



St George's R.C Primary School Newsletter

October 2016

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We have had a great start to the Autumn term! It has been lovely to see the children in their new classes working so hard and enjoying their learning.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Autumn parents' evening on Wednesday 19th October. We have this meeting early on in the year in order to iron out any issues that may have already cropped up and to see how we can all work together to ensure that your child reaches their full potential. We appreciate that you know your child better than anyone so working together will ensure we are all doing the best job we can.

Halloween!

This month in school we will be celebrating Halloween. Halloween is actually a Christian celebration that's almost 1,300 years old. "Halloween" is the shortened version of "All Hallows Eve," and is the eve of All Hallows Day ~ more commonly known today as All Saints Day. All Saints Day, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation, and both the feast and the eve have been celebrated since the early eighth century, when they were started by Pope Gregory III in Rome. We will be going to church for Mass on All Saints Day and will be wishing our colleagues at All Saints RC School a happy feast day. Early Years will be dressing up on Halloween as cats, friendly witches and friendly ghosts (NO MASKS PLEASE) and other classes will be learning about Halloween, the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain and the meaning & origins behind the traditions we now associate with Halloween. A fun day and a good way to keep rooted to the seasons and to teach children about the months of the year, customs and festivals. **YOU CAN SEND IN ANY PUMPKINS THAT YOU'VE GROWN IF YOU LIKE!** THANK YOU!

Why Is It So Important To Read Every Day? There will be a huge emphasis this year on **READING** every day ~ in school and at home!

Here's why:

- Reading develops your **VOCABULARY** and helps you speak more eloquently! (It will be easier to persuade mum and dad to let you stay up later and eat more sweets.....)
- Reading improves your **FOCUS** and concentration.
- Reading helps you to improve your **SPELLING** as you will **SEE** the words and remember what they **LOOK** like!
- Reading improves your **IMAGINATION** ~ which helps you write even better stories!
- **READING MAKES YOU SMARTER** ~ and who doesn't want to be smarter?
- Reading has been shown to improve your **MEMORY!** **WOW!**
- And finally, and most importantly, it's **Just FUN** to read!!

The **MORE**
that you read,
the **MORE** things
you will know.
The **MORE** that you
Learn,
the **MORE** places you'll go.



Subject News

Art!

There is an exciting art competition linked to the Illuminating York event which is taking place in the city centre (26th-29th October). The competition is for children to design a sun catcher with a stained glass window style design. The only rule is that it cannot be larger than A4. Children could visit the Minster and have a look at the amazing stained glass windows for inspiration. First prize is a day of art workshops in school! Entries to be brought into school by Monday 17th October.

Miss Birkinshaw
Art Subject Leader

PLEASE CAN YEAR 4
CHILDREN RETURN THEIR
CONSENT FORMS FOR
THEIR TRIP ON OCTOBER
14TH!!

ENGLISH NEWS

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The year 4 haiku competition is hotting up and there have been lots of fantastic entries. Thank you very much to all the parents for your support. There is still plenty of time for more entries. There are prizes for all entrants and there are special prizes for the top 3! Pop into year 4's target area to read the poems on display!

Mr Redmond
English Subject leader

Reading news

Well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2016! We are super proud of you!



Next month we will have news from Mrs Clark, the maths subject leader, and news about our new spelling and homework policy.

Remember! You DO NOT have to be on FB or Twitter to FOLLOW us. The live Twitter feed is ON the school website page and the FB link takes you straight to our FB page.

We use our Twitter feed to keep you up to date with any changes to the school day or any important reminders and dates.

We also use it to keep you up to date with any interesting educational developments and research.



St George's Roman Catholic Primary School York

Don't forget to follow us and keep up to date!

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