



Dear Parents

Following the request in the last newsletter, thank you to those who posted a review on our Facebook page. If you were thinking of doing this, could I respectfully ask that you do this at your earliest convenience.

You said. . . we did

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire in July. Staff met with governors and have discussed the feedback you gave.

1. Over the summer we have made changes to the homework that your child receives each week. There is now additional guidance and support for parents about the tasks to do to support the learning of the key skills.
2. There is now the opportunity for parents to meet socially – see later items re mums' night out and fitness Mondays.

New Website

Next week we will see the launch of our new website. Please look out for the news that the site is live! As well as lots of information about our school, each teacher has a class page where you will find information about your child's class. Staff will also blog on here too. The link to the new site will be sent to you.

Harvest festival – Sunday 13th October 11:00am

The children at school are playing a BIG part in the service this year and we need as many children as possible to come along and support. We are going to be leading part of the service which will be very visual as well as bringing our harvest gifts and singing.

Harvest gifts this year can be both perishable and non-perishable. It is traditional for gifts to be brought up to the front of the church in a harvest box that your child has decorated, however, the church is extremely grateful for all gifts so please do not let this put you off donating some pasta, beans, tin of sausages, fruit etc. Fresh food will go to the elderly care homes and non-perishables will go the Storehouse foodbank. Here are some items from their current shopping list:

Tinned meat, sugar, shampoo, UHT milk, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, biscuits, cereals, shower gel, deodorant, rice pudding, curry sauce and hot dog sausages.



Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter to let us know if your child will be attending the service.

Parent governor vacancy

We are looking to appoint a parent governor at our school.

Governors play a key role in ensuring that the children of our community develop both academically and spiritually within a distinctive Christian ethos. We are looking for people who are able to support the school in its understanding and development of the Christian aspects of its work and are willing to commit time and effort to supporting the educational development of the children in the school. You do not have to be an educational expert as you will be given help in developing such skills, and

training is available on all aspects of school governance. What is important, is a willingness to commit to the role and an ability to ask questions whilst working with others to ensure the best outcomes for the children by challenging and supporting school leaders in equal measure. School governance uses the experience of people from many walks of life and if you work in business, have an interest in finance or have experience of working in a variety of situations then you could make a valuable contribution to the work of the school governing body.

Governing body meetings take place once in the autumn term and once in the spring and summer terms with smaller subcommittees held every term. Membership of any committee will be based on your interests and experience.

If you feel that you could take on this very important role, then please see the application form at the end of the newsletter. The deadline for submitting your application is **Monday 7th October**. Please return your application to the school office.

School lunches

Alison has some special lunches coming up this term, please support her and the lunchtime team by signing up to these. Also, look out for the next invitations to family to join us at lunchtime.

May Queen fund raising

Georgette and Rosie would like to present fundraising ideas to the school. As we are May Queen and attendant we should carry on the tradition of fundraising for the school.

First for all we would like to have a non-uniform day on the 25th of October (last day of term). £1 to wear non uniform.

We also would like to hold a drawing competition. Our topic will be autumn. If juniors want to they can include one drawing of a person. That leaves you to create a wonderful master piece. Please put your name on the back. 50p to enter. The competition deadline is Monday 21st October.

Parents and Friends' Association

The date for the AGM will be set asap. The committee are working on uploading accounts to the charity commission and once this is done they will be able to hold the annual general meeting. As a parent of the school, you are a member of the Parents and Friends Association. Please look out for ways that you can help in social and fund raising events.

Mums' night out

Claire Hocknell is organising a mums' night out. She has put information on the PFA facebook page. In case you are not on Facebook, here are the details. Tea / night out on Saturday 5th October. Possibly an early tea somewhere at 6:30pm (maybe DV8 upstairs). Those that wanted to could then go on into town . . .

Please reply to Claire's post or let school know if you are interested as she would like to get on and book somewhere!

Monday fitness club

A small group of parents have been running / walking around the new track for the last two Mondays. They get started around 9:00am after school drop off. Please come along and join the group. A coffee at Glebe farm afterwards is a well-deserved treat!

Aldi Get Set!

