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Newsletter 3

Whole school attendance to date this year is

Dear Parents,

Just a few things to catch up on in this newsletter. You will all be aware that the school had an Ofsted inspection last

**Our value this half-term
is love & compassion.**



**We show love and
compassion for
each other.**

John 15:12

*Love each other as I have
loved you.*

Tuesday. The inspectors asked us to thank the children, parents and staff for making them feel so welcome and for sharing their views so willingly. Thank you to the parents who filled in the questionnaire and spoke to the inspectors on the day.

If we seem a little close-lipped, it is because we are not able to share the outcome of the report

with you until it has been written, checked and validated- and that is likely to take a month! As soon as we have it we will send it to you. We are happy that the inspectors understood our school well and are looking forward to sharing the report with you. It will sit alongside our June SIAMS report as an external validation of all that we do and achieve in our wonderful school with your wonderful children. Please spread the good word to any family looking for a school place next year.

Marvellous Me

You will have received an a-mail about our issues with Marvellous Me notifications. Messages are being received, but without the usual notification. Please can you check your app regularly whilst we wait for technical support so that you are aware of any messages we have sent. We will let you know as soon as we have a solution.

Open Morning

We are holding an **open morning** on **Wednesday 1st November at 9.30 a.m.**, starting with a talk from the leaders of the school and then a tour, but we are also

happy to arrange individual tours to those who want to see the school on another day.

Water Aid

We will be holding an art exhibition after school on Tuesday 31st October to showcase artwork from all the children based on the theme of water. You will be able to view all the artwork and purchase your child's piece of art for collection at the end of the week. Money raised will be donated to Water Aid, a charity that are working with our federation to raise awareness of their work and the issues they help support. We have been inspired by **Olivia Bassage**, one of our Year 2 leaders, who decided she wanted to take action after watching a report about some families who did not have easy access to clean safe water. Olivia is a passionate artist and makes lots of pieces at home with her Dad. She will also be selling some of those at the exhibition as a way of raising more money for the charity. Along with her Mum, she will be framing the artwork and getting it ready for display over the half-term. We are very excited to help Olivia support this worthy cause. Jez Heath, a representative from Water Aid, will be visiting the school on 15th November to talk to us and collect the donation.

Weather Warning

The autumnal weather is extremely unpredictable at the moment. Whilst we might have some lovely sunny days, they can turn cold and wet in an instant. Please can you make sure your child arrives at school with a coat so they are well prepared whatever the weather. As usual, we will be braving all weathers at play and lunchtimes so that children get time outside in the fresh air.

Harvest Festival 2023

19th October @ 2 p.m. St. Peter's Church

We look forward to seeing you there. Children can be collected from school as soon as the service is finished (usually from 2.45 p.m.) We will once again be supporting **Crawley Open House** this Harvest. Below is a list of things they particularly need. If you are able to contribute please take a look at their information below and bring your contributions into the school office from 16th October.

Crawley Open House has a constant need for food, and donations at harvest-time are hugely important to us. We are massively grateful to all the schools and places of worship who collect for us year by year.

We use the food in two ways – in our hostel kitchen to offer 3 meals a day to our 24 hostel residents, and to supply the 10-15 food parcels we distribute EVERY day to those in need locally.

We are grateful for all donations – here are the things we especially need.....

- Long-life milk
- Toilet rolls
- Sugar
- Small bottles of water
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned potatoes and vegetables
- Tins of beans and spaghetti
- Jam, marmalade & honey
- Spray deodorants
- Biscuits, chocolate & sweets
- Tea and coffee
- Jars of cooking sauce and pasta sauce
- Custard and rice pudding
- Soup
- New socks and underwear, for men and women
- Dog food and treats

Thank you so much for any help you can give.

[Download our A5-sized Harvest 2023 leaflet here](#)

[HARVEST 2023 | crawleyopenhouse](#)



Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 29th September 2022

We had a great turn-out and raised a very respectable £155.95 that we have donated to this worthy charity.

Thank you for the amazing attendance at the Reading Café / Curriculum morning last week. We have sent all the information to parents via Parent mail for you to reference or look at if you couldn't attend on the day.

Newdigate Bonfire Night & Fireworks Display and Guy Competition

It is time to put the date in your diary for the fabulous **Newdigate Bonfire night and fireworks display**. As always, we want to contribute and will be making a school 'Guy', so **we need your help** to do this. If you are feeling creative and can get a small group of volunteers together to come to school for a couple of hours and make a Guy with some of our children then let us know. We will also leave a box outside the office for clothing donations for the Guy including old socks and tights for filling.

