



Newsletter 08th September 2017



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# Hi Ho, Hi Ho... It's back to school we go!

Well, summer came and went in a blink of an eye! At least we had a few nice days, but certainly not the heat wave we'd hoped for! Now normal routines resume and I am so pleased to see all of our lovely children back with huge smiles on their faces and seemingly keen to carry on where they left off at the end of last year.

I would also like to welcome all of our new Reception class children who have settled incredibly well into school life. I visited Reception on the first day and it was like the children had been in school for months; calm, busy and happy! Well done Class R. Also may I extend our welcome to all of the new families who have started this week. I'm sure you will soon realise that you've made the right choice for your children.

There are a few changes in school. Firstly, may we welcome Mr Baines who is our new Year 6 teacher. He has already established himself in school and it seems like he's been with us for many years. Welcome Mr. Baines. Secondly, Mrs Hall and Ms Wade are now fronting the office as school administrators and keeping me in check! I wish them nothing but success with the latter! Finally, you may start to notice that we will be seeing a little less of Mr. Banks in the future. This is because Aspire are developing the roles of the Directors, of which Mr Banks is one. He is still Senior Head of St. Minver, but will not be here at school quite as frequently as he has been in the past. Therefore, I have been asked to adopt the role of Head of School, to help with the day to day running of the school. Hopefully, there will be little obvious change to the smooth running of life at St. Minver School.

May I thank you for all sending your children back to school in smart uniform! All of the children look truly splendid.

Best wishes,

*Paul Howard*



## Dates

13/9/17—Roald Dahl Day

21/9/17—Surf Competition (cluster event)

22/9/17—Midnight Walk (PTA event)

4/10/17—KS2 X Country (cluster event)

9/10/17—Girls Football Festival (cluster event)

12/10/17 - Harvest Breakfast

20/10/17—School Closed—Inset

17/11/17—Children in need

22/11/17—School photos

1/12/17—Christmas Fayre

20/12/17 (2pm) — End of Term

4/1/17—1st Day Spring Term

Please note, that due to rising costs the newsletter will be circulated using eschools, email, Facebook and the school website. A paper copy will be available in the office if required.

# Roald Dahl day!

Next Wednesday, all children can celebrate Roald Dahl day by coming to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character. There are hundreds to choose from and in the past



this has been a super day with some really creative (and sometimes disgusting, 'The Twits'!) costumes.

All classes will be celebrating the work of Roald Dahl in their classrooms with some lovely activities too.





# Stars of the week! PTA!

As a new feature of the newsletter we are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!

**Class R:** No starts this week as they are on half days so not in assembly.

**Class 1:**

Zellie Dudley and Bertie Cholerton-Perry— Settling in well

**Class 2 :**

Kacie Meagor and Max Metters—Fantastic work in all areas, especially maths!

**Class 3:**

Delilah Cresswell—Settling into Class 3 beautifully

Reuben Couch—A wonderful attitude and beautifully presented work

**Class 4:**

Caelan Day & Jay Dingle —Excellent focus in his first week in Year 4

**Class 5:**

Ella Lock—A wonderful attitude to learning

Poppy Cooper-Waite—Settling brilliantly into Class 5

Whole Class—A fantastic start to the year

**Class 6:**

Lila Broughton & Todd Cooper—Excellent independent literacy work



Our wonderful crew of merry PTA volunteers are leaping back into fundraising action.

They are holding another "Midnight Walk" on Friday 22nd September . Everyone is welcome (including any keen four-legged friends), meeting outside school at 5:45pm and heading to Valley Caravan Park for refreshments. sign up sheet is in your child's classroom or email [liz.hall@stminver.org](mailto:liz.hall@stminver.org).

There will be a PTA meeting to plan their much needed fundraising events at school (staff room) on Thursday 14th September 7pm, new members are very very welcome!

**Health declaration forms must be returned for ALL children, even if there is no medical condition to report.**

Please remember to keep the office up to date should you change your contact details including your email address! If you don't have time to pop in, then please email [liz.hall@stminver.org](mailto:liz.hall@stminver.org) with revised details.



Those of you who have embraced the wonders of Parent Pay, will see that other payment items are now available to you. Going forward all costs can be paid for using parent pay. Class trips, swimming lessons, educational visits as well as uniform and dinner money. If you have any queries with setting up your account, please let Liz know in the office.

Check out the new "Junior Link" on pages 38 and 39 of your copy of The Link issued earlier this week. There are some lovely articles as well as the opportunity to win a £10 iBounce voucher in a photography competition.



As mentioned in the past, we are now able to send text messages sharing important information about school news or changes to information directly to all parents using our eschools app. If you haven't already,



please install this free app on your smart phone, this means that text messages can be sent free of charge. New parents to reception class will be getting their logins and passwords provided by a separate letter shortly. Just to confirm the school name is "stminver" followed by your unique user name and password. If you have any queries or difficulties installing the app, please pop in to the office.

For those children in Classes R—4, a consent form was sent home regarding Flu vaccinations being held on November 29th. Please return your form showing whether you consent or decline to the office by Tuesday 19th September at the latest. Many thanks.