



Monday 31st October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday and are ready for another busy half term. In today's assembly we discussed All Hallows and All Saints Day and made the links between that and today on Halloween. I hope many of you will be coming to our event at school this weekend and many thanks to the SMSA for organising it. I'm really looking forward to seeing the fantastic fireworks display and seeing you all there.

Our collective worship this week is from Matthew 22: 37-40 where Jesus tells us that "loving the Lord God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" is the most important of all the commandments and that this one thing will change our lives for the better. He also goes on to tell us that "you shall love your neighbour as yourself" is the next most important change we can make and this seems particularly significant at this time. Our Right for this week is Article 24, access to good quality healthcare, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

Over the past few weeks we have had a number of behaviour incidents related to the trading of cards (eg Pokemon & Match Attax) at break and lunch time. As a result, we are no longer going to permit these cards to be brought into school - this also applies to toys and other personal items that are being brought in from home. We have recently invested in new playground equipment and in training our playground/sports leaders to ensure that children have a number of different activities to take in part in, should they wish, at break and lunch time.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child doesn't bring these personal items into school.

Best wishes,

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Head of School