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Welcome Back!

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break and we are delighted to welcome the children back for another busy half term.

For your information, newsletters regarding your child's current learning in the classroom can be found on our website.

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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Behaviour Policy

We are delighted with the behaviour of all of our pupils. You are very welcome to look at the behaviour policy—or any other school policies. All policies are available from the school office.



You will also find a number of policies on our website.

Attendance

We are delighted that the children have attended so well at the beginning of this term.

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.**

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.

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

Do you know how to keep your child safe at home when they are using a mobile phone, tablet or similar electronic device?

Although we teach the children on a termly basis about keeping themselves safe whilst online, we are still hearing concerning stories from some of our parents about unsuitable material or conversations their children have accessed (often quite by accident because settings on devices did not protect them). Many parents and staff are surprised and alarmed by the extent that some people will go to, to gain access to children online.



Information on how to keep your child safe online can be found on the school website.

School Dinners. Just an advance reminder that as notified back in January, there will be an increase in prices for school dinners to £2.53 from January 2025.

School Uniform

Children continue to look smart in their

- Light grey trousers/skirts/shorts
- White polo shirts
- Red jumper or cardigans
- Black school shoes (trainers must be plain black with **no coloured soles/strips/logos/laces** etc)
- Sandshoes are needed to be worn inside school

Thank you for your support of our school uniform policy.

Please write your child's name in their uniform, this prevents any upset if items are misplaced.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit at school. This consists of a

- Plain white T-shirt and plain red shorts
- Outdoor kit of plain black joggers and sweatshirts

As many PE lessons this term will take place outside, children may need to wear trainers for these lessons.

If you need to order any items of school uniform, please contact the school office and they will be able to help you with this.

Outdoor Clothing

As the weather turns colder, please make sure your child brings a coat to school for playtimes and lunchtimes.



Keeping Safe on the Playground Before and After School

Adults or children riding bikes or scooters on the playground before or after school presents a health and safety risk for other children and adults. Please make sure that your child does **not** ride his/her bike or scooter on the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

For health and safety reasons it is essential that no children climb on the play equipment on the playground or field before or after school.



After School Club

Our After School Club is open to pupils from Reception to Year 6 and children will need to be collected from the main school office. Children will be provided with a drink of juice and a biscuit after school – allergy information will be checked and followed.

Children staying between 3.15pm – 5pm will be charged at £5.00 per night while children staying beyond until 5.30pm will be charged at £6.00 per night. We are still monitoring this additional half an hour to see if this can be sustained long term. Children will need to be booked and paid for (either through the ParentMail App or at the school office) on the Friday before the following week for children to be able to attend the After School provision.

Car Parking:

It is imperative that no parents or taxis use the school drive to turn round, drop off or to park. For the sake of the safety of all of the children please do not come onto the school site in your car to drop off or collect your children. This applies before school, at lunchtime and at the end of the day, including following after school clubs.



Important Information about Funding – Please help us to help your children:

We are trying to get additional funding into school to enable us to again begin taking the children on subsidised visits out of school to support their learning. If at any time you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below:-

Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit (with an annual income of not more than £16,190 as assessed by the Inland Revenue), Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or an Asylum Seeker

and you have not completed a form since receiving these benefits, please pop into the office and we will help you to complete a simple form that will ensure your child gets free school meals when they are in key stage 2 and helps us to get additional money into school.

This is called pupil premium. Please speak to Mrs Todd our Administration Officer if you require more information.

No dogs on the school site

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if being carried.



No smoking and vaping

We are a non-smoking site, this includes the use of vapes/e-cigarettes.

Jewellery

We don't consider it is necessary for your child to wear any jewellery whilst at school. However, if you feel that this is essential, please make sure that this is limited to one **small** pair of stud earrings in the lower lobe area and one watch; these must be removed for health and safety reasons when taking part in P.E. lessons.

Music provision

We are delighted that every child in Year 4 will now learn to play the violin this year. In addition, we will continue to have a specialist percussion teacher in school this term working with our Year 6 children during their music lessons.



School Security and lunchtimes

The entrance gates to the school field remain locked throughout the day between 8:55 am and 3:10 pm. If your child goes home at lunch time please arrange to meet them at the main door into the school (school office entrance). Children should return into school via this route on their return after lunch.

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 etc we are able to organise nearer the time.

DATE	EVENT
WB 11th November	Anti-Bullying & Road Safety Week
Friday 15th November	Children In Need
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 12th December	Father Christmas' Annual Visit to the St. James' Grotto
Friday 13th December	Christmas Dinner & Party Day
Tuesday 17th December	Y5/6 Representatives to Carol Sing at St. Stephen's Shopping Centre
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December	FS2 & Y1 Nativity
Wednesday 18th December	Nursery singing performance
Thursday 19th December	PM—Christmas Service at St. James' Church End of term—Close 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