

*“Every child is a unique child of God.”*

WHINMOOR



ST. PAUL'S  
C of E Primary School

Dear Families,

21.10.21

As we approach the end of the half term, thank you as always for your support, in what has turned out to be a challenging time for many within our school community. For those who are unwell, our prayer is that this half term brings with it rest, recuperation and a return to good health. We hope that over the next few weeks, we can carefully open up our school and invite our families back in to join our worship, celebrations and so importantly, enjoy the traditional run up to Christmas with us. With this in mind, we are already planning dates after our consultation evenings, when we can informally invite you into school to enjoy a visit into your child's class and we really hope to invite you in to share in the Christmas productions and services. Our PTFA are also busily planning lots of great activities - more to follow after half term. Given the nature of the virus, we cannot guarantee anything (as you will understand) but like you, we all crave the joy of 'normality' returning, especially as we enter such a wonderful time of the year.

### **Reminder - Consultation Evenings**

Our first consultation evenings of the year will take place after our half term break. KS2 (Year 3-6) will be on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Early Years (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Years 1 and 2) will take place on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th November for the majority of families. These will begin around 3.30pm and finish by 6.30pm. If you are unable to commit to either of the dates, please let us know and we will do our best to find another time to speak. The meeting will consist of a phone call of just under 10 minutes between yourself and the teacher. This is the same time as we have always allotted for face to face meetings. During the meeting, we will focus on Transition – how your child has settled into their new class, their strengths, targets and any particular issues which have arisen. It is important teachers stick to timings as they have to speak to many parents/carers. We ask for your patience if teachers are a little late in ringing you. Slips should all have been returned this week. If you have not done this, please let us know.

### **Harvest**

Thank you to all our families who supported us in celebrating Harvest. We are so proud of the care and respect our children showed in their understanding of the wider meaning of Harvest and the value of generosity, in sharing with others. Please log onto Twitter and our website to see photos of the donations provided, alongside the art work, prayers and activities which took place.

If over the coming months you are able to, please support those who are struggling to make ends meet, by donating what produce you can to The Seacroft Parish Larder at St. Richards. (The food bank is held in the crypt underneath St. Richards, LS14 1BX). Donations can be taken to the food bank any Tuesday between 10am and 2pm. Thank you.

### **#HelloYellow Day - Raising Money to support YoungMinds - £120**

To show our support for World Mental Health Day, we took part in a #HelloYellow Day this week. The aim was to help spread the word that together, we can look out for each other and feel hopeful about the future. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. We raised £120, which will go towards supporting YoungMinds, a mental health charity.

## **Message from Mrs. Vaughan - The Love of Reading – A new school library**

This is an exciting time at Whinmoor St Paul's as we focus on converting 'The Den' into a new school library for our children. The school library will provide a new space where our children are encouraged to think, create, share and grow with the aim of instilling a life-long love of learning and reading for pleasure within them. We would like to thank our PTFA in advance, for pledging to fundraise for the development of our school library throughout the rest of the academic year. How exciting!

## **Message from Mrs. Lindley**

Mrs Lindley and Mrs Adair would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all the children in Reception class for their first half term as part of our school community. We are so proud of how well they have joined in with all of our activities and become happy and confident Whinmoor St Paul's pupils. They have taken part in their first Harvest Festival in which they bravely stood up to sing their Autumn Leaves song. They have also planted their daffodil bulbs and are excited to see what they will look like when they begin to grow in the spring. This week they have enjoyed their first visit from the local librarian who came into class to celebrate the love of books and reading that the children are developing. She read stories and sang songs with the children and talked to them about books they could borrow from the library and enjoy at home. Thank you Zoe, our Whinmoor librarian, the children were so engaged.

## **Message from Mrs. Wallis/Mr. Evans**

A huge well done to the students who represented the school at the Fieldhead Carr football tournament last Friday. The PE staff and the rest of the school are extremely proud of how the team represented Whinmoor St Paul's at the tournament through their excellent behaviour, spirit and fantastic team performances. Although the team were not victorious, they played extremely well and we are looking forward to future fixtures.

There will be lots of opportunities for fixtures/tournaments over the academic year, across a range of sports and we can't wait to get extracurricular activities up and running again, as soon as possible!

## **PE days for Autumn 2**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Days</b>
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday, Friday
Year 2	Wednesday, Thursday
Year 3	Thursday, Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Swimming kit for Friday
Year 5	Monday, Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday, Wednesday

Please ensure your child is in full PE kit next half term, in line with school uniform expectations, on their PE days. PE lessons will continue to be outdoors therefore please ensure your child is dressed suitably for the weather, trainers will be necessary and a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms as it gets colder.

## **Message from Miss Naylor**

As part of an exciting whole school art project, we are in the process of designing a new mural for the stage in The Quad. Each class have been asked by the School Council to put forward their ideas and designs. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children for embracing their creativity; we have had some fabulous entries! The School Council are going to have a hard time deciding on the final design this Thursday. We are hoping to unveil our artwork by the end of the autumn term - watch this space!



## **Brightstars - Before and After School provision**

Ms. Cheryl McManus, who has been the manager of our Before and After School Club for several years, will take over full ownership of the club from November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. This follows a very successful Ofsted visit this week, when the inspector spent the morning checking premises and provision. Well done to Cheryl! If you wish to enrol your child into the club, please contact Bright Stars for details and prices. Contact details below:

Phone 07934 368328

Email [brightstarssp@gmail.com](mailto:brightstarssp@gmail.com)

These are monitored during the hrs of 7-00 am to 9-00am and 3-00pm to 6pm Monday to Friday

School closes tomorrow at 3.15pm and opens for children on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We ask that they return on time, in full uniform, with a good night's sleep behind them and having eaten breakfast. This really does make a huge difference in their attitude to learning.

We thank you for your continuing support – enjoy a wonderful half term break.

Miss McBride

Head teacher



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