



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our Rights Respecting thought for this newsletter is Article 24 'Children have the Right to clean water and nutritious food so that they can stay healthy'. We hope that our Harvest Celebration enables this Right to happen for more children.

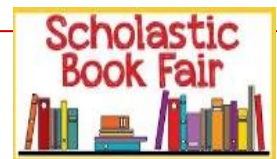
Scamps Holiday Child-care in October Half-term

I just wanted to put out a further reminder that we will be offering Scamps Childcare Club over the coming half-term (and February and March half-terms too). Please see separate information on how to reserve your child a space. There will be a mixture of provision, some of which will include sports and outdoor activity providers delivering sessions between 9.00am and 3pm with Scamps childcare starting at 8am and carrying on until 5pm.

Please pass on our availability to friends you may have whose children attend other schools in our area as their children would also be able to access this provision. All they need to do is complete our Scamps registration form and contact school to book a place.

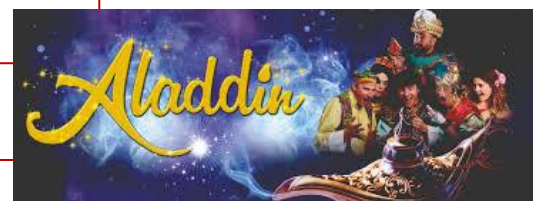
Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair last week. It is lovely to see children enjoying their reading and I saw lots of them with their noses in new books. You managed to spend £884 at the fair which means that we will be able to get some new books for our library. Thank you!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

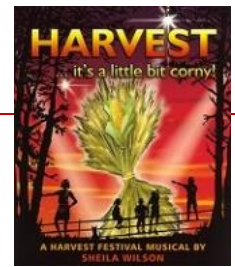
We want to say a huge thank you for your fantastic support at last week's coffee morning. We had amazing donations of cakes and definitely a huge turnout. We raised around £490 for this worthy charity and it was thoroughly enjoyable.



School Trips – annual Panto!

I am sure you will agree that trips and visits enhance our curriculum substantially as well as being great fun. We try to give our children the best possible experiences, and through our School Fund, we do subsidise all trips. Even though we do have our own mini buses, we often still need additional transport and of course many activities/places charge for admission. We do therefore need to request parental contributions and without these contributions the trips could not go ahead. We do try to spread out the visits during the year and term for each class, although sometimes opportunities arise out of the blue! Thank you for your continued support with this and if any contributions are difficult please speak to your child's class teacher or myself and we will be happy to help when we can.

This year's Panto trip is already booked and the whole school – from Reception Class to Year 6 - will again visit the Gala Theatre on Friday 6th December to see Aladdin. The total cost including admission and transport will be £10 per child which you can pay online at <https://schoolcomms.com>. If you have never used Schoolcomms before please follow this link to login and then - parent login, new user and enter your mobile number and email address that we have for you at school. You will then be sent a pin to your phone. It's very simple to set up and once you have it working you can use it again and again.



Y1 – Y6 Harvest Festival- Harvest Rock! Friday 11th October 9.30am and 2.30pm

Tickets have now been distributed for the School Harvest Festival Celebration but there are still some tickets left if you would like to attend.

We will be collecting both fresh and tinned produce from Monday 7th October to add to our Harvest collection. If you are able to donate a food gift, please send your gift into school that week. Tins, packets etc. are very much welcomed and fresh produce can also be donated close to the day if you wish. Raffle donations are also greatly appreciated as we will hold a raffle at each of the presentations. Raffle proceeds will go to support our school gardening projects and the food collected will be redistributed to the local foodbank. Thank you for your support and I look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate Harvest with us.

Reception Class and Nursery Harvest – Wednesday 10th October 9.30am

Just like the rest of the school, tickets have now been distributed but there are still a few left if you would like to attend. Donations of food are always welcome and can be sent into school from Monday 7th. We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate Harvest.



