

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! *Please take a moment to read our newsletters - they are a good way of keeping you informed.*

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and that children are ready to begin the new academic year in their new classes.

Staff would like to thank parents and children for their gifts at the end of term, they were very much appreciated.

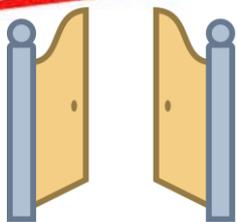
As always, how smart our children look in their uniforms.

- **School uniform** - black shoes (no trainers or heeled shoes) are part of our school uniform
- **Attendance:** once again we remind parents and carers that it is a legal requirement for children to attend school every day
  - ✓ Government target for children is 97% attendance
- **Punctuality:** Please ensure an early start for your children. Breakfast Club is available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.



**BIG  
CHANGES**

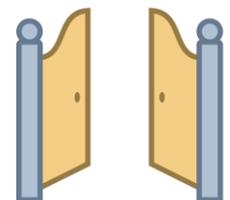
## School Gates



As you will know there are 2 gates in the walled area of the school on South Hill Road.

At the moment the only gate used is the middle one.

**From September** we will open up both gates in the morning and at home time to ease congestion.





## Children will no longer LINE-UP in the morning.

When children in Years 1 - 6 come onto the playground after **8:45** – they should go **straight up to class** where they will be greeted by their classroom assistant. Lessons will begin at **8:55** as usual.

### Breakfast Club

Teachers will now collect children from Breakfast Club at **8:45** and will take them into class and for this reason Breakfast Club will **stop serving at 8:30 a.m.** to allow for clearing and tidying.

### Teaching staff for the new academic year 2019/20:

There are a few temporary changes for the new academic year:

Nursery	Mrs Makin
Reception	Miss Wright (Mrs McKenna is on secondment)
Year 1	Miss Connor
Year 2	Miss Parry (during Mrs Aslam's maternity leave)
Year 3	Mr Moorcroft (until Miss Haresnape returns)
Year 4	Miss Ferguson
Year 5	Mrs Flynn
Year 6	Mrs Whittaker

### Non-Teaching staff for next academic year 2019/20:

YN –	Y3 – Mr Fretwell
YR – Miss Edwards	Y4 – Mrs Barrett
Y1 – Mrs Sharples	Y5 – Mrs McCormack
Y2 – Mrs Potter and Miss Jones	Y6 – Miss Rosario

#### Name changes:

Miss Johnston is now Mrs Whittaker  
Mrs Ryan will be known as Ms Barnes

Although it seems a long time ago, I would like to thank those parents that came to our IM Marsh Sports Day, staff have told me you were fantastic! This was a departure from our normal activity day at the campus - which is the reason parents were invited.

I hope you found it enjoyable. We will evaluate how it all went and make a decision for next year.

## Spanish Lessons:

Buenos Dias!

This year as part of our modern foreign language curriculum, children will be taught SPANISH!

We thought it would be a nice idea for children to have a taste of Spain

during lunch on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. Why not book your child in for lunch.



**Refreshing your memory: This was in our July newsletter but we've had a break since then!**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRIPS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

As you will know we have been able to *completely fund* our school day-trips for the past few years. With the introduction of a new budget funding formula, this will no longer be possible.

For future trips we will have to ask for a voluntary contribution from parents. The main expense for trips is transport – the cost of which rises each year.





We feel the fairest way would be to ask for a **set amount** across all classes and all trips (not including residential). Obviously, local, walkable, trips are not chargeable.

We have set this amount at **£3 per trip, per child** regardless of the actual cost (which in most cases will be considerably higher).

We regret having to take this step but hope that parents and carers will understand.

#### **ALSO NEW –**

When we have afternoon performances in future **children will remain in school until the end of the school day.**

We have found that letting children go early with their siblings, causes too much disruption around the school.

Usually parents will not have to wait more than 10 minutes and in future we will arrange our plays etc to finish nearer home time, where possible.

#### **TRAFFIC SURVEY – information for parents**

We have been informed that a traffic survey, as part of a National Road Traffic Census (NRTC) project, will take place in **Mill Street** on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** between **7am-7pm.**

We are advised that this should not disrupt children's journey to school.



**For current Y6 – Secondary school  
September 2020**

St Francis Xavier's College are holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 24 September between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

## September

Wednesday	4th	Children from Years 1 – 6 return to school
Wednesday & Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5th	Early Years – home visits
Friday	6th	Early Years Stay & Play
Monday	9th	Year 5 & Year 6 Start of swimming sessions
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish-themed lunch
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	School Health for Y6 height & weight
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Theatre Performance of Pinocchio in school

## October

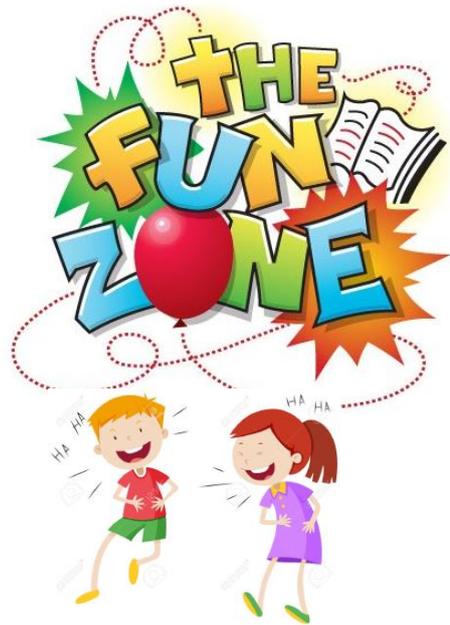
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Possible General Election</b> – undecided at time of newsletter.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November		<b>Half Term</b> <b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>(see below)</i>

## November

Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inset Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Book Company in school all week

## Complete the Puzzle

Write the shape names and complete the puzzle



**Q:** Why do bees have sticky hair?  
**A:** Because they use honey combs!

**Q:** Why are ghosts bad liars?  
**A:** Because you can see right through them!

There are 5 differences

