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Advent Term issue 1

Welcome back!

It's hard to believe we are so far into the new school year, one that has brought several changes already. As I informed you previously, SAW is now part of a bigger family as one of the 16 members of the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust. The Trust website can be found at <https://www.stlcmat.org.uk>. Letters to parents from the CEO can be found on our website, alongside our own newsletters. Please check the website regularly for updates.



New starters

As well as a new member of staff, Miss Peterson in Nursery, we welcome all the children who have joined us from Nursery to Year 5. We hope they will be very happy with us. We also warmly welcome their families to our community.

If there any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact school. At Saint Augustine Webster we believe in positive relationships and working in partnership.

Please check the website regularly.

You may have noticed that the newsletter heading is different too. Academies within the Diocese will now refer to the academic terms as Advent, Lent and Pentecost, instead of Autumn, Spring and Summer.

Despite the changes we will still retain our individual identity as a school. If you would like to play a greater part in SAW moving forward, there are many ways to do this. You could take up a role as a Parent or Foundation Governor as part of the Local Governing Body or volunteer your skills to come into school to support children. We are always looking for adults to support learning in a range of ways — reading, art, sport, gardening to name just a few. Please get in touch with us.

Here's to a great year ahead!

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Term Dates

- ☺ 4th Sept term begins
- ☺ 4th—11th Oct Book Fair
- ☺ 5th Oct Briars retreat
- ☺ 10th Oct 10am KS2 Harvest Mass
- ☺ 11th Oct 2.15pm KS1 Harvest Festival
- ☺ 12th Oct 10am KS1 Harvest Festival
- ☺ 18th Oct Parents' Evening
- ☺ 19th Oct school closes for half term
- ☺ 30th Oct school reopens



Don't forget — you can follow us on Twitter - @SAWacademy



Harvest Festival

We will be having two Harvest celebrations for Key stage 1— 11th October at 2.15pm and 12th October at 10am. Mass for Key Stage 2 will take place on 10th October at 10am.

Any kind donations of tinned or packet food will be very welcome. Donations will be given to the Food Bank to provide meals for those in need in Scunthorpe, a worthy cause. Please give generously.

Year 6 Visit to the Briars

On 5th October our Year 6 children travelled to the Diocesan Youth Centre in Crich, Derbyshire for the weekend. The Briars team made everyone welcome regardless of faith background. The weekend is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, games and team building activities. The Briars team members made the experience relevant, memorable

and spiritually uplifting for all. The school subsidises this visit so that all children can enjoy this experience which also helps to prepare for the year ahead. Many thanks to all the staff who gave up their weekend and worked hard to enable this to happen.



Parents' Evening



Meet the teacher!

Many thanks to all those who make time in hectic schedules to attend Parents' Evening. It is so important to establish that children have settled into their new class. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any further concerns.

A FREE helpline is available for parents and carers of ANY child including those with SEND, during the evenings and weekends. For many parents of children with SEND, these times can be very stressful, with children often holding it together during the day and then really struggling at home, and parents can feel like they have no one to turn to for support. This helpline offers confidential emotional support, information and guidance on all aspects of parenting. Befrienders and counsellors are also available.

The number is 0808 802 0222

You can also text on 07537 404 282

email NDPSS@family-action.org.uk

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

UHT MILK
POTATOES INSTANT MASH OR
TINNED (VERY URGENTLY
NEEDED)
TINNED FRUIT
SMALL/MEDIUM JARS OF COFFEE
TINNED OR PACKET CUSTARD
BOTTLES FRUIT SQUASH/JUICE
TINNED HOT AND COLD MEAT
TINNED/PKT CUSTARD
RICE PUDDING
TINNED TOMATOES
JAM
PASTA SAUCE
DRIED PASTA AND RICE
TOILETRIES
BAKED BEANS
SOUP



Rules and Routines

Soft Start

This approach to starting school has gone down very well. Children have settled into their morning routine marvelously and this has had a big impact on learning. Children may enter school from 8.50am with doors closing at 9.00am.



