



Newsletter

Friday 30th September 2022



Harvest Service

Thank you

It was lovely to be joined by so many family and friends this morning as we celebrated and gave thanks at our Harvest Service. Thank you on behalf of the YMCA, North Staffordshire, for all your generous gifts which will be shared.

The service was beautifully led by some of our Year 4 children: Evie; Darcey; Holly & Teddy who led the worship with a bible reading, poetry and prayers.

Thank you for supporting your children over the week with our Sunflower family activity. The children have loved bringing them into school and hanging them on our prayer tree. It has been a great opportunity for the children to engage in an activity at home which they have been able to use to contribute to our worship in school. Thank you!



Aspens' New Lunch Menu

Next week, we start our new Autumn Lunch Menu from Monday. A copy of the 3 week menu plan has been sent home and available to view on our website.

To launch the new menu, we will be offering a tasting session next week for children to sample some of the new dishes!



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Dates for the term

Please make a note of the dates below. We will do everything possible to ensure that these are not altered, but may be due to unforeseen circumstances.

October

5th Academy Photography order collected

11th Full Governing Body Meeting

17th & 19th Parent/Teacher Meetings (further details from teachers to follow)

20th Break up for Half-term

21st INSET Day

November

11th Remembrance Service in Church @10.45am

23rd Hedgehogs' visit to Gladstone Pottery Museum

December

15th End of term Service @ 2.00pm (provisional)

Absence from school and reporting absences.

We continually analyse our school absence rate, which over the past 2 years has inevitably been impacted by Covid. From September, any covid-related absence is treated as any other illness and recorded and reported as such.

It is really important that children attend school every day—each day a child is absent is a day of learning missed. Our EWO (Education Welfare Officer) monitors individual absences and is available to offer support should any family need it.

If your child is absent from school, it is a parental responsibility to notify the school - please do this by 9.00am either by telephone or email:

office@hutchinson.staffs.sch.uk

Please notify us **each day** your child is absent.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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Curriculum & Extra- Curricular Activities

Music Curriculum Teaching

We have been really fortunate this year to enhance our Music Teaching by welcoming a specialist teacher from Entrust Music Services to teach Curriculum Music to our KS1 and KS2 children. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons so far—thank you to the PTFA who kindly funded a new set of instruments for both classes.

Rocksteady Instrument Tuition

Rocksteady Instrument tuition got off to a brilliant start this week! The children responded to their teacher with enthusiasm and pure joy—it was great to see. There are a few places remaining should anyone want to take up this opportunity with the Rocksteady Team.

Open the Book

After over 2 years, it was a delight to welcome back our visiting Worship Leaders to school as part of the 'Open the Book' bible story-based worship for schools. The Open the Book Team will be leading our worship fortnightly and engaging the children with an interactive approach to worship.

Social Media

Please follow, like and share our posts on Instagram and Facebook! We are increasing our presence on these—it's a great way to share snippets of school life and celebrate some of the amazing work and achievements of our school.

You can find us at:

Instagram - [@hutchinsonmemorial_school](https://www.instagram.com/hutchinsonmemorial_school)

Facebook - [Hutchinson Memorial C.E. First School](https://www.facebook.com/HutchinsonMemorialCEFirstSchool)

Thank you.



Have a lovely weekend.

Paula Snee