Street Lane Primary School

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Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half-term! As we reach the end of Autumn Term 1, I would like to thank all of our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitudes. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled into the new school year and the progress they have made both academically and personally.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for their hard work in organising and running the Halloween Movie Night. The event was a great success, and we have received lots of positive feedback from the children. The goody bags were particularly popular, with the spooky light projectors proving to be a firm favourite!

After-School Clubs

Many of you will be aware that we have been exploring ways to expand our after-school club provision and offer longer sessions for children. We have worked hard to secure an external provider; however, unfortunately there has been insufficient interest to make this a viable option.

We are now proposing a trial programme of after-school clubs for Autumn Term Two. The clubs will run **Monday to Friday from 3.30pm to 5.00pm**, giving children the opportunity to enjoy a range of activities in a safe and engaging environment. Each session will include a drink, a snack, and a supervised activity.

Our club programme is as follows:

- **Monday (3.30pm-5.00pm):** Sports Club with Isaac
- **Tuesday (3.30pm-5.00pm):** Christmas Choir with Mrs Graham and Mrs Dixon
- **Wednesday (3.30pm-5.00pm):** Craft Club with Isaac
- **Thursday (3.30pm-5.00pm):** Cooking Club with Ami
- **Friday (3.30pm-5.00pm):** Movie and Games Club with Isaac

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The cost of each session will be **£7.50 per child, per day**. We will be monitoring uptake during this trial period to determine whether there is sufficient demand and income to cover staffing, resources, and refreshments, allowing us to continue offering these extended clubs on a longer-term basis.

Bookings will be available through ParentPay from Monday 26th October. Please note that places must be booked by 10.00pm on the evening before the club is due to take place.

We hope that these clubs will provide a valuable childcare option for families while offering children enjoyable and enriching experiences at the end of the school day. Thank you for your continued support.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity

I am pleased to announce that our EYFS/KS1 Nativity will take place at Marehay Church on Friday 11th December at 1.30pm. This year our performance is called "Lights Camel Action"! and promises to be a fun filled show. More details will come out next term so get your singing voices ready!

Remembrance Day

As always, we will be marking Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November. Children across the school will take part in a poppy-themed art project, providing an opportunity to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those who have served in times of conflict. This learning links closely with the work being undertaken by Peacock Class in History, where pupils have been exploring the events and impact of the First and Second World Wars.

To further enrich their learning, pupils in Peacock Class will have the opportunity to visit the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Laxton, Newark, on 8th December, where they will learn about the experiences of children living through World War II and deepen their understanding of this important period in history.

In support of the Royal British Legion, children will also have the opportunity, to purchase a range of poppy-themed items. Prices range from 50p for pencils and reflector poppies to £1 for snap bands, rubbers and pencil sharpeners.

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These items will be available to purchase in school from Tuesday 3rd November until Wednesday 11th November**,** with all donations helping to support the Royal British Legion's vital work.

Thank you for your support in helping us commemorate this important occasion.

The use of Chewellery in school to support children with identified additional needs.

We have been approached by several parents this term requesting that their children wear chewellery in school. Please see below the advice from our SENDCo, Mrs Curtis regarding the school's policy.

As part of our commitment to supporting children with identified Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), sensory tools and sensory chews may be provided where they have been assessed as an appropriate strategy to help a child regulate, focus, and access learning. Moving forward, the school will be implementing updated guidelines to ensure a consistent, fair, and evidence-based approach to the use of these resources across all classes. Specific sensory tools and chews will only be available to children whose needs have been identified and agreed by the SENDCo or Headteacher as part of their individual support provision. We will continue to ensure that some sensory tools are still available for all children under our universal provision.
To ensure safety, hygiene, and consistency, all sensory tools and chews will now be ***provided by the school,*** and children should not bring their own sensory chews or sensory equipment from home. Parents/carers and children will be asked to read and follow the school's Sensory Tool and Chew Guidelines and sign a user agreement/contract outlining expectations for their safe and appropriate use. These changes will help us ensure that resources are allocated according to need, are used effectively to support learning and wellbeing, and that there is a clear and consistent approach for all members of our school community.

