Friday Newsletter



Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Washington Community Food Project

As we approach the time where Harvest Festival is celebrated in school, we will once again be showing our support to Washington Community Food Project. Any support we can give will be hugely appreciated, but the items they are most in need of include tinned potatoes, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, and jars of pasta and curry sauce. Toiletries are also in high demand (however not sanitary products as they currently have an abundance of those). We will be collecting donations throughout next week. There will be collection boxes on each door as well as one in the main reception. We are hoping that our year 6 children can then hand deliver our donations to the foodbank at the end of the week. Thank you in advance for your support.

Football

Our mixed team were outstanding last night! The first game ended in a 0-0 result; they were close to scoring so many times, but lost the second game. Miss Young said there was excellent performance and excellent team work from all players.

The team voted Max Nelson as team player. Great work Max!

Well done to our girls' team who played their first match on Tuesday. The girls tried really hard, but were unable to get a win; however, there were two fantastic goals from Frankie Hills and Isla Holmes. Well done Frankie and Isla!

Player of the match goes to Jessica Watkin for her outstanding performance as goal keeper, which was commented on by team managers from other schools. Excellent job Jessica!

National Poetry Day

Thursday was 'National Poetry Day,' and Reception enjoyed the poem, 'Take a Deep Breath'. We talked about places, people and things which make us feel happy. We had lots of good ideas about the things which make us feel good, like going to the park, having sleepovers at Nanna's house or a lovely cuddle from Mummy!

Year 6 Visit to Sunderland Museum

Year 6 are really looking forward to their visit to Sunderland Museum next Tuesday. They will be learning more about Sunderland's shipbuilding heritage as part of their local study in history. We hope they have a great day!

School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming to SVPS next Tuesday, 11th October.

Oak Learning Trust School Improvements

As part of the Trust school improvements, we now have a new PPA room, a new staffroom kitchen (just waiting for some new furniture) and a brand-new sensory room. The last few snags in the sensory room were finished yesterday and it is now up and running.





Parent and Carer Information Meetings

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our EYFS, year 1 and year 6 parent and carer information meetings this week – we hope you found them useful.

Mental Health Day

A reminder that on Tuesday 10th October, we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day in school. The children are invited to dress in yellow or their favourite colour.



Special Mentions!

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Greyson Clifford and Nate Meek
Laurie Parnell and Will Hunter
Harper-Leigh Morley and Maksym Yeshchenko
Jude Meek and Jay Bianchi
Isla Holmes and Effie Jones
Tarryn Pooley and Sebastian Walecki





Head Teachers Awards

This week's Head Teacher awards go to Alfie Armstrong for his excellent behaviour in class and Harrison Scott for his hard work in English lessons.

Great work Alfie and Harrison!



Lunchtime Awards



This week's lunchtime awards go to Myra Mlilo for being kind and sharing toys on the yard and Ellie Williams for her excellent manners!

Well done Myra and Ellie!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Parrish

Head Teacher

Autumn Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
06.10.23	Reception Parent Information Meeting	Reception
11.10.23	School Photographs	Whole School
16.10.23	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
18.10.23	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
23.10.23	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
30.10.23	School re-opens	Whole School
17.11.23	Children in Need Day	Whole School
21.11.23	Year 6 Residential Information Meeting	Year 6
05.12.23	Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm	Whole School
11.12.23	EYFS Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm	Nursery/Reception
12.12.23	Year 5/6 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm	Year 5 and 6
	performances	
13.12.23	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm	Year 3 and 4
	performances	
14.12.23	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm	Year 1 and 2
	performances	
15.12.23	Christmas Lunch	Whole School
15.12.23	EYFS Christmas Party	Nursery and
		Reception
18.12.23	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	Year 1 and 2
19.12.23	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
20.12.23	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
21.12.23	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School