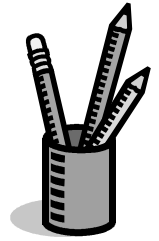




# Newsletter

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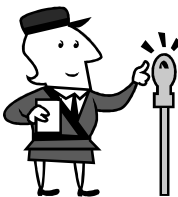
Welcome back! It certainly doesn't seem like five weeks since we last saw everyone but here we are back again and raring to go; a special welcome to all of our new pupils and parents. We have already had two productive days this week, with staff training on Tuesday beginning our revision of the curriculum using the Creative Learning Journey (more details to follow.) You will all be receiving letters from your child's teacher detailing requirements and project details for this term and Mrs Brierley and I would like to thank the teaching staff for their hard work over the holidays, preparing for new classes and getting the rooms ready. Thank you also for the support of many of the Teaching Assistants who gave up holiday time to help to get the school ready. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces yesterday, even with this awful weather and the teachers all report settled children, full of energy and enthusiasm.

This first newsletter includes a reminder of the timetable for extra-curricular activities and details of the dates for this term.

## Extra-curricular clubs

	During the day	Lunchtime	After School
<b>Monday</b>		Multi-sports (Y3/4) School Council	Choir (Y5/6)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Guitar	German (Y6) (starting after Christmas) Football (Squad only)	Hockey (Y6) Lacrosse (Y6) Netball (Y5) Performing Arts (Y3/4) Art Club (Y3 – 6)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Violin	Football (Y3/4) Computer Club (Y6)	Performing Arts (Y5/6) Art Club (Y3 – 6)
<b>Thursday</b>	Brass	Big Club (Y6)	Netball (Y6) Football (Y5/6) Choir (Y3/4) Tri-Golf (Y2)
<b>Friday</b>	'Cello	Chess (Y6) Girls' Football (Y3 – 6)	Running Club (Y4 – 6) Badminton (Y6)

Travelling to School – you may have noticed that the promised Crossing Officer was not in place this morning. This is because of administrative problems at Trafford and the situation will be rectified as soon as possible. I have also requested that the hedges are cut back on Grange Road and that the passage way from York Drive is cleared of nettles.



Please ensure that you follow the guidelines for parking:

- Please park outside the school area with consideration for our neighbours. We have already had a complaint about someone's drive being blocked on York Road. This causes great problems for us and lots of time has to be spent sorting it out.
- Car drivers should not park in the school grounds at all, unless before 8 am or after 5pm when dropping off or collecting children from School's Out. For new parents – please drop children off by the white line, this should be a stop of only a few seconds. The Drop-Off Zone is for people who need to briefly get out of the car, to get a bag out of the boot etc. The outside lane should be kept clear for traffic moving through and should not be used for dropping off.
- Disabled spaces are to be used only by those authorised to do so.

Lunchtime staff – we are again looking for lunchtime supervisors and if anyone feels that this would suit them (free lovely school dinner included), please contact the office.

## Autumn Term Dates

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00am	Y3P Swimming begins
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	AGSG / AGSB Entrance Exam
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	4.15pm	Year 7 Club
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	7.30pm	PTA AGM
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	7.00pm	Reception Parents Open Evening
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	12.00pm	PTA Ladies' Lunch
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm	Kingswood Meeting
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	7.00pm	Governors Meeting
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October		Portrait Photographs
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October		Sale Grammar School Entrance Exam
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> /Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> October		Junior Parents Evenings
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> / Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> October		Infant/Reception Parents Evenings
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Harvest Festival (Rec/Y1) <i>School</i>
	2.00pm	Harvest Festival (Y2-6) <i>Church</i>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October		Y5 to Kingswood (until Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		School Closes (Own Clothes Day)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November		School Re-Opens after holiday
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	4.15pm	Year 7 Club
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm	Year 1 & 2 Nativity (Siblings)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm	Year 1 & 2 Nativity (No Siblings)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Year 1 & 2 Nativity (No Siblings)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm	Junior Carol Service
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	School Closes (Own Clothes)
Christmas Party dates to follow		

PTA Dates - Tue 22nd Sept PTA AGM 7.30pm in the hall - all welcome

Fri 25th Sept @ 12-2.45pm – Ladies' Lunch at San Rocco, Hale. Tickets £16 - on sale next week via the PTA box/playground - more info will be sent out on Monday.

Come and kick off the new school year at the "Yummy Mummies' Midday Magic" - lunch, shopping, table magician and raffle!

### Sad News

Some of you may have read the newspaper reports about a local 15 year old boy who tragically and suddenly died on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Robert Anderson was a former pupil at this school and we have all been devastated to hear of his death. I am sure that you will join with us in offering your prayers and support to the family; Roger, Johanna and Louise. Several staff attended the funeral, which celebrated what a special and loved person he was. As is usual with our pupils, they remain close and most of his Y6 class were in church wearing their leavers' T-shirts, together with many of their parents and classmates of his sister Louise. Although this was heart-rending, I know that the family were comforted by their support.

Good results – the teachers always like to check the local paper to see how past pupils have done in their GCSE and A levels and we are pleased to report that they seem to have done extremely well. Congratulations to everyone, you continue to make us very proud.

Future Wimbledon star? – Congratulations to Laura Jackson in Y6, who recently won the Cheshire County Tennis Championship Finals – an outstanding achievement. She also won the Bowdon LTC tournament in her age group for the second year running. A very modest champion, Laura fits in her practice around school and other sports. Well done Laura ☺

