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NEWSLETTER: Friday 8th September 2023



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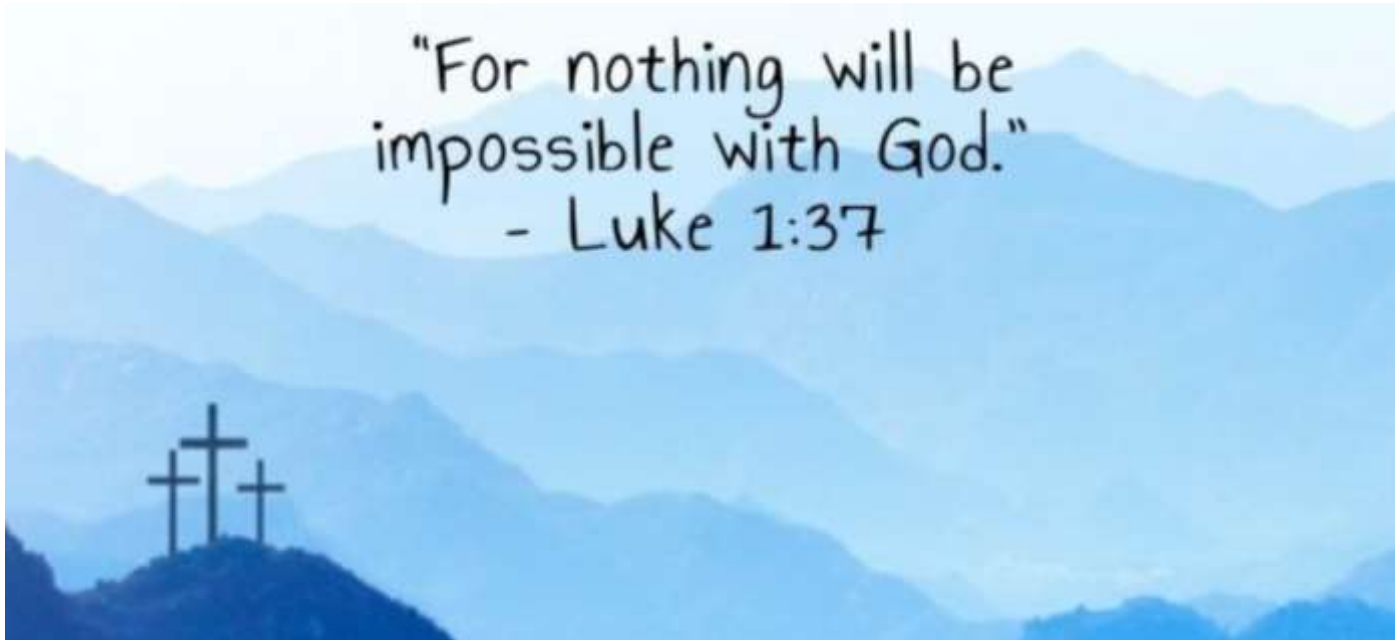
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Thought for the Week:

Please chat through at home with your child(ren) the school's Thought for the Week which on Monday will be:

I can say one good thing about myself.



Phonics Parents Meeting in School

This is next Thursday – 14th September – in school! For all Reception parents, parents new to our school in Year 1 and Year 2, and parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children who need a refresher on how to help your child learn phonics. There are 2 sessions to choose from: 3.15pm and 6.00pm (You don't need to come to both!). Thank you.

Roll of Honour

Awards for Nursery, Reception and 3O have been presented in class;

Nursery - Star of the week is Arure S for a wonderful descriptive painting of herself and her family.

Rec 1 - All of Reception 1 class are stars of the week for a wonderful first week in school! You have made your teachers very proud!

Rec 2 – Star of the week is Heidi S for a great first week and exploring lots of new areas and making new friends in her first week!

1O - Star of the week - Lucy J for an amazing start in year 1, for trying her best and following our school rules at all times.

1A -Star of the week is Bobby L for a fantastic start to Y1. Following the rules, trying his best with work and being kind to his friends.

2O – Star of the week is Carter RD for improving his presentation each day!

2A – Star of the week is Charlie D for making a wonderfully positive start to year 2.

3O - All of 3O are stars of the week for having a brilliant first week and settling in really well!

3A – Star of the week is Huzaifah R for settling into Y3 beautifully and impressing me with his work!

