



NEWSLETTER

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For your information, newsletters regarding your child's current learning in the classroom can be found on our website. Please keep an eye on our Twitter feed for regular updates about our learning.

Further information about the work of our Trust, Hope Sentamu Learning Trust can be found on the website at

<https://hslt.academy>

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Wishing you all an enjoyable half term holiday!

Attendance

A good attendance record has a positive impact on children's achievement, their ability to socialise and their emotional wellbeing. Please remember that we are unable to authorise any absences due to holidays taken during term time and that penalty notices may be issued (£60 per parent, per child). Please notify the school office first thing in the morning if your child is absent for illness or a medical appointment.

Punctuality

It is also essential that children arrive in school **on time** each day to ensure they do not miss out on their learning. We have recently noticed an increase in children arriving late and having to come into school via the school office. Classroom doors are open from **8.45am and registration is at 8.55am. Children need to be in the classroom for this registration time.**

School Visits and Visitors

This half term, Year 6 have enjoyed two virtual workshops to support their History and Geography learning about life in the Ancient Benin Kingdom and the Polar regions of our planet.

Our Year 5 pupils have also been getting a behind the scenes look at the MKM stadium and developing their Literacy, Numeracy and PE skills through their Wednesday morning visits, supported by the Run With It organisation.



Good-Bye and Good Luck

On Monday 5th February we held a Collective Worship to say good-bye and good luck to Rev. Naylor as she leaves St. James' Church. She has been with us since November 2016 and we wish her all the best in her new role as Master of Charterhouse in the city centre.

Safeguarding/SEN/First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator/Safeguarding Lead. Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Moore and Mrs Hunter.

Our SENCo is Mrs Moore.

Our first aiders are:

Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Mrs Allison, Mrs Calvert, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Drury, Mrs Ledger, Miss Richardson, Mr Wigley, Mr Jowett, Miss Hinds and Mrs Gardiner.

Governor Information

Our governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of our school, which includes working on school policies, looking at the curriculum delivered in school and working with all staff. They enable our school to run as effectively as possible to provide a high quality education for our children.

Our Governors are Ms Patricia O'Brien (Chair of Governors), Mrs Clare Baker and Parent Governor - Miss J Nundy. Should you wish to contact any of our governors, you can do this via the school office.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open daily for working parents from 7.45am and costs £1.50 per child per day. Please remember that this must be booked prior to attendance and children can arrive at breakfast club up to 8:20am.

Uniform

The children look smart in their red, white and grey, which is often commented on by visitors. Please remember to ensure your child wears their **plain** black school shoes everyday (trainers should also be plain black with no coloured stripes or soles) and that they need a pair of black sandshoes to change into to wear in school. Thank you for your support with our uniform policy

Food Allergies

It is extremely generous and kind when children wish to share treats with their class mates to celebrate their birthdays. However, due to issues with allergies, we are unable to share homemade treats or cut up cakes. Please could we ask that any treats sent in for this purpose are pre-packed so that children can take these away with them for parents to check before eating? Thank you for your support with this.

After School Club

Throughout this half term we have been running our trial of an after school club. In consultation with our Trust partners it has been agreed to continue to offer this facility until Easter, when the numbers attending will again be reviewed and the future of this facility will be reviewed to see if this is financially sustainable. Should you wish to access this facility, for Reception to Year 6 children only, this can be pre-booked and paid for via the ParentMail App

Dates for the year, including Holidays

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some dates for your diary. There will be additional dates to follow and letters will be sent home regarding any visits that we may be able to organise nearer the time.

DATE	EVENT
Friday 9th February	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 19th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 21st February	Y4 will take part in a virtual workshop to support their History learning about the Vikings
Thursday 22nd February	Y5 will take part in a workshop by 'Ladies in Pigs' to support their Geography learning about sustainable farming
Friday 8th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March	Y1 will visit the Hand's on History Museum to take part in a Victorian workshop to support their History learning
WB 18th March	Easter events—further details to follow nearer the time
Friday 22nd March	3:15 pm - School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 8th April	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9th April	Children return to school
Monday 6th May	School closed—Bank Holiday Monday
WB 13th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 24th May	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school
Friday 19th July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday