



St Chrysostom's Newsletter

September 2024



'Let all that you do be done in love.'
1 Corinthians 16:14

Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter 1: September 2024



Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely summer break and are now settling back into the new school year. The start of a new school year is an exciting time. Teachers and children have been getting to know each other and everyone's learning journey has definitely begun! A special welcome to our new families joining us this year.

This month we have really focused on re-establishing what we feel is important in our children's time at our school - our values: *Love, Community, Hope, Wisdom and Dignity*. Our value for this half term is **Love**. Please talk to your children about this, so we can spread the message and understanding.

It has been a very busy yet fulfilling September! The children have enjoyed our Chester Zoo experience and we have had our SIAMS inspection. (More to follow on this later.)

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your children are wearing correct school uniform.

School uniforms are important; they help instil a sense of belonging and school pride. Just a reminder that trainers are **not** allowed. Here are examples of acceptable school shoes:



Thank you for your understanding.



Meet the Staff

Thank you to all those parents who attended our 'meet the teacher' event at the start of the month. If you were unable to attend, please make contact with your child's class teacher to schedule a meeting.

Reading

We love reading at school! Please encourage your child to read each night at home. Developing a love of reading can help in all areas of learning and can bring lifelong joy!



Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is vital for children's education. **Please ensure children arrive promptly for school.** Gates currently open at 8:40am and registration closes at 9:00am. *After this time, children will be marked as late.*

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan is a wonderful charity that we always like to support. We will be hosting our Macmillan coffee morning on **Friday 4th October** at 9am – 10.00am. Please donate a cake or come for a coffee and a chat!



SIAMS Inspection

Earlier in the month, the school had a *Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools*. This is a national inspection process for all Church of England Schools. We were very pleased with the experience and informal feedback we have received so far. The children who spoke to the inspector represented the school and community brilliantly! The full, official report will be released soon.

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Head of School Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome you as new Head of School at St Chrysostom's C of E Primary school.

I am very much enjoying getting to know our fabulous children, meeting you all and working with our excellent staff team.

I have worked in education for over 16 years, most recently based overseas with MoD Schools, having held positions of Deputy Headteacher, Headteacher and Teaching and Learning Advisor across Germany, Cyprus and Belgium.

The vision and ethos of St Chrysostom's is what drew me to the school. 'Leading with Love' and 'Growing Together' are aspects of the school's mission that are central to my leadership philosophy. Through this approach, I look forward to building upon the school's successes, working with our whole community to continually strive to provide the best possible education and start in life for our children.

I am a father of two girls, so fully understand the importance of a supportive, communicative and dedicated partnership between home and school. I look forward to getting to know you all.

I will be around the school gates at the start and end of the school day, so do feel free to say hello!

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!



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