Aldi's Kit for Schools

Thank you for all of the stickers which have already been sent into school over the last week. We currently have around 75/300 stickers for our chart. Remember to send them in whenever you get them to help us to fill our chart up! You can get stickers when you shop at Aldi. The more stickers we get, the more chance we have of earning £20,000 for school and plenty of sports equipment. Thanks very much.

Sports Update

Football - Well done to the Y5/6 football team who represented the school well this week - they won one game 3-0 and lost one 3-0. Fingers crossed for some more positive results next week too.

Cross Country - A group of 23 children from Y3-6 represented the school well at the Cross Country festival this week. They all performed well and tried their best - well done to all of you.

Y5 Colour Run - Last week, Year 5 really enjoyed attending a colour run at Chilton Primary School. They had plenty of fun and there were some questionable hair colours by the end of it! Look out for further information later in the year as we will be hosting our own colour run which all classes will take part in.

Y3 Multi-skills - On Thursday 10th October, Y3 children will be attending a multi-skills festival at St Charles school. Please keep your eye on the app for further information about this.

Upcoming Events

October 10th - Y3 Multi-skills event (Further info to be sent on app)

October 10th - Y5/Y6 Football matches at Greenfield (3:30-5pm)

October 15th - Tag Rugby event (Y6 children will find out next week if they are involved)



Parent/Teacher Discussion Opportunities

Early next week, all parents will receive an invitation to make an appointment via the app, for a discussion about their child's progress when we return to school after half term. Please complete your appointment request no later than Friday 18th October. Actual appointment times will be sent out the first week back after half term. The after-school session will be on Monday 11th November and run from 3.20pm to 5.50pm. Each class will have a different afternoon session which will run from 1.15pm until 5.30pm. We do aim to speak to all parents, so please let us know if you are unable to make the time/date suggested as we will be pleased to make alternate arrangements if necessary. These sessions are intended to be informative and supportive, discussing your child's general progress and targets. We do aim for 10 minutes per appointment and try our best to stick to this to avoid lengthy waiting times for anyone. If you feel you have more to discuss, then we would be happy to arrange an additional follow-up appointment if necessary.



Tickled Pink Disco – Thursday 24th October 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Our end of half term disco will again this year have a pink theme to support the 'Tickled Pink' Charity. All children from our school are welcome, including younger brothers and sisters if parents stay too! Admission will be £1.00 for everyone and children are asked to wear something pink for the occasion. Pink drinks and refreshments will be available to buy. I am sure we will manage to raise some significant funds for this charity that does some excellent work with many people in need in our community.

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School Closed – Friday 25th Oct

Don't forget our second teacher training day of this academic year is the Friday before we break up for half-term. School re-opens for children on Monday 4th November. Our third training day is Monday June 1st 2020.

Starlight Collection – Thursday 10th October

The bags of clothes/unwanted linen will be collected on Thursday 10th. Friends of the school receive funds from this which are spent on the children. Remember that school uniform cannot be accepted.



Parent-governor vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent-governor on our 'Local Governing Body'. Our governors are active members of the school and are involved in many aspects of school life. If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like more information about the role then please contact Mrs Brentnall for more information. If there is more than one person interested, then the success will be chosen through a parent vote.

What an exciting day!

If there are any errors in today's newsletter – please accept my apologies! Mrs Brentnall and I have written it between us whilst dodging sound crew and TV cameramen who are in with us at school all day today. It has been a pleasure to host the BBC crew and of course we are so proud that they are here to celebrate Mrs Hilton's success in being a Silver Award winner in the Pearson National Teaching Awards 2019. As well as the BBC filming all aspects of school today, a group of staff and friends of Mrs Hilton are attending the Gold Awards Ceremony at The Roundhouse in London on Sunday 20th October. This will also be televised on Saturday 26th October on BBC2 at 9pm. Just imagine the excitement if Mrs Hilton was a winner! Put it in your diaries now.

