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# Purple Post

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## Principal's Message

*We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.*

*What a great start to the new term! Pupils have settled back into the routines of school and are already making progress and enjoying their learning.*

*We extend a very warm welcome to our new F1 and F2 pupils and families who have now started full time in their learning groups- we look forward to seeing your children flourishing and having fun while they learn.*

*Please, all, pay particular attention to the Health and Safety messages in this newsletter - it's easy to forget some of the really important aspects that help to keep your child and others safe in school.*

*Have a great weekend.*

*Liz Latham*

## Packed lunch reminders:



**Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school – no nuts/ hazelnut/ Nutella or chocolate**

**nut spread as we have some pupils who have serious allergies.**

**For younger pupils please slice grapes due to a choking hazard.**

**We are very proud to have the Healthy School Food for Life award so please do not send your child with chocolate bars for lunch. As always, no fizzy drinks please!**

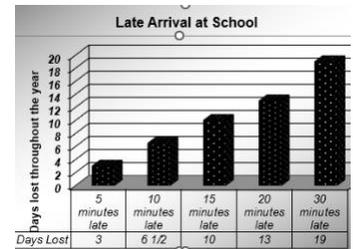


## School Start

time is **8.50am**

If your child arrives after this time, then they are classed as LATE. The school day begins at 8.50am.

If your child is late for school by 10 minutes every day, it's a full week of learning lost over the year!



## Dates for your Diary

Y6 Warning Zone 21<sup>st</sup> Sep  
 National Energy Action workshops 19<sup>th</sup> Sep onwards  
 Y2 Pirate Day -Beaumanor 28<sup>th</sup> Sep  
 Y6 Tower of London trip 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct  
 Half term 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 School Photos 26<sup>th</sup> Oct

## Is your child too ill for school?

The Government has published helpful guidance to support your child to attend regularly. Please follow the link below for useful information about when your child should still be attending school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Local Authority Half Term support

The city council is working with Samworth Brothers to support families with food over the October half term. Six pop up venues across the city will give parents of free school meal children and those needing additional support, the opportunity to collect food for the half term. Please click here [information sheet](#) or use the website link [Half term food offer - Leicester City Council](#) if you meet the criteria below:

- receive benefits-related free school meals
- who are in full time school (4 to 16 years)
- live in Leicester City or attend a city school if they live outside of Leicester
- those families needing additional support i.e. vulnerable children

You must register for a venue by **Tuesday 26 September**

## Does your child love to sing?

Please see the exciting musical opportunity below: St James the Greater are holding a 'Be a chorister for a day' event at the church on Sunday 1st October for all ages. Please contact them directly if you'd like to make the most of this free opportunity!



**SMART Watches:** for safeguarding reasons, please do not send your child to school wearing a Smart watch or a watch with phone connectivity.

# Be A Chorister For A Day

at St James the Greater Parish Church, London Rd, Leicester



Sunday 1st October 2023  
2.00pm - 6.00pm

- Singing workshop for all ages
- Explore the organ
- Musical games
- Meet the choristers
- Sing Choral Evensong
- Refreshments

## As a church chorister you will:

- Gain free training from professional musicians
- Improve your singing voice and learn to read music
- Earn medals from National Organisation: the RSCM
- Make friends and work as a team
- Get paid! (U18s & full time students)
- Go on choir tours in the UK and abroad



Junior Choir: boys and girls of primary school age. Practises on Fridays 4.30-5.30pm and sings in occasional Sunday services.



Senior Choir: secondary school age, students & adults. Practises on Fridays evenings and sings two Sundays services per week.

To register for the free workshop day or to find out more about the choir, contact Emma Trounson,  
Director of Music: [DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)