Year 2 SATS

It has now been confirmed that we will no longer need to administer formal end of Key Stage tests and tasks this year. We will of course continue to use teacher assessments to track children's progress and may use

specific tasks to help us do this. We will therefore not need to hold a SATS talk in the spring term, **this has been removed from the calendar (was on 22.02.24).**

Judging at 6:15PM
PROMPT



**BUILD A GUY
COMPETITION**

Outside the Village Club



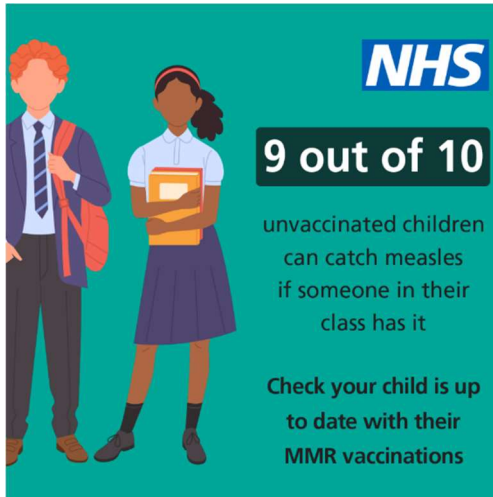
We have been asked by NHS England to share this following information with all our parents:

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles. With millions of children across the country going back to school this week, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country.

Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting

in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit.



Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Paula Bliss
(Headteacher)

Term dates Academic Year 2023/24

Autumn Term:

4th Sept 2023 – 15th December 2023

(Half term 23rd Oct – 27th Oct) - INSET 30th October

Spring Term:

2nd Jan 2024 – 28th March 2024

INSET 9th February

(Half Term 12th Feb – 16th Feb)

Summer Term:

15th April 2024 – 19th July 2024 INSET 22nd & 23rd July

(Half Term 27th May – 31st May)

INSET DAYS 2023/24

1st September

30th October

9th February

22nd July

23rd July

Diary Dates for Autumn Term

01.09.23	Start of Term
01.09.23	INSET DAY (1 of 5)
06.09.23	Perform Drama workshop
28.09.23	Reading Café & Curriculum meeting – 8.50am
28.09.23	FONS AGM 7.00pm in School Hall - TBC
29.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 3.10pm School Hall – everyone welcome
09.10.23	Individual School Photos
19.10.23	Harvest Festival Service in St Peter's Church at 2pm. All parents welcome.
20.10.23	Nasal Flu Immunisation
20.10.23	Break up for half term 3pm.
30.10.23	INSET DAY (2 of 5)
31.10.23	Back to school
01.11.23	Open Morning for prospective new parents from 9.30am
08.11.23	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
15.11.23	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 5.30 –8.00pm
24.11.23	Hoops for Decorating to go home
01.12.23	Hoops up in the Hall
02.12.23	Christmas Fayre TBC
08.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day – Donation to Save the Children
11.12.23	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance
12.12.23	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
14.12.23	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
13.12.23	Pied Piper Theatre Company perform 'for the children



14.12.23 TBC - School Christingle Family Service, St Peter's Church 6pm – everyone welcome
15.12.23 Last day of term - Break up at 2pm

DATES – SPRING TERM 2024

Term dates – Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024
Half term dates – Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Diary Dates for Spring Term

02.01.24 Back to School
08.02.24 Break up for half term 3pm
09.02.24 **INSET DAY (3 of 5)**
~~22.02.24 SATS talk – Yr 2 classroom (@ 5pm) (TBC)~~
06.03.24 Late Parents' Evening (5.30-7.40pm)
07.03.24 World Book Day – Dress up as a character from a book that makes you learn and grow
08.03.24 Mothers' Day Tea Party for Yr R 9am in School Hall
13.03.24 Early Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
27.03.24 Easter Bonnet Parade directly after morning bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats!
28.03.24 Easter Service – 1.10pm, all parents welcome
28.03.24 Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm

DATES – SUMMER TERM 2024

Term dates – Monday 15th April 2024 – Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Half term dates – Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

15.04.24 Back to School
27.05.24 Break up for half term 3pm
19.07.24 Last day of term - Break up at 2pm
22.07.24 **INSET DAY (4 of 5)**
23.07.24 **INSET DAY (5 of 5)**

