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School Photos & Winter Uniform

Winter uniform is to be worn from the 24th October onwards. (In KS2 this includes the blazer.)

The photographer will be in school on **Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th October** to take **individual, family and class photos**.

On these days children in Nursery and Reception should wear their track suit.

Children in Years 1 and 2 should wear their **winter uniform** (even if they usually have PE or swimming on these days.)

Children in Years 3 – 6 should wear their full **winter uniform**, including blazer. If children usually have PE on these days they may bring their PE kit in their bag.

Children are also advised to bring a small brush or comb for their hair.

Photos will be taken on both days so it is important that children wear the correct clothes on both days.

Holidays, Mass and Confession.

School will be closed on Friday 28th October, Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November for the half-term holiday. School will open again on Tuesday 2nd November at 8:35am.

School will also be closed on Wednesday 9th November as it is a local holiday.

There will be NO MASS for Year 4 on 10th and 17th November.

Confession for pupils in Years 5 and 6 will take place on Friday 25th November.

Get to School on Time Week

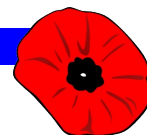


Between 7th and 11th November we will be having a 'get to school on time' week and so we ask everyone to make an extra big effort to ensure that all children are at school by 8:35am. Any children arriving after this time will have to make their own way to class.

Also, can we remind you that, on all days, any child who arrives after 8:45am must sign the late book outside of the office.

If you ever need to collect a child early from school please let the office know first, rather than going straight to the classroom. For safety and security reasons it is vital that we have an accurate list of which children are in the building at all times.

Poppy Appeal



As we do each November, we will be helping the British Embassy in the annual poppy appeal. The money raised goes to charities that support war veterans and their families. The student government will be coming around the school at the beginning of November and with collecting boxes and poppies if anyone wants to donate.

Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Reports for children in Years 1 – 6 will be sent home on Friday 4th November. Appointments for the individual Parent-Teacher consultations (Nursery – Year 6) will also be sent home on this date. The Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on Friday 11th November and therefore school will finish at 1:45pm on that day. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss children's adaptation to the new school year. It is very difficult to change appointment times and so you are please asked to place this date in your diary now to guarantee your attendance.

Book Fair

The **Bookworld Book Fair** will be held in school on **Friday 18th November, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.**



All children will have an opportunity to visit the Fair with their class. However, children in Nursery to Year 4 may also be taken from class to the Fair by parents at their convenience. A list of the times when each class will be visiting will be posted on the door of the hall.

The majority of books are priced between 7 and 11 Euros and therefore it is suggested that children bring between 10 and 20 € to spend at the Fair. Money should be brought in a named purse or envelope. Form teachers will look after the money until the time of the Fair.

The purpose of the Fair is to provide a convenient way to purchase books in English. It is not compulsory for children to buy a book and the school does not make any money from the Fair. Instead we receive books from Bookworld for our Library as a commission.

Exams

Exams for children in Years 3 – 6 will take place during the last week of November and the first week of December. There will be Reading Comprehension, Writing, Maths and Science exams, as well as Spanish and, for children in Years 5 and 6, French. The exams will take the same form as the ones children did at the end of last year. Revision materials can be found in the 'information' section of the school website. The results of the exams will be reported to you in the middle of December.

A meeting for parents of children in Year 3 will be held in the Library at 4:15pm on Wednesday 16th November. The purpose of this will be to explain how the exams in Key Stage Two differ from those in Key Stage One.