

THE MESSENGER



15th September 2023

Issue No: 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled so well over the past two weeks. We are very proud of them! A special well done to all of our new nursery children and all new children who have joined us this academic year. It has been lovely to welcome our new families.

We have had a great start to the term – the children have returned with great attitudes to learning and their behaviour continues to be a credit to our school. We have introduced a new acronym to our school to support our children understanding of behaviour expectations. The children are responding really well and encouraging other to meet the expectations.

Smart uniform
Move sensibly
Act like Jesus
Respond with respect
Try your best

There has also been a slight amendment to the reward system. In our pupil questionnaire, our children said they were sometimes confused between house points and achievement points. This has now been simplified into just achievement points. The house with the most achievement points will still be recognised and rewarded in our Friday celebration assemblies. If you don't already have the School Gateway app, please see the accompanying guide School Gateway is a great way to receive notifications for when your children had received achievement points.

On a final note, please may I also remind all parents to take care when driving around our school, bearing in mind the safety of our children and their families?

I do hope you all have a lovely weekend!

God bless,

Mrs Rathbone
Principal



In this week's Gospel we hear how Peter asked Jesus how many times we should forgive. Jesus' response was simple – we must forgive each other as we ask God to forgive us; again and again, without limit.

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Diary Dates



September



19th - School Council visit to Parliament

20th - National Fitness Day

22nd - Year 5/6 Football Tournament

KS2 Cross Country

26th - Parent/Teacher Target Meeting - in person 3.30-6.00pm

27th - Parent/Teacher Target Meeting - remote.5.30pm - 8.00pm

Wk commencing 25th - Year 6 Stanley Head

29th - Macmillan Coffee Morning

29th - Year 3/4 Football Tournament



October

3rd October - Parent Phonics Session

5th - Year 6 St Margaret Ward, History session

6th - KS2 Collegiate Lionesses 5 a side

23rd to 25th - Year 5 Alton Castle



P.E. Schedule

Foundation Stage - Monday and Friday

KS1 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 3/4 - Monday and Friday

Year 5/6 - Monday, Swimming



Celebration Assemblies - Fridays at 2.30pm

Friday 22nd September - Whole School Assembly

Friday 29th September – KS1 Assembly

Friday 6th October - KS2 Assembly



AUTUMN TERM—2023

School opens to pupils

Half Term

INSET Day (**School closed to pupils**)

School opens to pupils

School closes

Wednesday 6th September

Monday 30th Oct to Friday 3rd November

Monday 6th November

Tuesday 7th November

Friday 22nd December



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Well done to

Elaya Oakley - Violin Grade 1 - passed with distinction

Tommy-Ellie Cunningham - Violin Bronze Music Medal

Teddy Robinson - Summer Camp Certificates

Jessica Ryder - Blue Peter Art Badge, Staffordshire Softball Cricket Festival & 1st Place in Paper Craft Competition

Ella-Louise Kinder-Rigby - Balance & Beam L4 , celebrating first solo dance piece, modern jazz primary grade, with merit, Tap Dance Grade 1, Ballet Grade 1, ABRSM Grade 1 Singing & School's Gotta Sing certificate

Penelope-Rae Kinder-Rigby - Balance & Beam L8, Tap Primary Grade, with merit, Modern Jazz certificate & School's Gotta Sing certificate



Head Boy– Stanley Clack
Head Girl– Ava Morris

Deputy Head Boy - Archie Pass
Deputy Head Girl– Ella-Louise Kinder-Rigby

Congratulations to Archie Pass and Penelope-Rae Kinder-Rigby who created the beautiful designs which feature on this years reading diaries. We're sure you'll agree that they are amazing!

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in Staffordshire Libraries "Summer Reading Challenge." It's so exciting to have seen so many certificates and medals in school this week. well done!



Did you know that Our Lady of Grace is a referrer for the Stoke-on-Trent Food Bank?

Any of our families in need of support can contact Mrs McGough in the school office to request help obtaining a voucher.



Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

UNIFORMD

Uniformd stocks a variety of preloved school uniform items priced £1.00 to £5.00 and our catalogue can be found by following the link below:
<http://uniformd.co.uk/ourladyofgrace-academy>

You can help by donating clean, good condition school uniform items (excluding shirts and polo tops), coats or shoes which can then be made available through Uniformd. Donations may be left at the school office.

House Captains

St Matthew

Harvey Parry

Kalliopi Karamolegou

St Mark

Dario Gattuso
Elaya Oakley

St Luke

Reuben Moran
Lexi Shapcott

St John

Tommy-Ellie Cunningham
Lilly Power



Please share your positive views about our school on Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Thank you for your support.

Reminders to Parents



- ◆ **School Uniforms**—Our full uniform range is now available at Supersport, High Street, Tunstall or online at www.supersport.co.uk/schoolwear.html. The school office carries elastic and normal ties, water bottles and a small stock of other uniform items. Please order via Scopay.
- ◆ **School Dinners** - Nursery Meals are £2.40 per day
Reception & KS1 meals are free
Years 3/4/5 & 6. meals are £3.10 per day
Menus are on the School Website.

Breakfast Club

from 7.30am £4.50 (Late or no booking £9.00)
from 8.00am £2.50 (Late or no booking £5.00)

Children must arrive no later than 8.15am

**If your child is at Breakfast Club for the full week the Friday session will be free.
All sessions must be booked and paid for at least one week in advance.**

Care Club

Mon-Fri 3.00pm-5.45pm - Snack included

Care Club First Child;
from 3.00pm to 5.00pm £5.00
from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £7.50

Care Club Siblings;
from 3.00pm to 5.00 £3.00
from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £6.00

Late or no booking up to 5.00pm £10.00

Late or no booking up to 5.45pm £15.00

**All sessions must be booked and paid for at least one week in advance.
Unattended pre booked sessions will still be charged.**

Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident.
Thank you for your support and cooperation

Would Parents and Carers please note that dinner money is payable in advance and should either be paid online via your child's Sco pay account.

ABSENCEIF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST EITHER telephone school on 512644, report the absence via Studybugs or email office@olognewman.co.uk

BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.

You must also send a letter or email detailing the dates and the reason for their absence on your child's return to school as this is required by Education Welfare.

If you require this document in any other format please contact the office.