

Newsletter

Friday 15th September

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Canon Popham News and Events



Welcome back everyone to the new school year. A warm welcome to new members of our school community too! The children have all returned to Canon Popham so well and settled quickly into their new surroundings. Everyone has remembered our school rules of READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and have shown these qualities in their learning time, at breaks and around school. The staff are very impressed with how engaged in learning all classes have been in our first two weeks! This shows a super start to the year of learning ahead. To support learning with your child/children, we have introduced Beginning Of Year meetings which will give you an understanding of expectations of their new year group, the curriculum, the year ahead and a chance to meet the teaching team and ask any questions you may have. A letter about BOY meetings has already been emailed by staff and I gave details of these on my first letter sent home with the children last Friday. Please ask at the office if you would like another copy.

Improvements and Refurbishments

You may have noticed the extent of building works that took place at Canon Popham over the summer holidays. We continue to have planned building works to the school roof to ensure no more leaks! Also, following leaks and floods we had last year, we now have smart new vinyl flooring in several rooms and corridors across school, new toilets in three classroom areas and brand-new tables and chairs in Year 5 and Year 6. To support children's learning in history and geography, we have invested in a bespoke history timeline and world map that classes are able to use in lessons as they span the whole length of a corridor in school. We will also have a world map for KS1 children to support their geography learning in the KS1 playground.

The value we are exploring this half term is **THANKFULNESS**.

We have looked this week at: **Thanking God for people who help us – Philippians 1.3**

Next week we will look at: **Praising God in Creation – Psalm 148**

What's happening in school?

Monday 18th September – Worship: **Praising God in Creation – Psalm 148**

Tuesday 19th September – RELAX kids afterschool club (**spaces available**)

Tuesday 19th September – Y4 Pedestrian training

Wednesday 20th September – Young Voices afterschool club (**spaces available**)

Thursday 21st September – Tae Kwon Do afterschool club (**spaces available**)

Thursday 21st September – Tag Rugby afterschool club – Rec/KS1 (**no spaces - FULL**)

Friday 22nd September – Tag Rugby afterschool club – KS2 (**no spaces - FULL**)

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to **Year 1** who were this week's winners of the attendance trophy with **99.7%**. They will enjoy 5 minutes extra break. We had 5 classes with attendance of more than 97% which is the government's national attendance expectation. Overall school attendance last week was **97.4%**



Well done everyone!

Enjoy a lovely weekend everyone, Mrs Shelton and Mrs Patton

Celebration Assembly



We had our first celebration assembly to recognise children from Y1 to Y6 who have gone, 'Over and Above' in class and around school this week.

Y1 – Harley, Evelyn

Y2 – Harrison, Hope

Y3 – Sam, Jessica

Y4 – Freddy, Scarlett

Y5 – Oliver, Elliott

Y6 – Jenson, Rosie



Ambassador Roles

Year 6 have begun their ambassador roles this term to provide help and support across school and build their independence, confidence and responsibilities.

Ambassador roles include: Worship group, Attendance, Well-being, E-safety and Play leaders. They are all rising to the challenge of being our oldest pupils and are relishing their new roles and responsibilities. What a great start, Year 6!

Secondary School applications

All children in Year 6 are due to start Secondary School in September 2024. It is important to apply on time to the school of your choice for next September. National closing date for applications is **31 October 2023**. I have added the link to City of Doncaster Council for further guidance and support

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/secondary-year-of-entry>

Local School Board at Canon Popham

As part of DSAT (Diocese of Sheffield Academy Trust) Canon Popham C of E Primary Academy has a Local School Board, which acts in an advisory capacity to support our school. Our LSB meets three times yearly to consider and scrutinise how we deliver all aspects of education for our pupils and parents. Members of the school board may also support the school in recruitment and other local activities that help ensure the school reflects the community's needs and retains its unique identity. If you would like to know more about LSBs and potentially be part of ours at Canon Popham, you are welcome to an informal coffee afternoon on Tuesday 26th September at 2.30pm in the school hall.



Pre-Loved Uniform

It is already a known fact that children can quickly outgrow their school uniforms - usually before they are worn out.

We are excited to announce that Canon Popham will start holding a weekly 'Pre-loved' School Uniform 'shop'. This will give our families the opportunity to receive items of school uniform as well as providing an eco-friendly way to discard items of uniform that are still in good condition and in turn, helping to reduce our carbon footprint! During CHURCH TOGETHER on Tuesday each week, there will be a stock of nearly new school uniform and PE kit, and hopefully other school items like book bags, all of which are available. If you would like to donate nearly new school uniform in good condition, then please contact one of our Local School Board members - Sue Clark.

So, if you have school uniform that your children have out-grown, no longer use or have never worn, or if you are looking for a second-hand school uniform for your child, please see Sue who will be in church on Tuesday straight after school during Church Together.

Book Bags	PE Shorts
School Shoes	Cardigans
Skirts	White PE T-shirts
Smart Shorts	PE Joggers
Summer Dresses	Black/Blue Fleeces and Outerwear
Trousers	Jumpers
White Polo Shirts	

All donations will be greatly received at either the office, into church or your child's class teacher. Thank you!

GENERAL REMINDERS:

Attendance -To comply with our legal obligation of recording attendance when a pupil is absent, could we kindly ask that you give an explanation as to the nature of illness for your child's absence rather than, 'Feeling under the weather' or 'Generally unwell', thank you.

Uniform - It has been good to see everyone coming to school in the correct uniform for Canon Popham but can we kindly remind you that jewellery should not be worn other than small earrings (studs etc) and that these should be removed or taped over for PE activities, thank you.

Parking – for the safety of all our children, could we kindly ask that vehicles are legally parked in the correct areas near school and not blocking the pavement or grassed areas, thank you.