I will attach the guidance document to the Dojo page for anyone seeking further clarity, although please do come and speak to either myself or Mrs Curtis if you have any specific questions.

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School Communications

We are continuing to review our communication systems and, in response to feedback from parents, are aiming to keep the number of messages sent via Class Dojo to a minimum wherever possible. However, there will occasionally be days when more than one message needs to be shared.

To help ensure that important information is not missed, please take a moment to scroll through and check for any additional messages when opening Class Dojo, as new posts can sometimes appear alongside messages sent earlier in the day.

We have recently become aware that some KS2 parents may have missed the information regarding parent meetings last week. If this applies to you and you would like to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact them directly to arrange either a brief face-to-face meeting or a telephone conversation.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us keep school communications as effective as possible.

Attendance Information

As we have now reached the end of Autumn Term 1, you should have received an email outlining your child's attendance for the term. These letters have been issued at the request of the Governing Body to ensure that all parents receive clear and consistent information about their child's attendance.

We recognise that a child's attendance can be affected by a range of factors, including illness, personal circumstances, or agreed part-time timetables. Please be assured that these letters are provided for information only and are intended to keep parents informed of attendance levels throughout the year.

Where the school has any ongoing concerns regarding a child's attendance, we will contact parents directly to arrange a meeting and discuss how we can work together to provide any necessary support.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote good attendance and ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn and succeed.

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Picture News

The children continue to enjoy our weekly Picture News discussions, which are encouraging thoughtful conversations about British values, protected characteristics and how these link to our own school values. These sessions provide valuable opportunities for pupils to develop their oracy skills, share their opinions and respectfully consider different viewpoints.

This week, the children learned about Bodhana Sivanandan, an eleven-year-old pupil from London who has become the youngest person ever to achieve the title of Woman Grandmaster in chess. This inspiring story prompted a lively discussion about whether age should determine what people are able to do and achieve.

The debate certainly sparked plenty of interest! Oliver in Year 6 was particularly inspired by the discussion and even brought his chess set into school to challenge Mr Gallen to a game. He was keen to demonstrate that age should not always be a barrier to opportunity or achievement, perfectly reflecting the thoughtful and confident debating skills that these sessions help to develop.

We are delighted to see the children engaging so enthusiastically in these discussions and applying their learning to the world around them. Well done, Oliver!





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Home learning opportunities

To support your children's learning at home, we have set a range of activities across different platforms.

All children from Y1 to Y6 have individual login details (which are stuck into their reading record) for the following websites. If you have any problem accessing these, please speak to your class teacher. Weekly tasks are available on each of these platforms

- **Mathletics**: Tasks have been assigned to reinforce and extend mathematical understanding and to help reinforce their learning from the week. We do recommend that the children have paper to jot on when completing their tasks.

https://www.mathletics.com/uk/

- **Ed Shed**: Children can access games to consolidate phonics knowledge and improve spelling. Common exception words are also listed in your child's reading diary if you would like to support them further. Ed shed where they can practise their grammar and punctuation knowledge and spelling rules (SPaG).

https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login/school

- **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**: Please encourage regular practice, as a strong grasp of times tables underpins many other areas of maths.

  https://ttrockstars.com/

Most importantly, **please read with your child as often as possible**. Reading not only develops comprehension but also enriches vocabulary, which supports writing skills.

As we break up for half term, I would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable week. We hope you have lots of fun celebrating the Halloween festivities and spending time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 3rd November** for what promises to be an exciting and festive run-up to Christmas, with lots of special events and learning opportunities planned for the term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support, and have a wonderful half-term break. 🎃🍂✨

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Tracey Marie Dixon (Acting Head Teacher)

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