4O – Star of the week is Willow-Rose W for an excellent start to year 4 and for trying really hard with her column addition!

4A - Star of the week is Jonathan B for using some fabulous vocabulary and adjectives in his seaside poem. Well done!

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5O – Star of the week goes to Greyson R for beginning year 5 with an excellent attitude and contribution to class!
5A – Star of the week is Sophia B for always being ready to learn and for excellent listening skills.

6O – Star of the week is Emilia C for consistent and intelligent contributions in class...

6A - Star of the week - Kai S for his positive attitude to the start of Year 6, for completing tasks efficiently and independently!

Reading Award - Harley M (6A)

Deputy Award – Lucious A (6O) – for embodying the school mission statement of Love, Faith and Hope.

Headteacher Award - Aiden R (6O) for repeatedly making the right choice!

The 'Top Gate'

We are able to open our 'Top Gate' which is near the Tansy Car Park – this will provide a way for some families to get onto the school grounds more quickly. It also expands the ease for parking as an additional area will now be available within a few minutes' walk. Please park a little distance from the school if you can, and walk the short distance. This will achieve 2 things:

- 1) That children will be safer as traffic, being more spread out, will provide less difficulties in young children negotiating the roads and footpaths.
- 2) The further away from school that you are parked, the less busy it will be and therefore the easier it will be to drive off once you have returned to your car.

PE Days for September to February Half Term

Monday – Year 1 and 2.

Tuesday – Year 3, 4, 5, 6

Wednesday – Reception, Year 1, Year 2

Thursday – Year 3 and 4

Friday – Year 5 and 6.

Please can children come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit.

The PE kit is:
White t-shirt (*The school polo shirt can be worn or a 'round neck' white t-shirt*)
Blue shorts
Black slip on pumps for indoor lessons
Black pumps or trainers for outdoor lessons
Black tracksuit bottoms for (winter) outdoor lessons
School jumper for outdoor lessons (over the top of the t-shirt)

Sometimes children turn up in a kit for PE that includes branded (e.g. Nike, Adidas, Puma, etc) t-shirts and tops, hoodies, football shirts, and so on, often without their parents' knowledge.

When it is your child's PE day, please ensure that they come to school in the correct PE kit. If your child is unable to wear the correct kit, please send them with a letter so that we know that you are aware they are wearing something different. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Please Ensure Your Emergency Contact Details Are Correct

If any of your contact details or email addresses have changed over the summer, please remember to contact the office with any new information so that we can update your records.

ParentPay

If you have not already activated your ParentPay account, please activate it as soon as possible to enable you to pay for school dinners, trips, toast, music lessons etc. Please remember that we will no longer be taking cash for these payment items but will support you with any ParentPay issues. If you have mislaid your ParentPay activation letter, please contact the office.

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First Holy Communion – Year 3 Children

St Osmund's Church have provided the dates for all children who wish to receive their First Holy Communion in June. If you wish to enrol your child on the First Holy Communion Programme, please click on the link which was emailed and also sent by text yesterday. If you wish to contact the parish, the number is 01204 522770 and the email address is dermot.heakin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
 If you missed the link, please email the school office and we can send it to you.

EVENT	VENUE	DATE & TIME
First Parents' Meeting	Church	Wednesday, 20 September 2023, 5pm
Presentation	Church	Sunday, 24 September 2023, 11am
First Confessions	Church	Wednesday, 6 December 2023, 7pm
Sunday Liturgies	Church	24 September 2023 @ 11:00am 15 October 2023 @ 11:00am 5 November 2023 @ 11:00am 3 December 2023 @ 11:00am 14 January 2024 @ 11:00am 11 February 2024 @ 11:00am 17 March 2024 @ 11:00am 21 April 2024 @ 11:00am 19 May 2024 @ 11:00am
Second Parents' Meeting	Church	Wednesday, 15 May 2024, 6pm
First Holy Communion Rehearsal	Church	Friday, 7 June 2024, 10am
<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Saturday, 8 June 2024, 11am</i>

Jewellery

Jewellery, including earrings, should not be brought into school or be worn by the children on the grounds that it can be dangerous to self and others in many school activities, in particular playtimes and PE. Earrings should not be worn and children will be asked to remove them. The school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to personal property. If your child is thinking of having their ears pierced, please can this happen in the first week of the summer holidays. This way, you will have plenty of time to allow earrings to be worn over the summer so that the holes do not heal up. This will avoid your child and school placed in the awkward position of an individual being asked to remove their earrings which are stopping their newly pierced ears from healing up! Thank you for your support with this issue.

