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NEWSLETTER 25.10.24

As the first half term draws to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the achievements and accomplishments of our students. We have presented numerous awards for academic achievement and diligence and our Community Awards have recognised the many acts of kindness and helpfulness we have seen over the past eight weeks.

We have been pleased to note the number of children signing up for extra-curricular activities as we feel that these experiences can really build confidence and a healthy interest in new areas along with the chance to make new friendships.

There have been a number of trips including a visit to Birmingham to see Aladdin, and Y8 have just returned from a residential in London where they have experienced many of the cultural delights offered by the capital. On the 12th November, children are invited to participate in Odd Socks Day which marks the start of National Anti-Bullying week. On the Friday of that week, the 15th, we will support Children in Need with an own clothes day. If children wish to participate, donations can be made on Parent Pay, but if not, school uniform should be worn. There are a number of other trips and events scheduled for each year group in the coming terms, so please keep your eyes peeled for details.

At the end of the end of this half term, we say goodbye to Mrs Shercliff who has been holding the fort during Miss Pawer's maternity leave. She leaves us to set us her own 'Art School' in Stafford and we wish her every success in her new venture. On our return in November, we will be joined by Mr Humphries who will teach DT and Art and will be form tutor to 7MP.

It has been very positive to meet and hear from so many parents this year. This really helps us to build strong relationships between home and school and we value your input. If you would like to get in touch, please contact your child's form tutor or reception.

I hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to working with you after the holiday.

Michelle Burrington

Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues 12th Nov: Odd Socks Day
- Fri 15th Nov: Children in Need – own clothes day (donation required on Parent Pay)

KS2 COMPETITION

Following our recent visit from local MP, Mike Wood, who enjoyed a tour of the school and a meeting with our school council, KS2 students are invited to compete in his annual regional Christmas card competition. Designs should be ready to submit by **Monday 4th November** and the winning design will adorn his card to local dignitaries and even King Charles. We hope to provide lots of entries to reflect the many artistic talents we have in school.



A template/entry form was made available for children to collect in school, but can also be <u>downloaded from the website</u>. Named entries in other formats will also be accepted.

TRIP TO LONDON

We have had some great feedback about the Year 8 trip to London. Students, staff and parents/carers have all been telling us what a fantastic time the children had and what an amazing (but exhausting) experience it was.







PTFA – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our PTFA helps to raise much needed funds for the school and supports school staff in arranging and running events and projects. We are looking for additional members who are willing to volunteer a little of their free time to help out.

If this is something you would like to find out more about or you would like to join, please email: <u>office@sslp.uk</u>

AUTUMN COLOURS





BEREAVEMENT

If your child is struggling to deal with a bereavement, there are a number of organisations who offer support, advice and/or counselling. These include:

- <u>Child Bereavement Trust</u>
- <u>Child Bereavement Network</u>
- Winston's Wish
- <u>Cruse Bereavement Care</u>
- <u>Compassionate Friends</u>
- Simon Says