



## Newsletter - Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back to all of our returning children and families and a very warm welcome to all our new starters and their families. It is fantastic to see you – it just hasn't been the same in school without you all! We are excited to share what we are sure will be a wonderful year in school with you and your little ones.

This newsletter contains some important information for you, including some important reminders relating to COVID-19 and our return to school. There are also some important dates attached to this newsletter, outlining events planned to take place in school for your diaries which we hope you will find useful.

Whilst we are hopeful that most of the events outlined in the diary will be able to go ahead, the exact format they take will be dependent upon the situation regarding COVID-19 at the time. We may need to deliver some of them in a different format to that we would usually do, such as through the use of technology; we may need to amend the content of the activity that we had planned or as a last resort even cancel altogether. By giving you dates for the activities we have planned now, I wish to give you as much notice as possible of what we hope can happen in school this term. I will also ensure that we give you as much notice as possible of any changes that we are forced to make.

I want to take this opportunity to reiterate that we understand that you may have some anxieties about your child returning to school – please talk to us about any concerns you have, often just a little chat can iron out any issues. In return, I would also ask for your understanding and patience with us. All of the staff, including myself, continue to do our utmost to do the best for your children and your family. If there are things that you aren't sure about or you have any concerns, please remember to talk to us and extend the same respect and understanding that you would expect us to show you. Should you have any queries or concerns, please telephone me on 01207 232445 and I will do my utmost to help.

### COVID-19 reminders...

**During these challenging times we all need to work together. Please help us by adhering to the following:**

- Do not come to school if you are suffering with any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Arrive at school at the times allocated to you.
- Ensure that only one adult at a time drops off/collects your child.
- Follow the one-way system.
- Leave the premises as soon as you drop off/ collect your child, please do not wait at the school gates.
- Ensure that you follow social distancing requirements.
- Familiarise yourself with the symptoms of COVID-19.
- Wash your hands regularly and encourage your child to do the same.
- Familiarise yourself with NHS test, track and trace system – be prepared to access testing.
- Supervise your children when on site.
- Respect social distancing when speaking to school staff.

### COVID-19 symptoms

The main symptoms associated with COVID-19 are:

- **High temperature**
- **A sudden and continuous cough**
- **Loss of or change to taste and/or smell**

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS YOU, AND ANYONE YOU LIVE WITH, SHOULD ISOLATE AND GET A TEST

For more information, including how to get a test:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

### **Breakfast Club and After School Provision**

If you are interested in our breakfast club or after school provision which provides wrap around care for as little as £2 per day, please speak to Mrs Thompson, Head teacher.

We are currently offering a slightly limited provision to 8am - 4.30pm only, but hope to extend back to our usual 5.30am provision as soon as it

### **Reading Books & Homework**

At our school, we value the benefit of 'repeat reading', meaning that children read a book more than once to ensure that they become confident and fluent. This means that children do not need to change their books every day but should re-read them.

**Once children are given reading books, we expect them to read to a parent/carer every day. We also expect you to sign your child's reading record book to say that you have listened to your child read every day.**

Children should only return their book bags with their reading books to school every **Monday and Thursday**.

Due to the need to quarantine shared resources, we need you to play your part by returning reading books on Mondays and Thursdays to enable us to quarantine them for sufficient time.

We will continue to track the number of times your child has read with you (indicated by the number of times you have signed your child's reading record) and give awards to those reading regularly at home using our 'reading clouds' system. Please look out for further information about our reading clouds reward system.

### **Changing Communication**

Please ensure that we hold a current email address and telephone number for you. Much of our communication to you will be via email, including newsletters and updates about events.

If you are not receiving communications from us to your email address, please come into school to let us know.

### **Positive Behaviour**



We follow the Good to Be Green positive behaviour scheme which helps children to understand that there are rewards and consequences for their behaviour choices.

Overall, it aims to encourage children to make positive choices and gives a clear, consistent structure for children to respond to. Importantly, every day is a new day; starting on (and hopefully staying on) green!

### **'Stanley Super Funders'**

To help us to provide the exciting additional activities and visits that we want your children enjoy in our school, our 'Stanley Super Funders' will continue each week this year.

We would like your child to bring in 50p for our school fund every Monday morning. In class, the children will count the funds brought in for their class.

During our Monday celebration assembly, the class who have collected the most school fund for the week will be announced as our Stanley Super-



## Dates for your diary...

| <i>Date</i>  | <i>Event</i>  |
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| Friday 11 <sup>h</sup> September 2020  | Class Newsletters to go out   |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September  | Children to make / decorate own biscuits/cakes and take home for a 50p donation to virtual coffee morning.  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September  | McMillian Fundraising Coffee Morning for Parents:<br>9.30am – 10.30am   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October   | National Poetry Day (UK) – theme Vision – all classes learn a poem/ write and learn a poem.   |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October   | Sponsored Sports School Event   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October  | Parents will be informed if their child is getting an award at end of half term assembly.   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October   | Harvest Festival Service – 2.15pm   |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Final Awards Assembly – 2.15pm  |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Last day of Autumn term 1   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020<br>School Closed - Half term holiday |   |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  | School Closed to children<br>Staff training day   |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November   | School reopens for Autumn term 2  |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November  | Armistice Day Assembly  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November   | Children in Need – children wear non-uniform and pay a £1 for Children in Need  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November   | Anti-bullying Alliance - Odd Socks Day<br>Children to come to school wearing odd socks (the more colourful and odd the better)<br>The rest of school uniform should be worn as usual. |

| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November                            | Road Safety Week Events  |
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| Week beginning 23 <sup>rd</sup> November                    | You will be invited to sign up for parents' meetings happening week beginning 7 <sup>th</sup> December.  |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November                         | Flu Immunisations in school – YR, Y1, Y2 only  |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November                            | Rev Steph from St Andrew's Church to talk to children about Christmas.   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Non-uniform day.<br>Children to bring selected items in for Christmas Raffle Hampers.<br>More information will be given nearer the time.                       |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December | Open evenings for parents - 3pm-5pm  |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Pantomime – Snow White @ Consett Empire Theatre 10am (YR, Y1, Y2 only)   |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                            | School Christmas Fayre Celebration   |
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| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                            | Nursery Nativity 1 (Nursery AM) – 9.30am   |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                            | Nursery Nativity 2 (Nursery PM)– 2.15pm  |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                           | KS1 Carol Service – 10am   |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Reception classes Nativity – 2.15pm  |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                         | Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day<br>Children to wear a Christmas Jumper today instead of school jumper. The rest of school uniform should be as usual. |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Christmas Parties & Special Visit  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                            | End of term assembly – 2.15pm-3pm<br><br>School closes for holiday   |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021                         | School reopens for teaching  |

