



Summer Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been a very busy half term with lots of great events, trips and projects. The children have been working really hard and they have made us all proud. The rest of the term will be an extremely busy one so please check your child's bag for any letters, reminders etc. Also, make sure you look out for messages on the jotter on any update

On Thursday 18th May, Year 6 children went to up to the church to celebrate the feast of The Ascension. The rest of the school joined in to watch the mass on livestream in their classrooms. The Feast of the Ascension commemorates the Ascension of Jesus to heaven 40 days after his resurrection

Our Year 5 children enjoyed a trip to The Welsh Harp on Monday. They had an amazing time and learnt so much. Their behaviour was excellent and they were great ambassadors for the school.

Mental Health Champions update

Mrs Kailou led an assembly for the whole school where the Mental Health Champions spoke about the work they have been doing throughout the school.

Walk to school week

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Walk to School Week. It is so important, not just from a health point of view but it also helps the environment.

Joint Project – All Saints' Trust Speak

This week, the whole school have been looking at a new book called 'Shine.' This is a wordless book and is about an 8-year-old girl called Mia who wants to change her grey world into something colourful by showing love and kindness. The children looked at the meaning of love and what it means to them. The focus of the project is that whilst it appears that our world is dark and grey and lacking in love and compassion, in fact there is a lot of love to be discovered and shared so the whole world can be changed into a better place for all of us to live in. And this change begins with us. I think there is a valuable lesson for each and everyone of us that it only takes a simple act of kindness and love to make our world a better place.

Have a lovely half term break and let's hope that the sun continues to shine.

Best wishes,

Mrs Heath



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Attendance

With regards to attendance, I cannot stress to you how important this issue is and the high profile it has with Ofsted. I have noticed a number of children who are still arriving late to school. May I remind you the importance of punctuality and the effect it has on your child's learning. If the matter persists, we will have no alternative but to report this to the Education Welfare Officer. Absence during term time: - Please do not book holidays during term time. Not only are you disadvantaging your child due to missed learning time, but you also risk a fine from the Local Authority. Schools cannot authorise absences for holidays during term time. If you are requesting leave for special circumstances or emergencies, proof must be provided. Referrals to the Education Welfare Officer will be made who will be issuing fines. As well as that, you will also risk of losing your child's place if you take them out of school without permission. If your child has reached 10% of authorized absences, we will not be authorizing any more absences without medical proof. These absences will be passed to the EWO and a referral will be made. The government expects the children to have attendance of 96% or above as these figures help your children have consistent learning and support so they can achieve their full potential. Please see the **table below highlighting** the impact that the absence has on your child's education

Pupil Attendance Levels

100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
<u>190 school days</u> in each year - your child has attended every day and had the opportunity to reach their full potential.	<u>10</u> days absence means over 60 hours of learning opportunities have been missed. This will have a moderate impact on your child's learning.	<u>19</u> days absence is equivalent to missing a month of school. This will have a significant impact on your child's learning	<u>28</u> days absence equates to being absent for a whole half-term. It will now be much harder for your child to make learning progress. This is a serious child welfare concern.	<u>38</u> days absence is a very serious concern. Your child will have large gaps in learning and may have difficulty maintaining friendships owing to their frequent absence.

Please help us to help your children achieve.



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Uniform

Summer Uniform is to be worn by all children this term but I would like you to use your discretion on the days when our weather can be windy, especially the girls and the summer dresses. They can wear their warm tights and should they need to, vests under their dresses. This will help them to stay warm. It is checked yellow dresses for the girls and these are widely available in the local supermarkets and shops now but often disappear quickly from the shops as the weather improves!

PE

On the subject of uniform can I please remind parents to ensure your child wears full PE uniform on PE days. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum so I would also like to remind parents that all children are expected to take part in sessions. The only exception is with the express instructions of a doctor.

Footwear

Please use the half-term holiday to ensure that your child has the correct footwear for school. Any child returning to school after half-term wearing trainers on a non-PE day will be given an automatic detention. Please support us with this.

Equipment

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 please ensure that they have the correct writing equipment. There are a lot of children who regularly lack having a pencil to write with despite the large pencil cases. A lot of time is often wasted as a result of children not having the right stationery. Please do support us in this matter.

FORTHCOMING DATES

6 th June	Italian National Day – Special lunch
9 th June	Year 2 & 4 going to mass.
15 th June	AST Leavers' Mass – English Martyrs – Year 6 Parents Welcome
16 th June	Year 5 Going to Westminster Cathedral.
19 th June	New Nursery Parent meeting 5.30pm, New Reception Parent Meeting 7.30pm
23 rd June	Own clothes – Bring a gift for the tombola
28 th June	School 50 th Anniversary Tea Party pm.
29 th June	St Gregory's Y6 Induction Day
30 th June	Year 6 Prom
4 th July	Sports Day Y1-Y6
5 th July	Sports Day Nursery & Reception
6 th July	Music Concert times tbc

Come and share your favourite story with your child's class. The children would love their parents to come in the afternoon and share a story with their friends. This can be your favourite book from your childhood years or a story that your child loves. If you would like to do this, please let the office know so we can arrange a suitable time in the afternoon for you to come in.

Parking

The beginning and end of the school day are very busy times and the roads around St Margaret Clitherow School become very congested. Please help us to keep children safe by walking to school if you are able to, or parking a safe distance away in order to reduce the congestion. If you need to drive to school, please be considerate of our neighbours and do not obstruct driveways.

Please be reminded that there is no stopping on the zig-zag lines before or after school. This is illegal and unsafe. Sadly, many parents are parking in front of the school gate obstructing the entrance and endangering the lives of the children. Should this happen, we will have no alternative but to record the number plate and pass it to the police. We need to keep our children safe so please support us in this matter. Thank you.



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Children who have been awarded
certificates w/e 19th May 2023

1 Victoria, Sophia

2 Pola, Ayla

3 Eden

4 Terry, Isaac, Alex G

5 Gabriela, Franek

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Breakfast Club

We run a **paid** breakfast club from 7:30am to 8:15am. Bagel club, which is free, then runs from 8:15am. We have noticed that some parents are dropping children before 8:15am and sending the children in to school to breakfast club without payment. If you do this before 8:15am you will be charged for breakfast club.

Healthy Eating week 12th to 16th June

Healthy Eating Week is all about supporting and promoting healthier lifestyles and this years' theme is **Healthy Eating Week - For Everyone!**

There are five themes across the week:

- **Know the Facts** which includes information and advice about eating healthily
- **Make a Healthier Choice** which gives tips and tools to make better choices
- **Plan for Success** to help you to plan out meals and snacks
- **Be the Chef** and cook healthy recipes
- **Keep Moving** which includes ideas for activities and exercise.

The aim of this week is to try to make a small change or try something new each day. By doing this, we will eventually be leading a healthier lifestyle.

Internet Safety and Access to Apps

Please remember to observe your child's use of online gaming and social media. They should not have a YouTube, Instagram, Tik Tok or Whats App account as this is illegal and the games they play should be age appropriate. We need you to enforce this at home otherwise it will have a great effect (possibly negative) on your children as they enter their teens. Please help us with this!

Edenred Vouchers

Edenred vouchers will once again be available for the Half Term break. Please look out for an e-mail regarding this if you have not been given a voucher already. Voucher sent to your email has a validity of three months.