



17th October 2022

MID TERM BREAK

The school closes on **Friday 28th October @11a.m.** for the midterm break and will reopen on **Thursday 3rd November.**

A full list of the 2022/23 school closures can be found on the school website under the Parents' tab.

FANCY DRESS/NON-UNIFORM DAY

On **Friday 28th October** the children can wear their fancy-dress costumes or non-uniform to school.

SACRAMENT DATES (P4 & P7)

The date for Confirmation is **Friday 31st March 2023 @ 5p.m.** in St. John's Church,

The date for First Holy Communion is **Saturday 13th May 2023 @ 11.00a.m.** in St. John's Church.

FLU VACCINATION- TUES 18TH OCTOBER

Reminder: The school nurses' team will be in school tomorrow administering the flu vaccine to those who gave parental consent.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Reminder: The last swimming lesson for P6 takes place on **Friday 21st October.**

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP – HALLOWE'EN DISCO/PARTY

The PSG have organised a FS/KS1 disco and KS2 disco for **Wednesday 26th October** to support school funds.

- P1-P4 – 6.30pm -7.30pm
- P5-P7 – 7.45pm – 8.45pm

ENTRY FEE: £2

VENUE: St. John's Primary School - Hall

Tip tops for sale -20p each



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP – KEEP THE DATE FREE

Annual General Meeting – **Monday 21st November** (more details to follow)

New member welcome!

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

- **Designated Teacher for Child Protection – Mrs McKnight**
- **Deputy Designated Teacher for Child protection – Mrs Hughes**

PRIMARY ONE – SAFEGUARDING DOCUMENTS/CONSENT FORMS

The P1 children have received some key safeguarding documents and parents were asked via text message/link to complete the online receipt and consent form.

Thank-you to everyone who completed the form. Another link will be sent later this week for any parents who have not completed it.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Our Positive Behaviour Policy has been reviewed and can be accessed on the school's website under the parents' tab or by requesting a copy from the school office. All children have received a child friendly version of the policy which has been discussed at assembly and within each class.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

A summary of the policy for parents/guardians can be accessed on the home page of the school's website or under the parents' tab. A copy of the full policy can also be requested via the school's office.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Our school has become part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that members of our staff, Mrs McKnight/Mrs Hughes, known as Key Adults, have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

