



## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023



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### Diary Dates

**10th October**

Individual school photographs

**11th October**

Autumn Full Governing Board

**18th October**

PTFA Meeting 7.30pm

**19th October**

Harvest Service

**20th October**

School closes for half term

**30th October**

School reopens after half term

**13th November**

Flu Vaccinations

Book Fair (all week)

**15th/16th November**

Parents' Evening

**30th November**

St Andrew's Day

**12th/13th December**

Nativity

**19th December**

Pantomime

**21st December**

Carol Service

**22nd December**

School closes for Christmas

Reopens 8th January

### PTFA

The PTFA will meet in school on Wednesday, 18th October at 7.00pm. The main focus for this meeting will be planning the Christmas Fair. We had a wonderful Fair last year that raised around £6000. This amazing amount went towards purchasing a set of 30 iPads that are used daily in school. It would be great to see as many people as possible at this meeting.

### Staffing

We now know that Miss Schofield (Reception) and Miss Smith (Year 2) will return to school after half term following their maternity leave. I wish to thank Mrs Mann and Mrs Howarth for their hard work over the last nine months. Mrs Howarth will stay with us and continue to work in Year 2 alongside Miss Smith.

### Spelling Shed

Over the coming weeks we will be introducing you to the latest of our curriculum developments. We have started using Spelling Shed as our main resource for teaching spelling. This will work alongside Literacy Shed that we use in our English lessons already. Teachers have started using spelling lists and lesson plans in their teaching. We are moving on to how they can set assignments for children to be able to work on and practise their spelling patterns for the week.

### Admissions for 2024

If you or anyone you know have a child due to start school in September 2024, there will be information on the council website about the application process. You can contact school to make an appointment to visit school during the autumn term. The closing date for primary school applications is January 2024 (date to be confirmed).

I have already met some lovely families who have been to have a look round.

Secondary school applications opened on the 1st September 2023. For children starting secondary school in 2024, the deadline to apply is the 31st October 2023.

### Buildings

The building work continues. The roof over the hall is nearly finished and then the contractors will move on to working on a couple of flat roofs and putting in a new window adjacent to the hall itself. Thanks again for your understanding.

### School Milk

Thank you to everyone who has registered with the new system for ordering school milk. If you haven't registered, need further information or help with this, please contact the school office.

### Diary Dates

The school diary is starting to fill up. You can see some of the dates already planned on the left. You will receive separate details about some of these— Parents' Evenings, church services etc.— nearer the time.