



Primary School Newsletter - 13 September

Show by a good life that your works are done by gentleness born of wisdom James 3:13

Ms Luzmore	Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Standing	Deputy Headteacher;
Mrs Baker-Spencer	Attendance and Punctuality & Medical
Donna Edmead	School Receptionist
Mrs Gilmore	Academy SENCO (Primary and Secondary)
Mrs Hastings	SEN teacher (Primary and Secondary)
Ms Nagra	Reception class teacher
Ms Melga	Year 1 class teacher
Ms Eastlake	Year 2 class teacher and maths lead
Ms Ing	Year 3 class teacher and RE lead
Ms O'Reilly	Year 4 class teacher and x lead
Mr Berridge	Assistant Headteacher, Year 5 class teacher, Literacy & Assessment lead
Mr Spencer	Year 6 class teacher and Unit of Inquiry lead

Who's who and what do they do? For those who have recently joined SMMA and for those who have been here a while, the following is a list of who has different responsibilities in the day to day running of the school.

Welcome Carolina!
We were delighted on Thursday to welcome Carolina, our new music teacher to the school. We knew that she would be a fantastic asset to the school and challenge the children in their learning. She has now had the opportunity to teach every class and lead us in our singing assembly, where we have started to learn some gospel music.

PTSA PRESENTS

WELCOME HOT DOGS

Thursday 19 September
3.30pm-5.30pm
in the playground

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
ARK FARM PETTING ZOO

Come and meet guinea pigs, rabbits, a friendly Labrador, pygmy African hedgehogs, tortoises and sugar gliders

Hot dogs: £1/free for Reception - Petting zoo: £2 donation
games - cakes - uniform sale - more...

Make sure you remember the **PTSA Welcome Hot Dogs** this Thursday (19th) with special guests, **Ark Farm Petting Zoo**. Children can meet sugar gliders, rabbits, hedgehogs and much more. To save queuing, families will be able to choose a time slot - look out for more info at drop off next week. Hot dogs are free to families with children in Reception or £1; we are asking for £2 **donation** per school child for the petting zoo to help cover costs - children can take carers/siblings in with them. We're also trying to be more environmentally friendly, so **please bring your own cup for hot drinks** As well as the zoo, there will be the cake stall, penalty shoot out and some craft activities to keep the children entertained while parents and carers get to know each other .

Autumn term diary dates

September

Mon 16—After school clubs start

Wed 18—Reception class Meet the Teacher—9am

Thur 19 – Welcome Hot Dog BBQ (after school)

Mon 23 – Y6 Parent Lunch

Tues 24—Year 4 Swimming starts

Wed 25 – Y5 Parent Lunch

Thur 26—Harvest service in MPH 9am

Fri 27 – Individual pupil photos

Mon 30—Year 5 & 6 Shakespeare workshops (in school)

Mon 30 Sept – Fri 4 October – International Celebration Week

October

Tues 1 – Y4 Parent Lunch

Wed 2 – Y3 Parent Lunch

Wed 2—Year 3/4 Boys football tournament

Fri 4—International food event after school in hall

Fri 11—Year 6 class assembly 3pm

Tues 8 – Y 2 Parent Lunch

Thur 10 – Y1 Parent Lunch

Mon 14 – Parents Evening

Tues 15 – Parents Evening

Mon 21 – 1 November – Half Term

November

Tues 5 – Y5 & Y6 Millfield Theatre - Macbeth

Fri 8—Year 2 class assembly 3pm

Fri 15—Flu Immunisation

Fri 15—Year 5 class assembly

Wed 20 – Reception Parent Lunch

Fri 22—Year 4 class assembly 3pm

Fri 29—Year 3 class assembly 3pm

December

Wed 11 – Y4 Tate Britain

Fri 13 – Nativity (TBC)

Tues 17 – KS2 Carol Concert (TBC)

Thur 19—TERM ENDS 1.30pm

Library

Every other week, each class gets to visit the school library for half an hour. In this session, the teacher will read to the children, and then the children will get the chance to choose a book of their own to take home. This is signed out of the system so we can track who has each book.

Reception to Year 3 have a 30 min session and Year 4-6 have 45 min session bi weekly.

Children in Reception to Year 3 can borrow one book at a time and those in Year 4-6 can borrow two books.

Pupils are expected to return their library books during their library sessions, allowing them to take out another one during the same session. Pupils who have overdue books will be unable to borrow from the library until they are returned. Library reminders are sent home for overdue books. If books are lost and damaged, replacement or relevant cost is expected to be paid.

Volunteers wanted

Have you a spare hour or two a week? Do you enjoy books? We are looking for a volunteer who could support us looking after the school library on a weekly basis. If you are interested, please contact Mr Standing.

We also need regular people to support with walking Year 4 to and from their swimming lessons. Swimming is on a Tuesday and starts on 24 September.



In this week's assemblies:

Ms Luzmore began reading the school *A Little History of the World*. So far we have heard about what prehistory means and started to learn about The Stone Age and why the inventions of this time are so great!

Fr Sam had his first assembly and led us through a visualisation of being on a boat at the start of a great journey. We thought about what sort of destinations we would sail our boat to and reflected how this was similar to our journeys at school and in life.

This week we have been listening to suites from Gustav Holst's *The Planets*— particular Mars and Jupiter!



**Diary dates which
are new or amended
are highlighted in red**