



16th September 2016

Welcome back!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are now back in the swing of the school routines. We have had a great start to the year: the children have all returned looking smart and ready to learn.

Our teaching team started with training at Our Lady of Pity the week before we started back and are now developing the Singapore Maths approach through KS1 and KS2. It came as no surprise to me that the headteacher at Our Lady of Pity described our team as **'impressive'**.

Ask your child about Singapore Maths and look out for more information from Mr Mervyn who will be leading this development.

We are looking forwards to another year of working together to support your child to make the best possible progress. We really appreciate support from home so please help us to help your child by making sure your child attends well (more than 95% attendance), reads regularly at home (Strive for 5) and tries any homework they have been given.

Look out for news about the autumn parents' meeting date which we will be setting soon.

Farm to Fork

Year 3 will be visiting the Tesco store in Bidston on Tuesday 20th and some Year 4 on Wednesday 21st September leaving school at 9.15am returning 11.30am. Please ensure permission slips are returned to school ASAP.

Year 5 / 6 Trip to Colomendy

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will have the amazing opportunity to go on an extended visit to Colomendy an outward bound activity centre in North Wales. A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st September at 3.30pm. Deposits and permission letters need to be returned to school no later than 29th September.

Special Points of Interest

- School Meals
- Farm to Fork
- McMillan Coffee Morning
- Colomendy

Dates for your diary

Wed 21st Sept

Parents meeting
Y5/6 Colomendy Visit

Y3—Tues 20th Sept

Y4—Wed 21st Sept
Healthy Eating Trail at
Tesco Bidston

Tues 27th Sept

9am—12noon

McMillan
Coffee Morning

Tuesday 27th Sept

After school
Takeaway for a change

5th October 2016

School Census Day

School Meal Charges

As from 1st September 2016 the cost of a school meal will increase

to £2.25 per day :

Per week = £11.25

First 1/2 term = £74.25 (up to 21st Oct)

Second 1/2 term = £90.00 (up to 23rd Dec)

Taster Day 5th October

Pizza and carrot cake will be served to all children in F2 and KS1 so that they can have a taste of our delicious school dinners.

IMPORTANT eSAFETY INFORMATION

The following information was brought to my attention by another headteacher. One of their Y6 pupils had received inappropriate and unwanted messages and requests for video and face to face meet-ups via the App musical.ly. This was reported to the police.

Musical.ly is a popular App that is described:

‘Musical.ly makes it easy and fun to create amazing videos and impress your friends. Simply select a sound and start lip synching. Anyone can be an awesome singer with musical.ly’

As you can see from this, it sounds innocent. However, the app allows messaging and the sending of video and this is how it came to cause problem.

Please take care of your child’s online safety by checking out what apps they use, which site they visit and setting your parental controls.

If you would like any advice, please pop in to school. We will be running an eSafety coffee morning in the near future. Look out for dates.

McMillan Coffee Morning

You are invited to our Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 27th September 9am – 12noon** in the family room—entrance via side of reception

Takeaway for a Change

All parents and carers are invited to an after school event on Tuesday 27th September where you can partake in trying tasty, healthier takeaway food. Every family in the school will receive £15 worth of free vouchers for use in local fast food establishments.