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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year we have had. The children have settled brilliantly and have really committed themselves to our Take Care ethos by taking good care of their work, each other and the school environment, which is fantastic to see.

Welcome afternoon and reading event – 2pm Monday 30th September 2024

Now that the children have had chance to settle, we would love to welcome parents and carers in to school to chat with their class teachers and see all of the wonderful Take Care work your children have been up to. This will be a relaxed afternoon with tea, coffee and cake where you can browse through your children's books, see their classrooms, enjoy reading activities with your child and chat with their class teachers. We are hoping that the school Governor's will be able to join us to share their knowledge of the school and answer any questions you may have as well as drumming up new parent governor candidates. We would love to see as many parents as possible, so we hope you will join us.

Parent's Evenings – Thursday 7th & Monday 11th November

Another opportunity for you to come into school to see how your child is getting on and chat to their class teacher. Letters will be sent out for you to book your appointment.

Individual and family group photographs – Wednesday 2nd October 08:20

The school photographer will be in school taking your child's individual portrait on Wednesday 2nd October. You are welcome to bring siblings to have a family photo at 08:20am.

Harvest Festival food bank collection – wc 7th October 2024

We look forward to welcoming Revend Sam into school for our Harvest Festival assembly. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items throughout the week commencing 7th October to donate to the St. Wilfred's Church food bank, so please do support this community cause if you can. Selected children will be taking the donations to the Church the following week.

World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow on Thursday 10th October

We will be raising awareness of and money for World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10th October and would love for everyone to get involved. We will host a 'dress down' day when we ask for everyone to wear yellow or any bright colour to school for a £1 donation. There will be cakes for sale for 50p too at morning break time.

Cashpot for Schools – calling all Asda shoppers!

Asda, are making millions of pounds available to every state primary school in the UK.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all — every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops. Please support this by choosing SJS when you shop and share the word with friends, relatives and neighbours! The more cash we earn, the more playtime equipment we can buy for our children. Just follow these simple instructions:

1. Download the Asda Rewards app and sign up
2. Select your primary school of choice
3. Shop in-store or online at Asda.com

Flu Vaccinations

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. Please use this link to accept or decline this vaccination:

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/3bc5683c>

The link will close on the 12/11/24. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2024, please disregard this message.

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

The flu vaccine will be a nasal spray. More info: [Children's flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Polite Reminder

Please ensure your child's presentation meets the SJS School Uniform policy standard. We have many children in school wearing, trainers, boots, jewellery, make-up, nail polish and fake nails. Not only does this contravene our school policy, jewellery and nails pose the risk of injury, particularly during playtimes and PE lessons. Children have been reminded in school and have had ample time for these to be removed so thinking time will be given to anyone who continues to ignore these regulations. Uniform adjustments are occasionally agreed by the SENCO when a justified SEND need requires this.

Enrichment at SJS

This new start to the year has given us the opportunity to reflect on our best practice within the school and focus our minds on what really matters most to us – our children! With this in mind, our aim is to ensure we provide the best social, emotional and educational experience we possibly can for every single child, and the way to do this is via consistent, high-quality teaching. To ensure we deliver on this, we have had to make the difficult decision to pause our residential offer across the school to all but Year 6 children. This is not a decision we have taken lightly, but the cost and staffing implications of running residential for every year group would most certainly interfere with our commitment to achieving this consistent high-quality teaching for every child. Children in all year groups will benefit from enjoying visitors into the school to enrich their learning, and enjoy educational day trips when this is relevant and beneficial to their learning.

Salvation Army Visitors to Year 5 – Tuesday 24th September

As part of their Religious Education unit this half term, the Year 5 classes are learning about the Salvation Army which was set up by Nottingham born William Booth in 1878 who stated, "We are a salvation people - this is our speciality - getting saved and keeping saved, and then getting somebody else saved." The children will meet Major Janice Lahouel who is the Officer of the Nottingham Arnold Salvation Army Church who will teach the children about the history of the Salvation Army and how their faith has influenced the members to continue their charitable work today supporting people in our community.

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/>

Year 5&6 visit to the National Coalmining Museum, Wakefield – 27th & 28th November

Linked to their local history topic of the coal mining industry, this is a fantastic opportunity for children to discover 180 years of mining history. They will find out about the people and communities at the heart of the industry and uncover how the miners lived at work and play; explore acres of woodland, spotting plants and wildlife and find out how the excess water from the mine is cleaned and pumped back into a local river; then let off some steam enjoying the adventure playground! Please see the trip letter for full details.

<https://www.ncm.org.uk/>

Year 6 Residential, YHA Edale Activity Centre – Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th July 2025

The Year 6 children will be rewarded for their hard work with a fantastic residential to the YHA Edale Activity Centre. More details to follow so watch this space!

<https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-edale-activity-centre>

Kind regards,



Rebecca Mee.