

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well that first half term went in a blink of an eye! We've already had lots going on, including trips to Haigh Hall (Year 5) for some outdoor adventure, a 'river trip' by year 6 plus high school open days and a visit from Florence Nightingale! We have lots planned in for this half term which I've included so you can start organising your diaries. Christmas is just around the corner!

<u>Birthdays</u>

Just a reminder for most of you...

To celebrate their special day, the children can wear their own clothes on their birthday if they want to. If their birthday is at the weekend or in the holiday they can choose a day near to their special day. Instead of bringing cakes or sweets to school to share with their classmates, the children are welcome to bring in a new book which we will put in the school/class library. The book will be shared in our celebration assembly and an insert will be placed in the inside cover to say who donated it, and the occasion. This way lots of children will benefit from their kind gift for years to come. (Of course, no one is obliged to do this).

Harvest

Year 3 did a great job at leading our Harvest Festival. Thank you for your kind donations, which were gratefully received by 'The Pantry' and will go a long way to supporting people locally.

Open Day

Do you have or know anybody, who has a child who will be starting school in Sept 2024? Our Open Day will be held on Tuesday 14th November at 3 points through the day: 9:10 am, 1:20 pm and 5:30pm. We'd love to show what our lovely school is all about. Please spread the word.

Friday Coffee Mornings

From 9 to 10:30 every Friday morning there is a coffee morning in the staff room. Everybody is welcome to come along for a relaxing chat and a biscuit with other parents. Please sign in to school via the main entrance.

Worship theme

This half term's worship theme is 'humility'. Hopefully your children will be able to talk about how they can demonstrate this value, in the coming weeks.

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Here are some dates for your diary. More details will follow.		
Date	What's happening	Who's involved
Mon 23 rd Oct	Half Term	Whole School
Mon 30 th Oct	Back to School	Whole School
Thurs 9 th Nov	Poetry workshop with The Lowry	Year 6
Thurs 9 th Nov	Dr Bike in to service any Y6 bikes	Year 6
Tues 14th Nov	OPEN DAY	New starters
Tues 14 th Nov	Bikeability starts	Year 6
Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need Day	Whole School
Wed 22 nd Nov	Parent's afternoon/evening	Whole School
Friday 24 th Nov	Inset Day - School closed	Whole school
Tues 28 th Dec	Local area workshop @Wigan Museum	Year 2
Tues 12 th Dec	Victorian workshop @ Wigan Museum	Year 5
Weds 13th Dec	Christmas Choir to Garswood House	Christmas Choir
Weds 13 th Dec	Tea with Santa/	Ks1
Weds 13th Dec	Christmas Disco	ks2
Thurs 14 th Dec	Pantomime trip St Helens	Year 2
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas jumper/Christmas Dinner Day	Whole school
Mon 18 th Dec	Nativity (6pm - 7pm)	K51
Tues 19 th Dec	Nativity (9:30 - 10.30 am)	K51
Tues 19 th Dec	Carol Service (6pm - 7pm)	K52
Weds 20 th Dec	Carol Service (9.15 - 10.15am)	K52
Weds 20 th Dec	Upper KS2 Party Afternoon	Years 5 & 6
Thurs 21 st Dec	POP Project show	Whole school
Thurs 21 st Dec	Lower KS2 Party Afternoon	Years 4 & 5
Fri 22 nd Dec	Infant Party Afternoon	Rec Y1 & Y2
Mon 25 th Dec	Christmas Holidays	Whole School
Celebration Assembly		

A message will be sent out via 'Spider' the Friday before from the class teacher if your child has been chosen for an award, so you can attend if you are able to. Any awards or achievements that the children have received outside of school are also shared on a Friday morning (swimming certificates, player of the match, brownie badges etc), so please send them in.

As we step into the dark nights, fireworks and Christmas preparation, we ask that you continue to support your child at home by helping/encouraging them with their reading. Regular reading practice and reading to your child makes a huge difference to their success in school, and that feels great!

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