



# EARL STERNDALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter – 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023

*Welcome back to a new school year!*

### **Drama After-School Club – Thursdays - Juniors**

We have been lucky enough to organise an after-school Drama club for the Juniors which will be run by Anna Berentzen from Buxton Opera House. She will be coming in to school on Thursdays starting next week (14<sup>th</sup> Sept) and teaching the children about acting and stagecraft, hopefully culminating in a performance around Christmas time. The club will run from 3:30 to 4:30. Children attending may like to bring a snack and a drink but do not need anything else. There will be no charge. A consent form will be sent out separately for any Junior children who would like to attend.

### **Homework**

Children in the Junior class will be given homework at regular points throughout the week. A timetable and further details have been sent out separately. The intention is that children should spend no more than 10 minutes on each piece of homework and that they should be able to complete the work independently, though we appreciate your support in encouraging them to complete it. If they struggle to do the work or do not have time, they can ask an adult in school for help and complete it in school on the day it is due in.

### **Jewellery**

In line with our Clothing Policy (which can be found on the school website) we do not allow children to wear jewellery of any kind in school, except under special circumstances. This includes necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

### **Open Day**

We will be holding an Open Day for prospective parents on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30 to 11:30. This will be a chance for parents with pre-school aged children to come in to school and have a look around and see how the school runs and have a chat to staff. More details will follow. Please pass the word round to anyone you know with pre-school aged children.

### **Swimming**

Our first swimming session will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. We will be picked up from school at about 10 a.m. and return in time for dinner. Further details and

consent forms will be sent out separately. Please note that for this academic year we will be swimming during the Autumn term only.

### **Reading**

The Juniors will be starting a new reading programme. Further details will follow.

### **P.E.**

Please can Infants and Juniors come to school in P.E kit on a Wednesday, shorts and t-shirt at the moment and joggers and jumper as the weather deteriorates. Please also bring a sun hat and water bottle in hot weather.

### **Flu Vaccines**

Children will be given flu vaccines on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. Further details will be sent out closer to the time.

### **Harvest Service**

This year's Harvest Service will be on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2 p.m. in the church. Further details to follow.

### **Leavers' Party**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, helped out at and donated to our Leavers' Party at the end of last term. It was a lovely evening and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We raised an impressive £1,315 for school funds, which will be used to subsidise school trips and to contribute towards essential school resources. If anyone is interested in joining the school fundraising team, please speak to Mrs Hicks in the school office. New people are always welcome!

### **Diary Dates**

Drama Club starts – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Sept (3:30 – 4:30) and Thursdays thereafter

1<sup>st</sup> swim – Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept

Flu vaccines – Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

Open Morning – Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Oct (9:30 – 11:30)

Harvest Service – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Oct

Break up for half-term – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct

First day back after half-term – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov