

# Newsletter



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## **AUTUMN**

Autumn is well and truly here and our Reception children have enjoyed collecting the apples from the Orchard for cookery club to make apple crumble and apple pies! Mmm!

With the cooler weather now here just a reminder for children to wear warm, waterproof coats as we still enjoy outdoors as much as possible!

## **Sporting Events**

Year 6 took part in a Handball competition and came joint 1 st! A thoroughly deserved win!

Our Tag Rugby team came 4<sup>th</sup> in the league. They showed fantastic teamwork and perseverance.

Well done Year 6!

## **Buddies**

A huge thankyou to all our Year 5 and Year 6 buddies who do an amazing job leading and supervising playground activities. It's lovely to see all our children enjoying lunchtimes together.

## **School Council**

Our school councillors were voted in by each class and have now started their weekly meetings. It is always a pleasure to see the work our school council do. Last year they contributed towards the design of our new library and our Park and Stride scheme.

## **Park and Stride**

Just a reminder that parents/carers can use Elm Road Club and the carpark behind Nellies Nursery to park and then walk the rest of the way. Children receive badges for walking to school though the 'Walk to School' scheme.

## **Black History Month**

October is Black History month in the UK and in school we are focussing on influential black Britons and celebrating their contributions made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse country we have today. As a school we are ensuring our curriculum teaches diversity and shows representation for all.

## **Shildon Alive Shop**

The Year 6 pupils will be running the Shildon Alive stall every Thursday at hometime on the school yard.

The stall has a range of rescued foods, fruit and veg, bread, tinned goods etc. Donations and contributions collected are used towards the Year 6 residential in the Summer term.

## **Parent's Evening**

Our parent's evening will be online week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> October, Monday and Wednesday. Details to be sent out next week.

## **SeeSaw/Emails/Homework**

We are discontinuing the use of SeeSaw this year, so please contact school via the main office/email or teacher emails. Spellings/maths facts and vocabulary words will now be emailed to parents/carers every Wednesday instead of uploading to SeeSaw.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct  
Close – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022

Yr 5 Forest School  
Yr 4 Parents Assembly  
Parents Evening - Online  
Yr 4 Forest School  
Parents Evening – Online  
Yr 3 Parents Assembly

### **Autumn half term**

#### **Autumn 2 term**

Open Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Close Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Yr 1 Forest School  
Influenza Immunisation team in school  
Reception Forest School  
Yr 2 Parents Assembly  
Anti-Bullying week  
School Photographs  
Yr 3 Forest School  
Yr 1 Parents Assembly  
Nursery Christmas Songs  
Christmas concert (Yr1-Yr5)  
Reception Nativity and Year 6 – St Johns Church

### **Christmas**

#### **Spring 1 term**

Open Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### **Spring half term**

#### **Spring 2**

Open Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Close Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

### **Easter**

#### **Summer 1**

Open Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Close Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Staff Training Day– Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Open Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023  
Close Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### **Summer 2**

Open Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Close Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Reopen Academic Year 2023-2024 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023