

Parent Bulletin 25/10/24

We start by making the sign of the cross

Lord, Help me to see the needs of those around me and be willing to step in and help in any way I can. Whether it's offering a kind word, a listening ear, or a helping hand, please give me the courage and compassion to serve others selflessly. Amen.

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Welcome message

Welcome to the final week of our first half term. We have had much to celebrate over the last 8 weeks and lots of fantastic events which have taken place in school. Here are some highlights:

- College assemblies for our Year 11 pupils to help prepare them for life after All Saints.
- Several sporting fixtures including netball and football games where our amazing pupils have represented the school with pride.
- A trip to France this week with Ms Wing, Ms Fox, Ms Masjid and Mr Corcoran which will allow some fantastic pupils to celebrate culture and explore new places.
- The first half term for our prefects who have represented the school beautifully and supported younger pupils through their first few weeks at secondary school.
- Several meetings for our Culture Club and PE Ambassadors who have begun their journey as Pupil Leaders.
- Mental Health assemblies from Kooth which taught our pupils how to express themselves and articulate their emotions.
- Fundraising for Willow Wood Hospice where pupils have begun their Enterprise Challenge and become entrepreneurs.
- An amazing donation to Tameside East Food Bank in Dukinfield for the harvest celebration.

As you will all be aware, we very sadly lost one of our pupils Maisie Almond this half term following a short illness. She is greatly missed by all pupils and staff and will forever be a part of our All Saints family. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported your child during this difficult time. Grief is a process which can be extremely difficult for everyone, and can have a long-lasting impact on children. Our school will always be here to support Maisie's family, friends and everyone impacted by her passing.

Maisie's ribbon fundraising

As communicated via text and Class Charts, the school closed today at 12.00pm to allow pupils and staff to attend Maisie's funeral.

Pink ribbons were given out this morning to all staff and pupils to remember Maisie, as this was her favourite colour. We have a voluntary donation set up on Parent Pay which goes directly to the fundraising efforts being led by Maisie's family surrounding organ donation awareness. Thank you to those of you who have already donated. The amount that we have raised so far to give to Maisie's 'Just Giving' page is £403.10. We look forward to being able to donate this to a very important cause.



France Trip

This morning we have had a large group of our pupils set off to France on their languages trip. To keep up to date with all of the fun activities, please follow their Instagram page:



@LANGUAGES.ASCC

Parents Evening

Our first Parents Evening of the year is taking place when we return from the half term break. This will run on the 21st of November and is for Year 8. Parents of Year 8 children will be invited to make appointments with their teachers on Monday the 4th of November using School Cloud.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is a very important celebration in the Catholic calendar. When we return on the 4th of November, we will be making some changes to the school day to allow all pupils to celebrate their form's saint. Pupils will be given treat tokens to represent each saint and can claim their treat during an extended lunchtime celebration.

Year 7 will also be having their first mass which they have been preparing for in their RE lessons.

Food Bank Donations

This morning, some amazing Year 7 pupils attended the Tameside East Food Bank Centre at St John's Church with Ms Lane-Super and Mr Ablett. The pupils dropped off all of the wonderful donations we have been collecting over the last few weeks and the food bank were extremely grateful. The pupils also learned about what food banks are used for and why they are so important. Thank you all for supporting this cause and for encouraging your children to bring donations to school.



Winter Uniform Policy

During the winter term (from 4th November), we will be reverting to our winter uniform policy. Both girls and boys must wear a school jumper underneath their blazer during these months. When wearing a skirt, we ask that girls wear black tights. These rules are to protect our pupils from the cold and ensure they are appropriately dressed for the colder months at school.

I would also like to remind parents please do not allow your child to get their ears pierced over the holidays. One week will not be long enough to heal and earrings are not allowed at school under our uniform policy. Please also ensure that all false nails are removed before your child returns to school. I appreciate your cooperation.



Parent Pay

Parent Pay is the system we use at school for parents to pay for lunches for their child. After the half term, we will be updating the way we use this system. It is important that children have money on their Parent Pay account so that they can purchase food at school. From the 4th of November, we will be contacting parents/carers when pupils go into negative numbers on their account. This happens when a child does not have enough money on their Parent Pay to purchase food and pay our catering company. You will be contacted and asked to add money to their account.

It is important to state that no child will ever be refused food. We have a duty of care to our pupils and that includes ensuring they are not hungry at school. If a child is without money, we will ensure they are fed and request that parents pay onto the system as soon as possible.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

If you are struggling to gain access, please get in contact with school and we will help you log into your account.

Changes to lunchtime

After the October half term, I will be extending the lunchtime period for all pupils. I want to ensure that all pupils have adequate time to queue, pay for and eat their food without feeling rushed. Our new lunchtimes will now be 40 minutes long, giving pupils plenty of time to enjoy their food and socialise with friends.

Rewards

Reward points are now called 'ASAP' points (All Saints Achievement Points) these are given to pupils who are working hard and showing an excellent attitude to their learning.

Here are the top 5 performing pupils this week:

1. Aliya JT (Year 7)
2. Hallie D-O (Year 8)
3. Holly O (Year 9)
4. Alyssia F-R (Year 10)
5. Bobby A (Year 11)

Here are the top 5 performing form groups per year group this week:

1. 7CA – 65 points
2. 8T – 54 points
3. 9JP – 56 points
4. 10W – 52 points
5. 11T – 48 points



Our ASAP system has been updated and now will allow our hardworking pupils to claim rewards from our shop, using their ASAP points as currency which they can purchase rewards with.

Fantastic effort from 7CA who have the highest overall points again this week!



Well done to last week's winners 7CA!

Thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all a safe and happy half term break.

Ms Gilligan