

To make our dreams come true

through our shared Christian Values of compassion, respect, trust, wisdom and friendship

You are like a tree planted by the water, bearing fresh fruit every month,
Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. Psalm 1:3

30th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Harvest Service. Your food donations will be given to The Trussell Trust. We hope you liked the soup!

Academy Status Update

As you will be aware, we are working towards academy status. This is a legal process. I have been working with the Chair of Governors, Nicola Ford, to ensure that we have completed the due diligence processes and procedures in preparation for this, involving considerable paperwork, as requested by the Local Authority and Pickwick Academy, including TUPE proceedings. We are on track to join Pickwick Academy on the 1st December 2023. Special thanks to the Pickwick and LA teams, and to governors and staff for assisting with the process behind the scenes. This is an essential part of our school development plan and is a momentous and exciting step for the future of the school.

School Attendance

You will read about school attendance regularly in these newsletters. There is a national crisis regarding school attendance. If the problem didn't exist we wouldn't need to mention it! For most families this is not an issue; we are required to show that we are tackling this issue and need to use as many opportunities as possible to work against this worrying national situation. Please see the NHS link for advice regarding sickness absence.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-66701748>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Enquiry-Led Learning

You are invited to join us for Celebration Worship on 10th and 24th November. We will show case our enquiry-led curriculum. This is a bespoke curriculum, created and tailored by teachers, working alongside the Lighting Up Learning team.

"The research is clear: when young people are held responsible for their learning, they are engaged and challenged. Teachers planning for young people to be Scientists is different to teaching them Science. When enquiry questions follow the cognitive development of children, they develop a sense of progression and ownership." Lighting Up Learning

Best wishes,
Louise Knipe
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

10th November -Celebration Worship – parents welcome
24th November-Celebration Worship -parents welcome
8th December- Tree dressing and Christingle-1.15pm- parents welcome
14th December-Christmas Lunch- school pupils only
20th December – Nativity 11am- parents welcome
Last day of term-20th December
21st December- 7th January- Christmas Holidays
8th January 2024-new term begins

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