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Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

Good Luck to the Year 5 and 6 boys for their football match v Godley this afternoon.

Year 1 Class Mass



Thank you to the Year 1 children who led the readings, prayers and hymns at the whole school Mass on Tuesday morning. The theme of the Mass was creation and we listened to the story of creation from John's Gospel.

Unlike in previous years, the whole school will now attend the class Mass with a chosen year group leading the readings and prayers. Parents are welcome to join us for these Masses. It was lovely to have so many parents and grandparents joining us on Tuesday morning.

Father Isidore was also very keen to see the children at church and he invited them all to the weekend Masses at 6pm, Saturday at St Paul's or 11am at St Mary's on a Sunday morning.

School Building Fund

Earlier this week, you should have received an email with an attachment about the Diocesan Building Fund. As in previous years, voluntary contributions to the School Building Fund are being requested from all parents with children in our school. The Fund is of great importance in helping meet the 10% liability on building and major repair projects and managing property, as it enables schools to be able to take advantage of Government funding. The voluntary contributions made by parents in respect of children attending our schools play a vital role in this. The Pdf explains that parents can make their voluntary contribution Online and Gift Aid this. Voluntary contributions can also be made by cash/cheque. A Gift Aid Declaration (Form B) is also included as part of the Pdf that parents can complete to boost the value of their voluntary contribution made by cash/cheque.

Medical Updates

Parents need to provide up-to-date medical information for their child. Please ensure that if your child has a chronic condition, such as asthma that you provide school with an up to date copy of their management plan. Emergency contact information for parents and any additional contacts should also be updated, as well as the names and contact details of your child's specialists/consultants. Submitting this information by **Friday 18th October** will help ensure your child's health and safety during the winter months. We also ask that you ensure that your child's school inhaler is in date at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

Keeping your child well this winter

As winter approaches, coughs and colds will likely affect us all. Young children can be prone to infections, particularly in winter, as their immune systems are still developing. This leaflet will provide information on some of the most common infections during the winter period, what symptoms to look out for and what treatment is available. If you ever become concerned about your child's health, seek advice from your **pharmacist, NHS 111** or **GP surgery**. We hope you will find the following leaflet helpful in keeping your child well this winter.



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Flu Immunisation Programme

On Wednesday morning IntraHealth visited school to undertake the flu immunisation programme from Reception to Year 6. If your child was absent on Wednesday, IntraHealth will be returning for a catch-up session. In the meantime, if your child receives their immunisation at the GP please contact IntraHealth directly. If you have any other queries you can contact IntraHealth on 03333583397.

Mrs Lloyd



Mrs Lloyd has now commenced her maternity leave. We wish her well for the arrival of her second child and look forward to sharing the news once baby Lloyd arrives. For the time being, Miss Bowers will be covering Mrs Lloyd's role across school.

Keeping your child safe online

As technology becomes an integral part of children's lives, it's crucial to prioritise their online safety. Please be aware of age restrictions around Social Media sites. The age of your child as well as their developmental stage and maturity can affect their ability to have a safe and positive experience of social media. Most of the popular social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register.

Here are some key points to consider:

1. **Open Communication:** Encourage your children to talk about their online experiences. Create a safe space for them to share any concerns or uncomfortable situations.
2. **Educate About Privacy:** Teach your children the importance of keeping personal information private. Discuss what is appropriate to share online and what should remain confidential.
3. **Set Boundaries:** Establish rules about screen time, acceptable websites, and online behaviour. Use parental controls to help monitor their activities.
4. **Be Informed:** Stay updated on the apps and platforms your children use. Familiarize yourself with their features and potential risks.

By working together, we can help ensure that our children enjoy a safe and positive online experience. You can find additional guides and support on the online safety page of the school website <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/online-safety/34607>

Dogs

We recognise that dogs play an important role in family life; however, for the safety of everyone in our school community, dogs are not permitted on school grounds, including the visitors' car park off Regency Gardens. This helps to ensure a safe environment for all children, their parents, staff and visitors. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Year 6 Parents

Thank you to those Parents who have already paid a deposit and signed up for Kingswood 2025. You have until **Monday** to confirm a place for your child. If you have any difficulties with meeting the Monday deadline but would like your child to attend please speak to Miss Flynn or Mr Allen.

Parents Evenings

All Parents are invited to attend Parents Evening appointments. These meetings give you an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher for a 10-minute appointment. We have added Parents evenings to the diary dates section of the newsletter. You only need to attend on one of the evenings not both nights. Booking takes place through the school spider and booking slots will be released after the half term break.

Two Lunchtime Organiser Vacancies

We are looking to appoint 1 x Lunchtime Organiser on a fixed-term contract basis initially for 12 months, and 1 x Lunchtime Organiser on a permanent basis. This will be to supervise children in the dining areas and elsewhere as required. The hours of work will be Monday to Friday, 11.40am – 12.50pm, or 12.10pm - 13.20pm.

Further information about the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust can be found at: <https://www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk> If you would like to apply for the position, application packs are available from the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust's website: <https://www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk/vacancies/> You should complete the CES Application Form for Support Staff and return it by e-mail to recruitment@corpuschristitrust.co.uk

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We also have a current vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. Further information about this post can be found here:- <https://www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk/vacancies/>

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 2 with the highest attendance and to Nursery for the best punctuality with no children arriving late last week. We are committed to promoting excellent attendance and punctuality, as these are key to a successful school experience. If your child will be absent, kindly inform the school office before 9am. Thank you for your co-operation and support in helping our students make the most of their school day. Please note that holidays during term-time will not be authorised and may incur a fine.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Late arrivals	0	6	5	5	2	1	5	9	33
Attendance	87.76%	94.44%	97.93%	99.23%	96.21%	97%	98.44%	95.67%	95.82%

Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School

We know that many of you have been busy attending the opening evenings of the local high schools. All parents must apply for a place by logging on to <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/ssa> by the closing date of **31st October 2024**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Dates for your 2024/2025 Diary

Please make a note of any key dates, but please be aware that on occasion dates may need to change

Friday 11th October	Boys Football Match v Godley
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 3 Visit to Longdendale Environmental Centre
Wednesday 23rd October	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome TCSSA Tag Rugby
Friday 25th October	Break up for Half-term
Thursday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday 4th November	Return to School
Tuesday 5th November	Freshwater Theatre Company for Year 3 – Stone Age Workshop
Early November	Online applications open for Reception 2025 places
Tuesday 12th November	Whole School Mass led by Year 6 pupils – Parents & Parishioners welcome Worship Leaders at the annual SVP Mass at 11am TCSSA Indoor Football Competition
Wednesday 13th November	Worship Leaders out with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team
Monday 18th November	Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 21st November	Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evenings – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 27th November	Year 5 Class Assembly – Parents welcome
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	Back to school – start of the Spring Term