



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

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CE ACADEMY

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term holiday!

Harvest Festival

We all enjoyed our walk up to St. James' Church in Sutton for our Harvest Festival, which was led by our Year 6 pupils and Bishop Steven Benford, who we are pleased to welcome to the St. James' community.

We really appreciate all your donations of tinned or packet goods that you have been able to share with us. This year our Harvest collection was passed on to local parishioners and the local food bank, to support our local community.



School Visits

We are delighted to be starting to get out and about on school visits.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils represented the school at the St. James' Parishioners Harvest Lunch, entertaining them with Harvest singing and sharing Harvest food gifts. While the children in Year 2 and Year 3 had a very enjoyable visit to Hull New Theatre to listen to the published author and illustrator, Sidney Smith, talk about his writing experiences. They were all delighted to receive a copy of his book to take home to share with their families.



All the children are to be congratulated, as on each occasion the good behaviour and manners of the children were complimented and commented on.

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.

MacMillan Coffee Morning and Phonics

Thank you to the FS2 and Year 1 parents and carers that joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning and demonstration Phonics session.

Your generous support helped us to raise a fantastic £154.00 for the charity and hopefully gave you a better idea of what your children are learning in school.



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 (£80 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.**

Fire, Evacuation and Lockdown drills

As per our Health & Safety policy, each half term the children take part in our unannounced fire drills. In addition to this, as per new guidelines, we will also now be talking to the children about our emergency evacuation and lockdown procedures. During the year, we will also practice these with the children. Further detailed information will be sent out tomorrow regarding these procedures.

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.

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.

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 25th October	3.15pm - School closes for the half term holiday
HALF TERM	
Monday 4th November	Children return to school
Thursday 7th November	M&M Theatre Company in school—Performing Beauty and The Beast to children in Years 1—6
WB 11th November	Anti-Bullying & Road Safety Week
Friday 15th November	Children In Need
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 19th December	1.30pm—Christmas Service at St. James' Church 3:15 pm - School closes for the Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school
Friday 14th February	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Friday 4th April	3:15 pm - School closes for the Easter holiday
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Monday 5th May	School closed—Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 23rd May	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Friday 18th July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday