

Dear Parents,

We are very grateful that many of you found time this week to come and join us for the parent welcome meetings. We hope that you found it beneficial to meet the teachers in your child's new year group and that you found out a bit more about the routines and teaching that your child will encounter this year. The week before half term we will be hosting the first classroom parent drop-in sessions for this year. You are invited to come and join your child in class to share their learning experience alongside them. Dates for these are listed overleaf.

Thank you to those of you who came and joined Annie and Sue from OM Health and Wellbeing for their 'School Ready' parent workshop yesterday. We hope that some of the information shared was of interest and support to you. Today is the feast day of St Michael and the Archangels and a group of our Yr6 pupils are at Norwich Cathedral today representing our school at the Diocesan Schools Mass. This celebration of Mass includes pupils from all of the schools across the diocese marking the start of our new school year.



Year 1 Forest School

The children in Year 1 have been talking about harvest and changing seasons at Forest School this week. They looked at different types of grain that the farmers harvest and on Wednesday they made dough. The children used the dough to make different shape loaves and saw how the yeast made it rise. Then in the afternoon they cooked the bread on the fire.



Harvest Festival Reminder!

Our Harvest festival celebrations will take place next week on Friday 6th October. The children in EYs and KS1 will be celebrating Harvest at 9am and KS2 will be celebrating at 2:45pm. You are welcome to join us in school for these.

We will also be collecting dried and tinned produce again this year, which will be donated to a local foodbank. At a time of increasing levels of financial hardship, any contributions that you're able to provide, to enable us to make a generous donation to a local food bank would be gratefully appreciated. Please send in your donations of items to add to our whole school collection on Thursday or Friday next week.



Why not follow us on @StEds_ip33

Diary Dates

Fri 6th Oct Harvest Festival EY/KS1 9am and KS2 2:45pm
 Fri 13th Oct Friends fundraising event—Sweet stall in the playground at the end of the day

HALF TERM (Wk beg 23rd Oct)

Tue 31st Oct Closing date for secondary school application for Yr6 pupils
 Wed 1st Nov Whole School Mass—All Saints 9am (parents welcome)
 Thur 2nd Nov Individual School photos (for pupils in the main school)
 Wed 8th Nov Flu Immunisations
 Tue 14th Nov Individual School photos (for pupils in The Nest)

Meet our new Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)

We are pleased to be able to introduce you to our new team of Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs), Joao, Magnus, Amaara and Amelie. The team of Year 6 children are going to work alongside the Suffolk Road Safety team and Miss Findlay to promote road safety in our school. They will soon be meeting and starting to form ideas about their first project. Over the course of the year they will be leading assemblies, running competitions, maintaining an information board in school and generally helping us all to keep safe. Keep an eye out for them, they might even be spotted out on Westgate Street with a PCSO!



Upcoming Uniform sale

On Friday 13th October there will be a sale of good quality second hand uniform at the end of the school day. As the children will be wearing their winter uniforms following their return from October half term, this sale might provide you with a good opportunity to pick up some uniform items for only a couple of pounds. If you have any unwanted uniform at home that you would like to donate to the sale, please send this into the office on Monday 9th October.

Year group	Parent drop-in dates/times
Early Years	Tuesday 17th Oct at 9am
Year 1	Friday 20th Oct at 9am
Year 2	Thursday 19th Oct at 9am
Year 3	Monday 16th Oct at 2:45pm
Year 4	Monday 16th Oct at 9am
Year 5	Tuesday 17th Oct at 2:45pm
Year 6	Wednesday 18th Oct at 9am

Come and join your child in class for the first of our parent drop-in sessions this year.

Junior Eds Prayer Club

We are planning to get our Prayer Garden up and running this year as a space for the children to be able to sit in a quiet, calm area at break or lunch time and also facilitate some outdoor RE lessons.

We are very grateful to have received an incredibly generous donation of a statue of Mary from one of the families that attend the school.

As you can see its a beautiful statue and we are already making plans to make it waterproof so it can go in our garden. We are also looking for any donations of unwanted plant pots and stones/pebbles (around 8-10cm size) to create a prayer river. If you happen to have any lying around after a summer garden project we would gratefully take them off your hands! Thank you. From Junior Eds

