

THE MESSENGER



6th October 2023

Issue No: 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome Archbishop Bernard to the school last Tuesday. The Archbishop celebrated Mass to officially open our new school. It was a wonderful day and the children, as always, behaved impeccably. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part through their responses, readings and heartfelt singing. They were able to talk to the Archbishop about our Patron Saint St. John the Evangelist and why he is an important Saint for us to follow.

The Archbishop took the time to speak to the children and bless each classroom. He also spoke to past pupils, who are now at St. Margaret Ward and Mrs McGough and Mrs Bailey about their input in our new prayer garden. He blessed the garden, the cross created by St Margaret Ward and the late Bishop McGough's crucifix that was donated to the school from the McGough family.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the school in the new building and to everyone who was able to support us on Tuesday. Please see a review by some of Year 6 children in this week's parish bulletin.



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A huge well done once again to Mrs McGough and Mrs Bailey and the children (including last year's Year 6) for their hard work and dedication in planting and growing over the last 12 months. The results are in for Newcastle in Bloom 2023 and St. John's are the overall winner Gold in the community projects school competition! We are absolutely delighted and very proud to be awarded this achievement once again. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our induction meetings at the beginning of term, we hope you found these useful. We are trialing a change on our parent/teacher meetings this term. The first individual meetings will take place after the end of the first term assessments so we can share an in-depth view of your child's progress and targets for the spring term. This will then be repeated for the summer term. However, if you have any current concerns, please arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher via the office.

Over the past three weeks a number of children have represented our school at 3 football tournaments. A huge thank you and well done to all the children who showed not only great skill but more importantly great sportsmanship. Well done children!

I would like to thank the PTFA and everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, we raised a fantastic amount £371.10

Over the next two weeks we are asking the children to bring in food items for the food bank. We will then hold a Harvest celebration in school on Thursday 19th October at 2.15pm. Please see the separate letter with the list of food items. Please donate, if you are able to, it would be lovely if we could create a wonderful display of harvest offerings.

Thank you for your support. I do wish you all a lovely weekend.
Mrs Rigby
Principal



Next Monday is the feast day of our collegiate patron saint,
St. John Henry Newman
The Newman Catholic Collegiate
Growing together for life
Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God



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Diary Dates / Notes



October

6h—Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
13th—Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
16th—Year 3—Pooles Cavern Trip
19th—Year 5 Trip to Etruria Industrial Museum
19th—Harvest celebration 2.15pm
20th- Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
25th—Spooky Disco (PTFA)
EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm
KS2—6.00-7.00pm

November

6th—Inset Day
8th—Year 2 Ford Green Hall trip
10th—Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Sunday 12th—Remembrance Day Parade
16th—Lichfield Cathedral Performance
17th—Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
22nd—Film Night
24th- Celebration Assembly 2.30pm

December

1st—Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
5th—EYFS/KS1 Santa Visit
6th—Year 1 Toys of the past trip
8th—Christmas Fair
15th—Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
22nd— Last day of school

**PE kits need to be brought into school every Monday
and left in lockers for the week, full uniform to be worn everyday.
Please ensure your child has the correct Uniform and PE kit.
Thank you.**

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2023

Half Term

Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November

Inset Day

Monday 6th November

(School closed to pupils)

School opens to all

Tuesday 7th November

Last day of school

Friday 22nd December

Spring Term 2023

Inset Day

Monday 8th January

(School closed to pupils)

School opens to all

Tuesday 9th January

Half Term

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT

Please notify the relevant office if your address/telephone/email has

September Attendance

Nursery	96.97%
Reception	85.28%
Year 1	94.74%
Year 2	98.18%
Year 3	91.10%
Year 4	96.86%
Year 5	96.55%
Year 6	95.80%

Well done Year 2!



Congratulations to our Year 6

Head Boy: Isaac Lancett
Head Girl: Chloe Whitehead

Deputy Head Boy: Harry Hickin
Deputy Head Girl: India Hurst

House Captains:
St Andrew's— Natasha Gregory
St David's—Scarlett Wright
St George's— Megan Bailey
St Patrick's—Kalina Kociolkowska
Vice House Captains:
St Andrew's— Jamie Roberts,
St David's— Charlie-Ann Clark
St George's—Harry Hickin
St Patrick's—Devon Gwilt

Sports Leaders: Chantelle Benez
Playground leaders : Chantelle Benez ,Charlie-Ann Clark, Jacob Guest, Lola Lock, Sienna MacDonald, Jamie Roberts,
Librarians: Danutra Navaneethan, India Hurst, Chloe Whitehead

CST (Environment)
Megan Bailey, Harry Hickin, Kalina Kociolkowska, Jamie Roberts, Chloe Whitehead

Computer Monitor (Prefect) : Chelsie Moulton, Daisy Howarth,
Deputy Computer Monitor: Blake Boland

Classroom Monitor (Prefect) :

PTFA Events

25th October Spooky Disco
EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm / KS2—6.00-7.00pm
22nd November Film Night
8th December Christmas Fair

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone that contributed to this event. We raised an amazing total
£371.00



**Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME**

Please be mindful of other road users, local residents and the safety of our children when parking around school. Please be reminded that no parking is allowed outside The Avenue **at any time**, unless displaying a blue badge. Gloucester Road—please do not block residents driveways or park on the zig zag lines.

Please do not send children into school with cough /throat sweets these are not allowed due to being a potential choking hazard.



Please share your positive views about our school on Parent View
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Thank you for your support.

Reminders to Parents



- ♦ **School Uniforms**—Our full uniform range is now available at Supersport, Tunstall (including Ties and book bags). Smart school, Tunstall stock the cardigans/jumpers and non branded items. The school office carries a limited stock of elastic ties, water bottles & book bags. Please order via Scopay.
- ♦ **School Dinners** -
Price per meal **£2.15** for Nursery.
Price per meal **£2.60** for years 3/4/5 & 6.
- ♦ **Breakfast Club** - Places must be pre-booked with Mrs Walklet Office@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk and paid for in advance via Scopay.
Breakfast Club per child; from 7.30am £5.00 or £20 for the whole week—**Children must be in by 8.30am**
Drop off at 8.30am cost £1.00
- ♦ **After school care club**—**Mon-Fri 3pm-5.45pm –Snack included. Staffed by Mrs Meadowcroft & Mrs Copeland**
- ♦ Places must be pre-booked and paid for with Mrs Walklet Office@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk
Care Club per child:
from 3.00pm to 4.30pm £5.00
from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £7.50
St Margaret Ward Siblings can be dropped off from 8.10am and picked up by 3.40pm no charge. Before or after this time charges above apply.
- ♦ We are a cashless school—all payments are to be made in advance via your child's Scopay account.
- ♦ **Late Arrivals / Early Leaving** - please bring/collect your child to/from the school office. It is important that your child attends school regularly and on time in order to ensure good academic achievement. Please ensure that where possible, medical appointments are arranged outside school hours.

Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident. Thank you for your support and cooperation

Would Parents and Carers please note that dinner money, careclub and afterschool clubs are payable in advance and should be paid online via your child's Scopay



Please note Dogs should not be brought onto school premises

School Hours: EYFS/KS1 Doors open at 8.35am need to be in by 8.40am

Nursery doors open 3.00pm Reception & KS1 Collection at 3.10pm

KS2 Doors open at 8.45am need to be in by 8.50am. Collection at 3.20pm

ABSENCEIF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST EITHER telephone school on 987200 (KS1)/ 367267 (KS2), or email office@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk by 9.30am

If you require this document in any other format please contact the office.