School News

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This newsletter contains:

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What's New

Welcome back to Autumn term part 2. Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Service at St Lawrence's Church on the last day of term. It was such a fabulous atmosphere having the Church full and to meet our new Vicar, Rev Duncan Hutchinson. We were all so incredibly proud of our children who stood up in front of everyone and completed their lines, not to mention the beautiful singing – well done Kingfishers.

Summer is well and truly behind us, so please can I ask that all children come equipped for playing outside at break times, this means bringing a coat with their name clearly written inside. As much as we try to encourage the children to wear their coats, they inevitably get warm when running around and discard their coat – I mean, carefully place it down somewhere they will remember – until a member of staff encourages them to put it back on. Having coats named increases the chances of reuniting each coat to the correct owner – thank you.

SCHOOL PING – our contract with School Ping is about to come to an end. All administrative communication will be sent out via Arbor and class photos and updates will be via class dojo. I will send out more information with Class Dojo sign up details in the near future.

School Office - Please be aware that the school office is currently covered until 11.30am. Any emails received after 11.30am will be actioned the next day. I will be checking the voicemail answerphone messages in the afternoon so please do leave a voicemail message for any changes to pick up arrangements.

Young Voices – We have changed our date to Tuesday 5th January 2027. This will allow us to share a coach with Coaley Primary making the cost more affordable for both schools. We aim to have the coach booked by the end of this week. Please note that parents are responsible for booking your own tickets for the concert, this can be done via your YV parent account. Over 75% of tickets have now sold for this date – don't miss out.

Beauty and the Beast – We are very much looking forward to hosting a theatre performance of Beauty and the Beast at school on Monday 9th November. Thank you again to our FoLS for their generous contribution which massively reduced the cost and our school council for organizing the cake and toy sale which reduced the cost even further.

Curriculum Focus – Messy Church. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, I aim to provide you with more in-depth information on various parts of our curriculum and school life, in each newsletter. Every day we come together for Collective Worship in our school hall. Mondays we have a Bible focus, where we listen to an extract from the Bible and reflect on the message we can apply to our own life. Tuesdays – Choral Worship where the children learn and rehearse songs to be enjoyed and performed at various events. Wednesdays and Thursday are our Messy Church days. **Messy Church** gives children the opportunity to explore our Christian values through creative, practical activities and shared reflection. It helps them understand how values such as compassion, harmony, belief, joy and respect can be lived out in everyday life. Through these experiences, children learn to recognise God in the world around them and are encouraged to play an active role in helping others, making a positive difference within our school and wider community. Some of the examples from last term include respecting each other by being supportive and offering encouragement when things go wrong – this was through a game of passing ping pong balls. The children reflected on how we can respect our planet by preventing pollution that ends up in the sea. The children thoroughly enjoy the practical and creative nature of Messy Church and recognise the ways they can live and breathe our values in their daily life. Fridays we celebrate how our children have demonstrated our values around school.

Reception 2027 Tours

We will be conducting tours of the school for parents who have children due to start school in September 2027. If you have a younger child due to register for school, or know of any family members or others in the community, please encourage them to get in touch with Fiona in the school office to book a tour of the school. Tours are available on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, but if you need a different time to suit your schedule, please do ask.

Dates	Event
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 4th Nov	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Monday 9th Nov	Pantomime visitors to school – **Beauty and the Beast**
Monday 9th Nov	Young Voices
Tuesday 10th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 16th Nov	Young Voices
Tuesday 17th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 23rd Nov	Young Voices
Tuesday 24th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 30th Nov	Young Voices – Last one
Tuesday 1st Dec	Sports Club – Last one
Thursday 3rd Dec	Open morning for parents 8.45am – 9.15am
W/C 7th Dec	**NO CLUBS**
Wednesday 9th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th Dec	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 10th Dec	Christingle Service – St Lawrence Church
Tuesday 15th Dec	Robin's Nativity Performance
Thursday 17th Dec	FoLS Christmas Fete
Friday 18th Dec	End of Autumn term 2 – **No ASC**
Tuesday 5th Jan	Term starts back – **YOUNG VOICES CONCERT**