



C.A.S. Newsletter October 2018

Please note some key information for the coming half-term.

ASDAN Project aims to help those in need.

Our Year 10 pupils have decided to support the Trussell Trust, who run foodbanks for those in need as part of their ASDAN. They hope parents, carers, staff and Governors will send in some food items, to be delivered by the pupils to our nearest Trussell Trust food bank. Parents Evening (15/11/18, 4pm to 5.30pm), will provide a great opportunity, to bring some items along.

Here is some advice from the Trussell Trust regarding appropriate items to donate.

Foodbanks provide a minimum of three-days' nutritionally balanced, **non-perishable tinned and dried foods**. A typical food parcel includes: **Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Beans, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tea/coffee, Tinned fruit, Biscuits.**

Thank you for supporting our pupils in their efforts to be good citizens and to help others.



Important dates coming up this half-term.

Kinetic Theatre Company science drama performance for Key Stage 3 - 1/11/18

Parents Evening 15/11/18 (4pm-5.30pm)

Children in Need Own Clothes Day (£1) and Raffle (50p strip of tickets) - 16/11/18

Children in Need Cake Sale (for pupils) - 23/11/18

Parents Coffee Morning - (Literacy at C.A.S.) - 26/11/18

Parents Coffee Morning - Pupils with English as Additional Language (5/12/18)

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day, or own clothes if preferred (£1) - 14/12/18

Christmas Pantomime (and Prize giving for last year's Y11s) - 18/12/18

School Christmas Lunch - 19/12/18

End of Term - 20/12/18 (School closes at 1pm)



Information update.

If your address or contact telephone numbers change, please let the school office know on 0151-722 1995. It is vital that we are able to contact parents/carers in an emergency. School should have at least two contact numbers for each pupil.

Drinks in School

Please remember, fizzy, sugary or energy drinks (such as Lucozade, Red Bull) are not healthy and are NOT allowed in school. Pupils are encouraged to bring plain bottled water if they need a drink in class and water is available at all times.

Medication

Pupils who take regular prescribed medication should, if possible, take this at home before school. Medication needed in school time is administered with parents' permission, following written instructions from a qualified medical practitioner. If any pupil needs temporary medication, school must have a letter from home and it must have the clear original label so that staff can ensure it is given safely.

Mobile Phones

Pupils' mobile phones and other electronic devices may not be used in school. If they are brought into school they MUST be handed in on arrival, to be kept securely. This is a safeguarding matter and we take this VERY seriously. Any items brought in are at owners own risk.

E-Safety.

Our children are highly vulnerable to inappropriate material online and via social media. Parents/carers should monitor their child's access to and use of mobile devices, games and other methods of exchanging information. If you become aware of any illegal activity or serious behaviour, taking place outside the school day, you should report this to the police, so action is taken to protect your child. Alert school to any such issues occurring during the school day. E-safety links are on our website. (Safeguarding lead - Mr Maloney, Deputy lead - Mrs Hunt.)

Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear school sweatshirts, white shirt, black trousers/skirt, black shoes/trainers. Jewellery should not be worn. We are expecting cold wintry weather. Pupils should bring a coat each day.

Attendance

The majority of our pupils are punctual and attend school regularly however; we have a number of pupils whose education and social development are suffering due to poor attendance. Please contact school on the first day if your child is absent for any reason. Mr Maloney and our Educational Welfare officer will offer parents/carers of persistent poor attenders, challenge and support.

Fire Drill and Lockdown Procedure.

It is very important that we practice carrying out Fire Drills and Lockdown Procedures, to ensure a calm, safe response in an emergency. We will be carrying out planned practice sessions during this term. Pupils and staff will know that this is planned but will not be told the exact day/time, so that the practice is effective.

Please check the school website for updates. Thank you.