Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have had a fantastic first full week back in school; it's great to see them smiling every day!

# **Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term**

Thursday 21st September – Whole School Mass – Unfortunately this mass has been cancelled.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – 28th September – Bikeability (Year 6)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Individual School Photos

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – NSPCC Workshop – Year 5 and Year 6

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Immunisation: Reception – Year 6

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz Night (Details to follow)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening: 4pm – 6.30pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Own Clothes Day (Bottle for Christmas Tombola)

Friday  $20^{th}$  October - Halloween Disco (EYFS/KS1 4.15pm - 5.15pm) (KS2 5.30pm - 6.45pm)

Wednesday 1st November – All Saints Day: Mass at 9.30am

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Y6E & Y6J Class Mass: 9.30am

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – St Hugh of Lincoln Feast Day: Mass at 9.30am

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Own Clothes Day (Chocolate for Christmas Tombola)

 $Tuesday\ 28^{th}\ November-Y5M\ Class\ Mass:\ 9.30am$ 

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Parish Christmas Fair: 12.30pm

 $Tuesday\ 12^{th}\ December-Y4/5D\ Class\ Mass:\ 9.30am$ 

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Play: 2pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Play: 10am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Play: 2pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Play: 10am

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Concert: 2.15pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Mass: 9.30am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – School Pantomime School Closes for Half Term: 1.30pm (Please note the finish time)

#### **Bikeability**

Can we remind all Year 6 parents that if you want your child to take part in the Trafford Bikeability Scheme they must have a road-worthy bike and a helmet. The consent form must also be handed in at school. This scheme teaches the children to ride safely and to be aware of the dangers of the road.

### Flu Immunisation

Can we remind you to register online for the Flu immunisation; this is a spray up the nose not a jab. It is important that you register and say whether you do or don't want your child to have their flu immunisation, as this informs Trafford NHS what they need to bring to school.

#### **Harvest Collection**

We are collecting tins, dried food or toiletries for Stretford Food Bank as part of our annual Harvest collection. Items can be brought into school and will then be delivered to the food bank. Thank-you.

## **Packed Lunches**

Can we also remind you; due to the fact that a number of children in school have a nut allergy we do not allow nuts in packed lunches. In addition lollipops in packed lunches and as class birthday treats are also not allowed due to healthy & safety.

# **Sickness**

If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they must stay off school for 48 hours.

# **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

Please see the letter attached below that outlines eligibility.

Finally, the new P.E. kits look fantastic! These can still be purchased from the office:  $\pounds 5.50$  – Polo Shirt  $\pounds 8$  – Sweatshirt

Kind regards,

Mr Smith and Mrs Atherton

#### Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

### What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- · Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

### Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

#### **Universal Infant Free School Meals**

Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with Free Schools Meals and the Pupil Premium.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra Pupil Premium funding.

#### Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

#### How do I register?

You should contact Trafford Local Authority to check if you are eligible and apply online.