We are collecting Aldi's stickers promoting Get Set to Eat Fresh. Aldi's kit for schools promotion is giving away £20,000 to kick start a health legacy for schools. To enter the chance of winning this prize we have to collect 300 Team GB athlete stickers that Aldi issue when you spend £30.00 in any Aldi store.

We have until November 3rd to try and collect as many stickers as possible.

The sticker chart is outside the school office so please add your stickers to it and start collecting!

Cars for playtime

Lunchtime staff would like a few additional cars for children to play with on the playground. If you have any you could donate, please send them in.

Holiday dates – change of dates

- The government have changed the May Bank holiday. School will be open on Monday 4th May and closed on Friday 8th May 2020.
- Due to staff training, Friday 22nd May 2020 will now be an INSET day. School will be closed to pupils on this day.
- Due to the earlier INSET day, school will now be open to pupils on Monday 20th July 2020. Previously, school closed for summer on Friday 17th July.

If you have already booked a holiday and your child will be absent on Monday 20th July 2020 then please attached proof of booking on your leave of absence request and school will be able to authorise this holiday. We apologise for these changes that have been out of our control.

HOLIDAY DATES 2019/2020 (amended)

Holiday Period	School Closes	School Re-opens
Summer 2019	School closes to students Fri 19th July	<i>INSET DAYS</i> <i>Monday 2nd September</i> <i>Tuesday 3rd September</i> Opens to students on Wednesday 4th September 2019
Autumn Half Term 2019	Friday 25th October	<i>INSET DAY</i> <i>Monday 4th November</i> Opens to students on Tuesday 5th November
Christmas 2019/20	Friday 20th December	<i>INSET Day</i> <i>Monday 6th January 2020</i> Opens to students Tuesday 7th January 2020
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14th February	Monday 24th February
Easter 2020	Friday 3rd April	Monday 20th April
May Day 2020	Friday 8th May	
Summer Half Term 2020	Thursday 21st May <i>INSET Day</i> <i>Friday 22nd May</i>	Monday 1st June
Summer 2020	Monday 20th July	

These dates include 5 INSET days.

School Calendar

Sally Holland, the Town Mayor, will be visiting school on Tuesday 1st October to take photographs of children in their birthday month to make a calendar for our school. You will be able to order a calendar and money raised will go to support the mayor's charities. If you do not want your child to be included in the school calendar, please inform the school office by returning the slip at the end of the letter.

Diary Dates

Monday 23 rd September	Swimming – wk 1
Monday 23 rd September	Choir sing fest rehearsal at EBA 12:45 – 2:45
Wednesday 25 th – Friday 27 th September	Class Mary residential to Standon Bowers
Monday 30 th September	Rotary club art competition awards in assembly
Monday 30 th September	MacMillan coffee morning – letter to follow
Tuesday 1 st October	School calendar photographs
Wednesday 2 nd October	May Day meeting 7:30 at the Egerton
Friday 11 th October	Tempest school photos
Sunday 13 th October	School harvest in church 11:00am
Tuesday 15 th October	Road Safety Presentation to Year 6
Thursday 17 th October	Lucy's Blue Day mental health workshop in school – all children TBC
Monday 21 st October	Bikeability level 2 Y5
Thursday 24 th October	Bikeability level 1 Y4
Friday 25 th October	Last day before half term
Saturday 23 rd November	12:15 – 12:30pm Christmas light switch on choir singing in town – all welcome
Thursday 12 th December	Whole school pantomime in the village hall PFA event in school time
Sunday 15 th December	Whole School nativity 11:00am in church
Friday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas



new life church

FRIDAYS (term time only)
5.30–7.00pm
 (except last Friday of each half term)
 for children in school years 3, 4, 5 & 6

only **£1** (includes tea)

@ New Life Church, West Road, Congleton
 Please contact Beth for more info: bethcosgrove@nlchurch.org.uk | 01260 297961

games • food • discussions • craft • Bible message • fun!

FRIDAY'S FAB!
 @ New Life

Slip for attendance at Harvest Service – please return asap.

My child _____ will be attending the harvest service on Sunday 13th October.

Slip for calendar photo

I do not give permission for my child _____ to be photographed for the school calendar.

Signed: _____ (parent)