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HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 11th October at 10:45am, Y3 will be leading a Harvest Festival in Church. Please feel free to join us for this celebration.

We will be supporting USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) with their missionary work. We will send all donation envelopes to USPG on Friday 20th October. Please check their website out for further details <http://www.uspg.org.uk>.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Please join us in supporting the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal. You can support this worthy cause by making a shoe box gift, bringing in spare shoe boxes or Christmas paper, or simply donating £2.50 towards the cost of transport.



PARENT/CARER EVENING

You should have now received a letter inviting you to attend a Parent/Carer meeting with your child's class teacher. Please make every effort to attend to discuss how your child is settling in to his/her new year group.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We all know how excited children are about their birthdays and how much they want to share the celebrations with classmates. However, if you choose to send in treats to celebrate your child's birthday, we would ask that pupils take them home for consumption. We suggest no more than a small packet of soft sweets, or something comparable.



It must be remembered that some children in SMA have allergies/medical conditions/religious/ethical beliefs and certain foods might be difficult for everyone to have. This is taken from page 7 of the Food & Nutrition Policy on our Website.

SAFETY

- Please remind your child(ren) that they **MUST NOT** enter the **CAR PARK** at any time. Children must only walk on the paths and use the zebra crossing if necessary.
- Pupils must not play on the **Y1 CASTLE CLIMBER** before and after school, unless they are supervised by a parent or carer. The castle is not supervised by a member of our staff during these times.
- If you are parking your car to drop off or pick up your child, please park responsibly.
- If your child has to cross the road, please encourage them to always use the crossing. If you cross your children over the road, please use the crossing also - children will copy our actions.
- Apart from Guide Dogs, no dogs are allowed on the school premises, this includes dogs that are carried.
- Packed lunches - please do not provide grapes for your child's packed lunch. For more information, please refer to the Food & Nutrition Policy on our website.
- All bikes must be padlocked in the bike shelter and please, do not bring scooters onto the school premises as they pose a health and safety issue.

APPOINTMENTS WITH CLASS TEACHERS

If you wish to discuss an issue concerning your child, please see the class teacher at the end of the day in the first instance. This is usually the quickest way to resolve issues.

If you feel dissatisfied with the outcome of the discussion with the class teacher, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with the Phase Leader. If the issue cannot be resolved in this way, the Phase Leader will refer the matter on to the Senior Leadership Team.

Phase Leaders:

EYFS Phase Leader	Miss Emerson
Y1/2 Phase Leader	Mrs Hargreaves
Y3/4 Phase Leader	Miss McNulty
5/6 Phase Leader	Miss Howard

Senior Leadership Team:

School Business Manager	Miss V Whitfield
Pastoral Assistant Headteacher	Miss H Cragg
Curriculum Assistant Headteacher	Miss R King
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs W Jones Ward (Mrs Jones)
Headteacher	Mrs Lesley Hughes

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I would like to reassure our parents that I will not tolerate abusive or threatening behaviour/conduct towards staff, children, parents or on the yard generally. Sadly, a **very small minority** of parents do not conduct themselves appropriately. I appreciate that witnessing poor parental conduct must be very upsetting for our parents, pupils and staff.

Should poor parental conduct persist, or where it is severe in the first instance, I will have no other option than to bar the parent/carer from the premises and inform the police.

Once again, I draw your attention to the "Parent Code of Conduct" which can be located on our website and has been adopted by the Board of Governors and will be strictly adhered to.

In working together, our pupils will thrive in a supportive partnership between home and school. I very much appreciate the support of the overwhelming majority of our parents. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

On Tuesday 19th September, the children took part in their first cross country race at Wavertree Park. The children competed very well. Our highest placed finisher in the boys' race was Dylan who came 56th and the highest placed girl was Ellie who finished in 16th place. Well done!

On Wednesday 20th September, our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl were invited to attend a special open training session at Melwood LFC training ground.

"We all had to get special passes before we were allowed in. We were very excited as the manager, Jurgen Klopp, and all his players from the squad came out to meet us, it was amazing! They all took time to speak to us, sign autographs and pose for photographs. We were allowed to watch the special open team training session.

We had a fantastic time at Melwood and we will never forget meeting our football heroes! Thank you to Forbes, LFC and Mr Anderson for taking us."



UNIFORM

Please note that all pupils should wear **black shoes** for all lesson times. Should a pupil attend school wearing trainers or other unacceptable footwear, we will ask them to wear pair of spare black school pumps for the day and we will then return the original footwear to the pupil at the end of the day. This will ensure that all pupils are dressed uniformly and avoids the pupil becoming distressed if they are not wearing full uniform.

Bobbles and other hair accessories should be discreet and in school colours only. School colours are black, white, green, yellow, grey or red. We have a spare stock of school colour bobbles for pupils who do not wear the correct colour or who wear accessories that are so large, they are unable to concentrate. Again, we will pass the original accessories to the pupil at the end of the school day.

In any case where a pupil is asked to change shoes or hair accessories, we will do so in a way that does not upset him/her as we completely understand that there may be many reasons for the full uniform not being worn.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are experiencing difficulties in providing full school uniform for whatever reason. We are more than happy to help.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Proofs will be collected on Thursday 12th October at 9:00am. The children who were absent will be photographed on Tuesday 31st October.

Thank you for your continued support,

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