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PRIMARY ACADEMY

Back To School Newsletter

16th October 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

There has been lots of exciting learning happening in school over the last two weeks; reception have been making pumpkin soup in the school kitchen, year 2 have been planting seeds and watching their progress as they germinate and sprout into cress, year 5 have been making superb progress in their swimming lessons and year 6 have given ordinary 500ml plastic bottles a new lease of life by upcycling them into something new and useful!

Last week, Year 6 represented Wellington Eagles in the Inter-trust Football Tournament, which was a great day. It was lovely to see great sportsmanship from both of our Y6 teams and how they showed fantastic teamwork in taking turns to be subs and in goal. The girls came 5th in their category, and the boys came 1st in the boy's tournament. Overall we came 3rd, a fantastic achievement – well done!

The Halloween disco was fantastic! The DJ was fabulous and the children really enjoyed all of the dressing up available and playing the games. It was great to see so many children getting into the Halloween spirit with their own costumes and make-up. Thank you so much to all of the parents and staff who stayed to support with the disco, we really appreciate your support in helping these brilliant events go ahead.

We are very excited to welcome Miss Picket to our TA team. Miss Pickett will already be familiar to the children as she currently works with us as an MDSA, as a result, she already knows our children really well. After half-term she will begin her new role as a TA, supporting in KS2.

We hope you all have an enjoyable half-term and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November.

Team Eagles

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Executive Head

As we reach the end of term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to meet so many parents and carers on the gates each day. These conversations are invaluable and help us to strengthen the partnership between home and school that is so important for our children's success.

One of the many benefits of being part of Ascend Learning Trust is the additional support we receive from our central team. You may have noticed several extra colleagues working alongside us this term. Whenever possible, I encourage them to spend time with the children at breaktimes and lunchtimes, helping to enrich play opportunities and build positive relationships. A fantastic example of this has been the introduction of the Play Pod, which has quickly become a popular part of our lunchtime offer. The creativity, imagination and teamwork the children demonstrate using everyday scrap materials is wonderful to see. We have organised a Stay and Play session for November 4th at 2.45. Kate from Play Pod will be there to explain how the Pod works and your children can then join you after school to show you their amazing inventions and imaginative play first-hand. We encourage you to come, see and join in.

We are really pleased that wrap around care is coming on site from November. The children will be able to access our lovely grounds including the Play Pod when the weather allows. I appreciate that the current arrangement has been tricky for parents, and we hope the changes allow us to offer this provision to more of our families.

Thank you also for bringing your questions, concerns and feedback directly to us. We genuinely value open communication with parents and carers and believe that working together helps us achieve the very best for every child. Our next Family Forum will take place from 9:00-10:00am on Tuesday 3 November, and we hope to see many of you there.

I have shared with the children this term how passionate I am about reading. I spend much of my spare time reading children's books and exploring new authors. I am therefore particularly excited to share that we have booked several authors to visit school next term, helping to inspire a love of reading and writing across the school.

Thank you once again for your support this term. I wish you and your families a happy, restful break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

With Warmth
Hilary MacMeekin
Executive Headteacher

Information

School Certificate Winners:
Jayden, Eumy, Noah H, Lilymae, Jordan P, Tilly, Noah E, Lily M, Poppy, Seve, Ariana, Harvey, Leyland

Family Forum:
Our Family Forum events take place each half-term and they are a chance for the school leadership team to be able to chat with our families, working together to continue to build our community. We would love for you to join us for the next Family Forum on **Tuesday 3rd November, from 9am to 10am**, where refreshments will also be provided.

TT Rockstars / Numbots:
We have been having some issues with certificates not coming through that children have earnt on TT Rockstars / Numbots. If you are using the app, please can you check that you have the latest version downloaded as this seems to fix the problem. Please contact Mrs Fagan via the office if you continue to have issues with the platform and she will endeavor to help.

Message from Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England:
The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences, and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:
https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

Every school has a different community, and every child has a different experience. That is why it is so important that the picture we build reflects children from **every part of England, including your pupils**.

I would be very grateful for your support in giving them the chance to be heard.

Dates: -
19th - 30th October - Half-Term
Tuesday 3rd November - Family Forum, 9:00 - 10:00
Thursday 5th November - Bonfire Lunch (please book via ParentPay)
Friday 13th November - Children in Need
Monday 16th November - Reception Class Assembly, 8:50 - 9:10
Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January - Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January - INSET Day
Monday 18th January - Year 6 Class Assembly, 8:50 - 9:10
Friday 5th February - Number Day!

Reminders

Mobile phones – following recent government guidance, if children bring a mobile phone or smart watch into school, it must be signed into the office first thing in the morning, before they enter the school building and will be kept in a secure lockbox until it is collected at the end of the day.

Birthdays – we ask parents not to send in sweets or treats to celebrate their child's birthday. We appreciate the lovely sentiment behind this idea, but we have multiple children with a range of food intolerances and allergies. We are also mindful of the financial pressure this puts on parents.

School drop off – we ask that if you drop your child off, you park considerably by using one of the marked bays in the carpark. The school gate opens at 08:30 and the bell rings at 08:40. Any child arriving after 08:40 will be asked to go through reception.

Uniform – a reminder that school uniform can be ordered through Happy Fish www.happyfish.co.uk





Black school shoes NOT trainers (unless there is an evidenced medical condition)
Black/grey socks
Hoodies may only be worn on PE days when the children come dressed ready for PE.
Please ensure that your child has trainers for PE
A small pair of stud earrings only should be worn and will need to be removed or taped for PE.

All uniform should be clearly labelled.

Break-time snacks – we are a 'Healthy School' and have children who attend with some severe nut allergies. We therefore request that break-time snacks need to be healthy e.g. fruit, yoghurt, and also that they do not contain nuts. Break and lunchtime foods should not be any sweets or contain any chocolate. Thank you.