variety of cultures in our school and wider community but shared values. Stuart spent some time visiting the classes at work exploring different cultures and remarked how amazing their work was and also how wonderful the children were.

I would like to thank Mrs Dada for all of her hard work in organising such a great day that tied in with our celebration of Black history month. Some of our children can be seen here with Mr Lawrence.
**School Book Fair**

Thank you to all parents/carers for your support with this year’s Book Fair. Mrs Barnes is pleased to announce that the amount taken was £1,176.75 which will enable the school to have a large credit towards future book purchases!

**Mobile Phones**

Students are not allowed mobile phones in school under any circumstances. By carrying a phone to and from school they present themselves as a target.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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**Late Procedure**

If your child is late to school for any reason, can parents/carers please ensure that they are dropped off via the School Office and that you sign the Late Arrival Register.

Children should not be sent into school unaccompanied when they are late.

**Poppy Appeal 2018**

As November is the time that we remember all of those lost through war, we will have poppies and other items for sale in the School Office when we return from our half term break. These will be available before and after school w/c 5th November and then during break times as follows:

- **Infants – morning break**
- **Juniors – afternoon break**

**Young Writer’s Competition**

Before we broke up for the summer, Josephine Ojo sent an entry to a young writer's competition. She was successful and her written prose was included in a book of short stories. Congratulations to our young author and I hope that this inspires her to further challenge and greater work!

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**Share the light of Jesus, by learning together and loving others**
MacMillan Cake Sale Friday 28th September

Thank you to the amazing support from our Parents and Carers at our MacMillan afternoon cake sale. We raised over £300 for this extremely worthy cause.

Prescription Medication

We often have prescription medicines brought into school that need to be administered during school hours. Please be aware that the medicine must be dropped off to The School Office and a form then needs to be completed advising of dosage and permission to administer the medicine etc. Medicines can only be collected from The School Office by an adult. for safeguarding, medicines cannot be return via children’s book bags.

REMINDER : Nasal Flu Vaccination – Friday 2nd November 2018

For those Parents/Carers that have given consent please be reminded that the nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place on Friday 2nd November.

Be Safe, Be Seen COMPETITION REMINDER : You need to design a poster, no bigger than A3 size to promote being safe in the dark. Poster must include the words Be Safe, Be seen.

Deadline is Thursday 1st November. Prizes will be given for the top 3 designs chosen by the JTA’s and Mrs Dada.

Be Safe, Be Seen resources – reflective and fluorescent items – available to pre-order Friday 2nd November

***REMINDER***

Can I please remind all parents/carers that nuts, of any variety, and also foods with sesame seeds, are not permitted in school in either packed lunches or birthday treats, as many of our children have very severe allergies.
**School Meals REMINDER**

School meals should be paid for in **advance** for the week ahead. The charge is £2.00 per day (£10.00 per week). Please access your child’s online cashless account to make payments. If you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch, you must notify the office in advance and children can only change at the end of a half term. If notification is not received you will incur charges of £2 per day.

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Available Class Places

I would like to advise all parents/carers that we currently have spaces in the following year groups: Reception Class, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5. Please pass this on to interested friends in our community. Please also note that if under role, Catholic schools are able to take admissions from non-Catholic families.

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**Key Dates**

**The month of October** – Black History Month

**October Half Term** – Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

**Inset Day** – Monday 29th October (no attendance for pupils)

**2nd November** – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

**9th November** – Tempest Photography – Individual Photos

**12th – 16th November** – Anti-Bullying Week

**12th November** – “Crazy Socks Day” – £1 donation from students to wear crazy socks – funds raised will be split between the PTA & the anti-bullying alliance

Please check the school website for the full calendar

Please enjoy a happy and restful half term break, refreshed and ready to return on Tuesday 30th October. All of the staff look forward to hearing about the reading the children will do during their holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Jamieson

Head of School

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