PE

Key Stage 1 and 2 only

Indoor

- White polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls

Outdoor

- White polo shirt
- Plain black joggers / tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black sweatshirt
- Trainers

Children should not bring toys from home under any circumstance. It causes a distraction in class and problems when they go missing.

Packed lunches

Great care is taken in the planning and preparation of school lunches and we ask parents to do the same when providing packed lunches. The health and well being of children is of paramount importance to us. There are many children in school with severe allergies and therefore nuts or nut products are forbidden. In the interests of healthy eating, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted in packed lunches. Crisps and cakes may be included as 'sometimes' foods. Please try to provide a balanced meal including fresh fruit or vegetables. Please contact the school if you need advice on healthy options.



Healthy attitudes!

Uniform Code

Foundation children

- White polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper / cardigan
- Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore
- Girls - white socks / grey tights
- Boys - grey socks
- Black shoes

Key Stage 1 and 2

- White shirt (with collar) and school tie
- Royal blue jumper / cardigan
- Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore
- Girls - white socks / grey tights
- Boys - grey socks
- Black shoes

Please ensure that your child always has a warm and waterproof coat. Outdoor learning is important.

Please remember to label all items of clothing.

At Saint Augustine Webster we believe that smartly dressed children reflect a disciplined approach to school and sets a tone for good behaviour and respectful attitudes. **Nail polish, tattoos, extreme hairstyles or large hair decorations have never been permitted.** Please keep to plain hair bands etc, preferably in school colours. Furthermore, children should not wear jewellery, **especially earrings.** It is disappointing to see children who have recently had their ears pierced. Any children arriving at school wearing earrings will be asked to remove them. No children should be wearing earrings or plasters on their ears after half term.

Safeguarding



Home time

Parents of children in Foundation or KS1 must authorise adults to collect their children. Any changes in arrangements must be put in writing. Parents of children in KS2 must inform the school in writing if they wish their child to walk home by himself / herself.

Car Parking

As always I ask that you park safely and courteously, respecting our neighbours and being aware of pedestrians. Children learn from the example we set. Disabled access is available via the drive but not between 8.45am & 9.00am and 3.15pm & 3.45pm. This is to ensure the safety of children walking along Baildon Road. Please refrain from keeping your engine running whilst waiting too.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child brings a bike or scooter to school please remind them to walk it through the playground to avoid accidents. This will ensure the safety of small children in the playground at busy times.

Parent Behaviour

Please do not, under any circumstances, approach a child on the playground regarding school incidents. This will be treated as a serious safeguarding matter. Children should feel safe and not intimidated. Parental concerns will always be listened to. Please address concerns to the class teacher or a member of the Senior leadership Team for more serious matters.

Holy Souls



First Holy Communion

It is essential that parents of children in Year 3 or above who wish to receive first Holy Communion in May 2019 should be attending Mass regularly in order to prepare children and keep informed of the arrangements for the programme for First Holy Communicants. This takes place entirely through the Parish.

Parish Links

Our visits to Holy Souls to celebrate Mass have been extremely joyous occasions and we would love to continue the school's presence at church. We are hoping to lead a carol service before Christmas and look forward to your participation. Further details to follow.

Environment

I am sure you have noticed that the new building is now completed and is a fantastic addition to our school environment. We held a competition amongst the children to suggest a name for the building. The winning suggestion came from Class 6P—'The Nest'! Breakfast Club and Out of School Club are settling in nicely and learning groups have begun too. It is our plan to develop the provision in there to support its use as a school library. We feel that this would be a great way to encourage a love of reading and address our academy priority of improving standards of language and literacy.

Thank you for generously supporting us in the Summer Term. Money raised, for example by selling concert tickets, is being used to enhance our learning environment. This has started with resources for The Nest.
