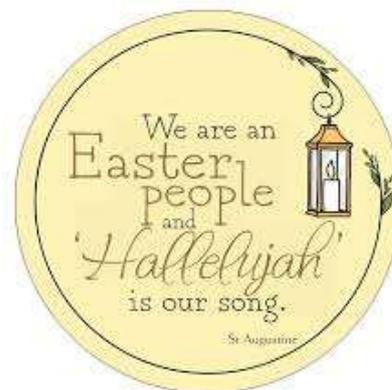


Newsletter ~ Term 5 Week 1

A big 'Welcome Back' to all our families! It is so lovely to see adults and children arriving at school in the sunshine and going home in the light. I hope you all had a peaceful Easter and managed some long-awaited catch-ups with friends and family.



Inset Days 2022-2023

We normally let you know about INSET days for next year around this time. We are a little delayed this year as we need to ensure we are in line with our partner schools in our new MAT. However, it is likely that the first day of term (September 1) will be an INSET day so the first day of school for children will be Friday 2 September. We will confirm as soon as we can.

Sun Hats and Sun Cream

During these two summer terms, all children must have a named sun hat in school for protection when they are outside. If sun cream is used, it should be applied at home before school. Children may bring sun cream into school in a labelled container (which should then be handed to staff for safekeeping), but staff cannot apply it. If you would like your child to have sun cream in school, teach your child how to apply it to themselves safely and sensibly. *We have been alerted by a parent to the fact that some sun creams contain nuts (almond oil) so please avoid these for use in school.*

We encourage children to be outside for playtime as much as possible, so please ensure your child also has a waterproof coat in school, as rain does not stop play!

Parking on Station Road

A number of parents and carers have alerted me to concerns regarding parking on Station Road at drop-off and pick-up times. We have campaigned for a proper crossing outside our school for a long time, to no avail so far. With no crossing as yet, it would be a tragedy if one of our children was hurt walking to school.

Please consider parking a little further away and walking to school from one of the neighbouring streets. Good for the health as well as the safety of the children!

Forthcoming Events

When?	Who?	What?	Additional Information
Monday 2 May	Whole school	School closed for May Day bank holiday	
Wednesday 4 May	Year 3 and 4 pupils	Cross country event	Details to follow
Friday 6 May	All children and staff	Crazy Hat / Hair Day to raise money for playtime equipment	If children are swimming DO NOT dye hair – best to go with the hat option!
Monday 9-Thursday 12 May	Year 6	SATS	Please make sure children are in school, well rested and with a good breakfast inside them!
Monday 16-Friday 20 May	Year 2	SATS	Please make sure children are in school, well rested and with a good breakfast inside them!

Tales on a Tuesday...nothing compares to a good story to start the day off well!



Attendance

You may have received a letter from me this week regarding your child's late arrival in school or their low attendance data. We understand that the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on both the number of times children have been off school ill and your normal family routines, including the morning school run. However, we do need the children to be in school regularly and on time in order to give them the best opportunities to catch up on their missed learning over the last few years.

There is no need to respond to the letter and we will only follow up if attendance and / or late arrivals do not improve. We hope you understand that we always aim to work alongside you in the best interests of the children and their education.

Tissues!

'Flu season may be over, but hay fever season is upon us and we are running low on tissues. We would be very grateful for a box from each family to replenish our stocks – what we don't spend on tissues we can spend on educational supplies so the children and staff thank you in advance!

Mental Health: Useful Contacts

Young person's guide to anxiety:

Young Minds have produced a young person's guide to anxiety with lots of information and tips that can help. They've also produced a guide to making a 'self-soothe box' for when times are tough.

Young Minds parent's guide to anxiety:

Parents looking for ways to support their child, can have a look at a parent's guide to anxiety, or a guide to making a 'worry box' with your child

Please go to the Young Minds website to access these guides.

AskTheAwkward:

This site aims to help parents and carers have regular conversations with their children about online relationships and more. The resource includes three short films created in a social experiment style, with real parents and their children to capture their reactions to a range of questions View the films and resources

And Finally...

Today is the feast day of St Catherine of Siena, after whom I am named! She is the patron saint of nurses and the joint patron saint of Italy (alongside our own St Francis). She is renowned for her abilities as a writer and her political boldness – being unafraid of ‘speaking truth to power’. Unusually for her time, she neither became a nun nor followed the other usual path of marriage.

She died young at the age of 33 and was canonised in 1461.



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SATURDAY 25 JUNE

MILLENNIUM PARK, NAILSEA 12-5PM
SKATEBOARD, BMX, SCOOTER COMPETITIONS
BARBECUE, REFRESHMENTS, CHILDREN'S AREA, BOUNCY CASTLE

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