

# Newsletter

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## Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival collection is for Shildon Alive. Any donations would be appreciated and have to be in school for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Shildon Alive have particularly asked for:-

- Pasta Pasta sauces
- UHT milk Teabags Coffee
- Microwave Rice Tinned spaghetti
- Noodles Soup
- Tinned meats Stewing steak
- Stock cubes Tins of tuna
- Tins of baked beans Tins of fruit
- Sugar Packets of biscuits
- Plus any other dried or UHT foods you can think of...



## Christmas Gifts for residents in local care home.

This Christmas we are collecting Christmas presents to give out to residents at local care homes in partnership with Shildon Police. We are asking for any donations (any suitable gifts) to be brought to school for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## Parent/Governor Elections

Our successful Parent Governor is Mrs Stephanie Meeks. Thankyou to all parents/carers who voted.

## Parking

We are trying our best to ensure we have safe parking outside of school for the safety of our children. We have purchased school signs to help remind everyone to be careful and considerate with parking. Just a reminder, parking is available at Elm Road Club and Nellies Nursery.

## Flu Nasal Vaccination

The nasal flu vaccinations will take place at school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. Please use the below link to complete either a consent form or a refusal for the vaccinations. A response for every child must be completed.

The link contains the consent form and additional information such as FAQs regarding the vaccination. The link will close on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**. <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/99a993bb>

## Disco

Our Halloween discos are the last week of term.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 6-7.30pm.

Year 3 – 6 – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 6-7.30pm.

Further information to follow.

## Parents Evening

Our Autumn parent's evening are an ideal way to find out how your child is doing. Information has been sent out earlier in the week for appointments on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Oct and Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.

## Curriculum

Our Website has lots of information about the curriculum, including PHSE (Personal, Health, Social and Economic) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education). All information can be found in Curriculum and class pages.

## Important Dates

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| Tuesday 17th Oct              | Year 5 Forest School – Forest school clothes to be worn for school and change of footwear                            |
| Friday 20th Oct               | 9.15-10 - Y3 assembly  |
| Monday 23rd Oct               | Year R & KS1 Halloween Disco 6-7.30pm  |
| Tuesday 24th Oct              | Parent's Evening Online<br>Year R Forest School – Forest school clothes to be worn for school and change of footwear |
| Wednesday 25th Oct            | 2-3pm Piece of Mind coffee afternoon – informal advice and info<br>KS2 Halloween Disco 6-7.30pm                      |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Parent's Evening Online  |

### **Break up – Friday 27th October Half term – Return Monday 6th November**

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| w/c 13th Nov      | All week – Anti-Bullying week Friday – Children In Need            |
| Tuesday 14th Nov  | Photos   |
| Friday 17th Nov   | 9.15-10 - Year 4 assembly  |
| Thursday 23rd Nov | Flu immunisations  |
| Friday 24th Nov   | 9.15-10 - Y2 assembly  |
| Friday 1st Dec    | 9.15-10 - Y1 assembly  |
| Tuesday 12th      | 2-3pm Year 1-6 Christmas Songs Concert                             |
| Thursday 14th Dec | 2-3pm Year 1-6 Christmas Songs Concert                             |
| Friday 15th Dec   | Date and time TBC with St John's Church Reception Nativity with Y6 |
| Tuesday 19th Dec  | Last day of term - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day       |

### **Break up for Christmas– Tuesday 19th December – Return Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

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| Monday 8th January | Y6 Residential / SATS meeting 5.30pm |
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### **Break up for February Half term Friday 16th February – Return Monday 26th February 2024**

### **Break up for Easter– Friday 29th March – Return Monday 15th April 2024**

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| Year 6 Easter School | 3rd-5th April & 8th-10th April |
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Year 5 Camping Experience 18th – 19th April

### **May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024**

Year 6 KS2 SATS children must attend school w/c 13th May 2024

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| Year 6 Residential | 22nd -24th May 2024 |
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### **Break up for May Half term - Friday 24th May – Return Monday 3rd June 2024**

### **Break up for Summer– Friday 19th July – Return Wednesday 4th September 2024**