

*A family of God,
living life in all its fullness
- playing, learning and growing together.
Friendship - Courage - Respect*



Friday 21 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Pastoral Support & Attendance Officer

I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed to a new post, relating to children's wellbeing and attendance. Mrs Carol Scott joined our staff towards the end of this half term. Mrs Scott is the person who now manages attendance systems and follows up on absences when we have not been contacted; as well as working with families to improve on low attendance so that children's learning does not suffer. Mrs Scott will be championing the importance of good attendance across the school. Further, Mrs Scott will be working to coordinate pastoral work in school such as the ELSA we provide and Early Help (FEHA) in school. We are really pleased to have her on our team!



*Thank
you!*

Harvest

A huge thank you to parents and carers for coming along to our Harvest liturgy; supporting Go Green for CAFOD; donating to our local foodbank; and providing for our cake sale. I have never seen so many cakes in one place! The cake sale raised £235 for CAFOD. The children had a great day! Thank you for your support and generosity.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals (this is not the same as Universal Infant Free School meals) have been sent a £15 supermarket voucher for half term, electronically, as in previous school holidays. These are funded by York local authority during half term. Parents of pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals, who have been absent due to COVID this half term, have been sent an additional voucher.



Open Morning

We are having an open morning on Wednesday 10 November for prospective parents whose children are due to start school in September 2022. Prospective parents and carers are welcome to drop in between 9.30 and 11.30am to visit our Early Years setting and have a tour of the school and chat with me. There is no need to book a slot. The invitation applies to all parents who have a child due to start school in September 2022 even if you already have a child at St Aelred's.

Parents' Evenings

Letters for parents' evening appointments have been sent home this week. Appointments are available on Thursday 11 and Wednesday 17 November. Please return your reply slip after half term so that we can give you an appointment.

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RSE Meeting

Parents of children in Y5&6 have been invited to a meeting on Wednesday 3 November at 6pm, in advance of us teaching elements of the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum, next half term. Please return the reply slip stating whether or not you are able to come along. We are hoping that you will be able to join us to have a useful sharing of information about teaching Y5/6 RSE.

Football Matches

Over the last couple weeks we have hosted Haxby Road Primary School for football friendlies. This Monday, in the pouring rain, our Red team won a pulsating game 4-2 with goals from Charlie and Ollie. Despite a 5-1 reverse the previous Monday, our Blue team, grew steadily into the game and put in an encouraging performance, with Paige scoring a cracking consolation. Many of the players from both teams were playing in their first competitive game and should feel proud of their performances. A really big thank-you to parents and carers whose support and encouragement really benefited the children!



Walk to School Week



Last week, the school managed a daily average of 81.7% of children walking, cycling or scooting to school, last week. We entered our data into the Jack Archer competition but have not won; however, it seems like on any one day, a high proportion of the school are having an active, healthy and green start journey to school! Keep it up!

Teacher Training Days

Remaining teacher training days are:

- **Tuesday 4 January 2022**
- **Friday 18 February 2022**
- **Monday 25 July 2022**

The school is closed to pupils on these dates.

Have a good half term. The children return to school on Monday 1 November.

Kind regards



Suzanne Ulyett
Headteacher