



**Newsletter No: 1**

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a great summer.

Staff returned to school on Monday and Tuesday for training. Mr Johnson and Miss Burrell led staff through using Pixl. This is a system we have used for the last year in Years 5 and 6 which we are now rolling out to the rest of the school. It will hopefully cut teacher workload by helping them identify gaps in children's learning and providing the resources to support individuals. The sooner we can close the gaps the better!

Our Early Years Staff were able to attend training hosted by Emneth Nursery and visit their setting which has recently been graded as outstanding by Ofsted. Staff came back really enthusiastic and full of ideas!

Children's mental health and well-being has been in the news a great deal in the last year. However, we feel that we have been supporting children with this for much longer. To gain the recognition, which we believe staff deserve, and to continue to improve our support, we are embarking on a Well-being Award this year. Therefore, please look out for questionnaires which we will be asking you to fill in for us. Children and staff will be completing these at school too.

Our theme for this term is 'Our Wonderful World' which you will hear more about in the coming weeks.

Miss Hayes and Mrs Arrowsmith.



### Next Week ...

Afterschool Clubs Start this week  
Tues ~ Fireflies Swimming Lesson at  
Alive St James Pool

### Fireflies Swimming

Fireflies children are swimming every Tuesday at St James pool for this half term starting Tuesday 10th September.

Please remember to bring your kit every Tuesday; **costume/trunks, hat & towel**, they do not need armbands as the pool supplies those, however all children must wear a swimming hat and we advise you to purchase one beforehand. We have also been advised by the swimming pool staff that children must not wear earrings during their swimming lessons. Therefore we ask that you remove your child's earrings before bringing them to school Tuesday mornings – The only exception to this is if ears have been pierced less than 6 weeks. Goggles are not needed for lessons, but may be worn if your child is competent at putting their face in the water.



### Afterschool Clubs

The new Afterschool brochure came out YESTERDAY ready to start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September with new and returning activities. Please ensure your child has the right equipment for their clubs;

**Monday** Construction

**Tuesday** Tag Rugby – Suitable PE Kit.

**Wednesday** Speed Stacking

**Wednesday** Drama

**Thursday** Cross Country – Suitable PE kit.

**Friday** Football – Football boots/trainers and shin pads – you will not be allowed to play football if you do not have the right equipment!

Please remember childcare is available, please collect booking forms from the school office.

Please note;

Drama starts Wednesday 18th September and runs for 10 weeks.

There is no construction club on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September due to a Friends of the School Film Night.

### PE Day and Kit

We have PE with sports coaches on a Tuesday, however please make sure that PE Kits are in school all week. Your child's PE kit should consist of;

Plimsolls (trainers for outdoors)

Royal Blue T-shirt

Royal Blue/Navy or Black PE Shorts

School Sweatshirt or Tracksuit

Thank you

## Diary Dates:

### **September**

**Fireflies swimming this half term on Tuesdays at  
Alive St James Pool starting Tuesday 10th September 2019**

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Back to School

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> ~ First Week of Fireflies Swimming Lessons at St James Pool

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 6 PE and Science Event at KLA

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Harvest Festival at Church - TBC

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Girls Football Event for Selected Pupils

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Friends of the School Film Night

### **October**

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Dragonflies Trip - Information to follow

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Ladybirds Trip – Information to follow

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Omnes Handball Event for selected pupils

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Quicksticks Hockey Development Festival for selected pupils

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Active Kids Event for Selected Pupils

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Break up for Half Term

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Back to School