



Newsletter September 2016



Inspire Believe Achieve

Our aim is to inspire and encourage our children to believe in their ability to succeed through learning. This vision will enable them to achieve and succeed in reaching their full potential and beyond, now and for their future.

Head teacher update

Welcome back to you all after the long summer holidays. We are so pleased with how the school continues to improve and continue in our quest to be outstanding. Thank you for all the support we have received from you. It is much appreciated. The children have done a brilliant job with their school projects over the Summer. We will plan further projects throughout the year. We welcome our new pupils, parents and carers and staff and look forward to the good things we can achieve together. Our core value for this term is respect and the values newsletter will be with you shortly. Our worship councillors continue to do a marvellous job and we will be looking for two more councillors to join the team from Year 3 in the next couple of weeks. School Parliament will be voted for this term and led by Miss Padley. Ask your children if they want to be a member and to think about a presentation they could give for reasons why they should be elected. Our MPs will come from Y1-Y6.

Assessment without levels.

We have established our assessment without levels procedures and will continue to improve and refine the tracking of all pupils to ensure that all children make good personal progress. We will report on your child's progress at regular intervals during the year. We are using the depth of learning tracker for the Essentials curriculum and will begin by a focus on assessing writing. We will send out a parent guide to explain this further as the new system is established.

School evaluation

You will shortly be receiving a school evaluation summary. This shows where we as a school judge ourselves against Ofsted criteria. Our main focus this year is improvement in reading, spelling and grammar. We want to build up the school to outstanding in line with our Church school judgements. We would like to develop 'read with me' sessions where you can come and read alongside your children. More information to follow.

Open Mornings

We will be running open mornings on Monday 10th and 17th October 2016 from 09:30-12:00. We will set up a signing in sheet so that you can choose when you would like to come in and work alongside your child in the classroom. This will show you what happens in classrooms and how we support learning across the school. These mornings will include all year groups. We are unable to accommodate pre school siblings in these sessions.

Parking Reminder

Some local residents are finding difficulty in accessing their drives and homes due to school parking. Please be considerate when you park and think about the local residents.

Reception/KS1 Nativity Performance

This year our Reception and KS1 nativity performances will be held over two afternoons in December. Dates will follow as soon as possible.

Charity Fundraising

This year we are going to be fundraising for the NSPCC, therefore we will not be participating in the Macmillan Coffee Morning although we do hope to support Macmillan again in the future. Further details on our NSPCC fundraising will be sent out in due course.

Reception Intake September 2017

We will be holding open mornings for the September 2017 reception intake on the following dates: September 27th, 4th October, 11th October and 18th October.

The open mornings are drop in sessions where you may drop in anytime between 9.30am and 11.45am

Dates for your diary

12 th September	New starters photograph
22 nd September	NSPCC Collective worship and fund raising
30 th September	Bags to school
3 rd October	Y5 Redeemed workshops
7 th October	Y5 Redeemed evening performance at the church 7pm
10 th October	9:30-12:00 open mornings
17 th October	9:30-12:00 open mornings
18 th October	Gist Road safety EYFS-Y4
18 th October	Parents evening
18 th October	NSPCC workshops with Y5/6
20 th October	Harvest Festival at the Church 09:30. All are welcome to join us.
20 th October	Parents evening
21 st October	End of term