The Association for Physical Education state:

"Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings."

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Bags and Pencil Cases

Please note the email regarding bags below that was sent out just before the summer holiday in the wake of a Fire Risk Assessment which was carried out on our school.

Pupils will not need to bring pencil cases this year, all stationary is provided by school. Please only send children with a school reading folder (all year groups). Due to pegs being relocated, we do not have the space for any rucksacks.

Thank you.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

School Car Park

For the safety of our families and staff, the school car park is not to be used by parents. Thank you.

Parking

Please do not park on Falkirk Drive. Thank you for parking respectfully for our neighbours. Thank you.

Code of Conduct: Parents & Visitors

Thank you for:

Respecting the school's caring ethos.

Working with teachers for the benefit of children.

Always remaining calm and respectful.

Always resolving issues through school.

Always correcting your child's behaviour when you need to.

A more detailed version of the Code is on our school website.

SEPTEMBER CHANGES – Recap from our Summer Term Newsletters

The School Day

To give our children extra learning time, from September 2023 school, we will be opening 5 minutes earlier in September at the time of 8.45am. The doors will close at 8.55am when lessons will start, rather than 9.00am. School will still finish at 3.15pm and the children's lunchtime will remain 45 minutes.

Holidays in Term Time: Fines Issued

As a school, we only have the power in law to authorise absences in term time where circumstances are "exceptional." The definition of "exceptional" is unusual, or not typical.

The governors have taken the decision that all family holidays and other unauthorised absences that qualify in term time will be issued with a fixed penalty notice from September 2023. This penalty will be issued by Bolton Council and is currently £60 per pupil, per parent.

We would please ask that parents do not put school in the awkward position of having to unauthorise an absence such as a family holiday that will result in a fixed penalty being issued.

Children Late in the Morning

Unfortunately, we do seem to have a large number of late children in a morning and this has caused staffing issues and supervision issues. Further to this, we have had complaints from parents who have been trying to ring school just after 9am and are unable to speak to a member of the office staff; this is because the staff are busy receiving children who are late and taking them down to class. To try and resolve this issue and to ensure that the children are safe, the senior leadership of the school has looked at this problem and taken the decision to implement the following upon our return in September, when we have an earlier "close door" time of 8.55am:

If you arrive at school with your child(ren) after the doors close on the 8.55am bell, the trial procedure is:

- 1) Please take your child(ren) round to the office door.*
- 2) Please sign your child(ren) in, recording the time that they arrived.*
- 3) Please supervise your child(ren) until they are taken down in one trip by a member of the office staff which will be around 9.10am.*

I apologise in advance for any inconveniences that this causes, but look forward to your understanding, your patience and your co-operation. Many thanks.

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When Children Are Collected Late at Home time: From September

School finishes at 3.15pm. We give our staff around 10 minutes to release the children to their parents, child minders, etc.

Once the children are released, the children will be then brought together and supervised by a member of staff.

If you are running late, we ask that you phone ahead to school before 3.15pm.

- 1) When collecting your child once the classroom door is closed, please come to the office.*
- 2) We will then send a message to where the children are and there may be a short wait to bring your child up to you.*
- 3) You will be asked to sign a form to say that you have collected your child(ren).*

We will no longer be able to keep children near the office as they cannot be completely supervised. I apologise for any inconvenience that this wait may cause, but I am sure all parents will understand that the children need to be supervised by a member of staff to keep them safe.

For children who are collected persistently late, I am afraid that there will be a charge of £5 per half hour, which is reasonable. This is to pay staffing costs and is in line with some other schools.

For children whose persistent late collection becomes a concern, we are obliged to inform social services.

Likewise, we are obliged to inform social services if the duration of a single late pick-up incident exceeds 45 minutes.

Thank you for your understanding.

Triple P Parenting Program

Please see attached leaflet from Bolton Behaviour Support Service with information about their 'Triple P Parenting Program' which we hope may have some useful information for parents/carers.

**“If you can’?” said Jesus.
“Everything is possible for one who believes.”
Mark 9:23**