



Term: Autumn 2 2024 Newsletter

Thursday 19 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Autumn 2 newsletter. It has been another busy term indeed!

News

This is one of the longest terms of the year with a lot to get through. **Assessments** have taken place to find out what pupils know and what learning needs to take place to get them to their end of year expectations. It is absolutely vital for pupils to attend school every day to avoid missing important learning. Quality time at home with their reading and homework tasks greatly helps pupils to avoid falling behind.

Flu vaccinations have taken place to help immunise children against the virus.

Our Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser raised £309! All the money will go towards the charity, Save the Children, who support children all over the world. Thank you for your kind donations.

Enrichment

Year 3 and Y4T went to Manchester Grammar school to see a production of The Snowman; we had visitors to show our older pupils about Road Safety and we visited St Agnes Church for Harvest, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

Parent events

We had our second **Chai Coffee morning** this term which was very well attended! Parents had an opportunity to learn how to use our online apps like Century and Accelerated Reader. Our talented Digital Ambassadors and student council helped out!

Actions taken from the first Chai.Coffee morning - we introduced a morning club again (which is free!); spelling homework (we bought a programme called Spelling Shed for Years 5 and 6) and explored adult family support courses (watch out for dates in January for this!)

We had three amazing Christmas events which were really well attended. Our pupils feel so proud when parents and carers come to see what they are doing so thank you for this.

Parent consultations took place in November. Sadly the number of attendance was very low, only 70% - about 20 out of 30 parents on average- came to see their child's teacher. But well done to Nursery Butterflies with **100%** of parents and carers attending their appointment!

Parent volunteers

It is lovely to have our parents as volunteers around the school helping in class, going on trips and supporting tasks. If you have some spare time and want to upskill and gain experience in a school environment, then please ask at the office for more information.

Extra-curricular clubs - Reception sports, KS2 have lunchtime clubs on board games (LKS2) (to build social skills) and cheerleading (UKS2)! Our Early Start club has gotten off to a flying start with nearly 20 pupils working on their homework, catching up on reading, using our iPads and doing exercise!



Nursery

Nursery have had an amazing half term. They have been working really hard learning the songs for their performance of 'Whoopsie Daisy Angel'.



Reception

This half term Reception's topic has been 'Where We Live'. The children enjoyed exploring their local area. They observed the different types of houses and buildings that they had learnt about. The children also put their knowledge of road safety into practice. Well done Reception for a fantastic half term!



Year 1

Year 1 has had an exciting half-term learning all about the differences and similarities between toys from the past and toys from the present. We also enjoyed different festivities and made chocolate apples for bonfire night.



Year 2

Year 2 have been busy immersing themselves in the Great Fire of London this half term and we have learned loads and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves! We have also spent time learning all about animal life cycles, doing **lots** of painting and we even made Christingles at St Agnes church!



Year 3

Year 3 had an amazing half term. We have especially enjoyed learning all about earthquakes and volcanoes in our Geography topic. I am very impressed with everyone's reading this half term, especially our class story 'Escape from Pompeii'. Year 3 visited Manchester Grammar School's performance of The Snowman. We were amazed by their talent.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant term learning all about rainforests in Geography and reading an exciting book called, The Great Kapok Tree. We especially had lots of fun in science, finding out about states of matter. We even conducted a tasty experiment where we made delicious rice crispy treats by melting chocolate, butter and marshmallows to see how they solidify when cooled in the fridge!



Year 5

Year 6

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Everybody has had a fantastic half term! We have been learning all about the importance of mountains and even developed our survival skills on a 'visit' to Mount Everest. Luckily, we all survived and wrote some marvellous tanka poetry about the experience.

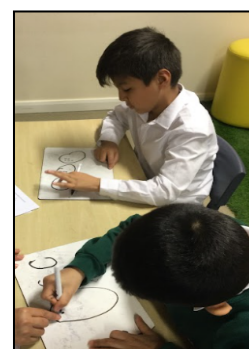


Year 6 Have been inspired by the poem, 'Christmas Eve in the trenches of France' by Caroline Duffy to produce a piece of narrative writing in their English and also for their christmas production.



Star Group

We've been busy learning all about multiplication, division and number fact families in maths and in English we've looked at sentence structure, suffixes and prefixes. We can't wait to show them off in our writing next term!



Uniform, school bags and PE kits

Please make sure pupils come in their full uniform. We still have a lot of children coming in with incorrect footwear and PE kits.

School bags are available for purchase from the office.

Attendance:

We got off to quite a good start and slowly got closer to our target, but sadly we have had a lot of illnesses towards the end of the term, as you can see from the table below. Over **70 persistent absence letters** have been sent out for pupils with **below 90%** attendance which is very concerning. We still have a lot of families going away during term time - the **penalty charge** by the council is £180 per parent per child.

Children taken out of school for **20 days or more** will lose their school place.

The best attending class gets treats every week and pupils with the most improved attendance get a certificate from Miss Oven!

Lateness - we have **over 30 pupils** regularly arriving very late in the morning and a few at hometime. This causes disruption to learning, as well as adding pressure on the office staff. Please note persistent late pick up will incur a **£5 charge**.

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Attendance 28.10 - 01.11.24							
Week	28.10.24	04.11.24	11.11.24	18.11.24	25.11.24	02.12.24	09.12.24
Nursery	81.9	88.1	67.8	77.5	87.7	76.8	66.4
RC	82.4	86.6	87.2	88.4	90.4	77.9	87.5
RT	90.6	90.6	82.7	95	92	87.7	89.7
Y1C	92.4	86.2	89.9	85.7	93.4	90.3	82.1
Y1T	90.3	85.5	87.6	91.4	95.2	90	93.8
Y2C	93.9	92.9	93.8	94.8	96.6	94.8	97.2
Y2T	91.2	92.2	92.6	93.5	92.6	90.4	87.4
Y3C	85.7	89.3	91.4	88.4	89.3	92.9	93.6
Y3T	89.3	92.1	95.7	93.5	91.9	88.1	91.1
Y4C	92.5	95.2	90	86.2	95.9	93.1	93.1
Y4T	100	97.9	94.3	94.6	97.5	92.1	95.7
Y5C	98	96.7	98.3	100	93.7	98	99.3
Y5T	92.6	90	90	91.4	98.6	98.3	96.7
Y6C	92.7	99	98.7	88.3	97.3	96.7	92.7
Y6T	91	88.4	93.2	95.2	97.4	96.5	90
Overall	91.60%	91.60%	91.80%	91.88%	94.40%	91.90%	92.10%

Attendance and punctuality is everyone's business - let's work together to beat our targets!

Dates to note:

Saturday 21st - Tuesday 24th December and Saturday 28th - Tuesday 31st December (12pm - 4pm) -
Holiday Activity club (run by Rushford Park)

Thursday 23rd January at 9:10am - Chai.Coffee session #3

School closes on: **Friday 20 December at 1:30pm** School opens on: **Tuesday 7 January 2025 at 8:45am**

For all our families celebrating Christmas, have a joyful and blessed time.

On behalf of all at St Agnes, I wish everyone in our community a very safe and peaceful holiday and a...

...Happy New Year!

Mr Uddin and the St Agnes Team

