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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We've had such a busy week this week. We started our week thinking about the Gospel message in which Jesus sent out 72 people on a mission to prepare the way for Him and his disciples. The people were warned that they may not be welcome everywhere they go, as sometimes people can be resistant to change or focussed on other things. In a similar way to the 72, we are encourage to welcome others and share the good news with those we meet through our actions and interactions.

Well done to Early Years' children who enjoyed a fun-filled summer day on Monday. They enjoyed a picnic and ice cream treats, lots of outdoor play and a visit from the donkeys! Thank you for your contributions to the Early Years fund which have enabled these enriching activities to go ahead.

Y1 also enjoyed ice cream treats on Wednesday. Each class has the opportunity to earn a trophy and $\pounds 5$ vouchers in our Friday Congratulations assemblies! The children enjoy saving this up and having a treat afternoon! Also, last Friday, we awarded the highest Dojo winners with a treat in assembly. Again, we are so grateful for your contributions to school fund – as this all helps ensure that we can sustain all of these lovely opportunities.

Y5 enjoyed a day at St Francis Catholic Secondary College on Tuesday. We were impressed with their behaviour and confidence. They enjoyed a variety of lessons and learning experiences and it all helps to get them ready for year six and beyond!

On Wednesday, we welcomed our new nursery children to come and play and they had a really enjoyable morning. We were so impressed and it was lovely to meet you. We look forward to you starting in September.

Y4 have also had an action packed week, thoroughly enjoying their animation workshop yesterday. Their models of characters and settings looked so impressive. We can't wait to see their completed animation movies!

We have looked forward to our annual SMA Talent Show for a while – an idea that has developed from our School Council over the years. We were wowed this morning with a variety of singers and dancers – all acts were spectacular! Congratulations to our 3rd place: Erin, 2nd place: Harley and 1st place: Arlo and Gregory!

And last, but certainly not least, we were lucky enough in school to watch Y6's end of year production: 'I'm an 11 year-old, Get Me Out of Here!'

We smiled and laughed our way through at your comic timing, the amazing talent and confidence displayed throughout! It was hilarious, polished and professional. A huge well done to all of our children and staff. You were amazing! Thank you to all parents and families who came to watch the final performances and support our children on Wednesday and Thursday as well. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Have a wonderful weekend. Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Vocations Week Projects

We hope you enjoyed the Vocations showcase last week and we are sure that you are thrilled with any purchases that were sent home. Thank you for your support with this enterprise project. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and Mrs Hayes is collating some encouraging and positive pupil voice regarding the impact of this project. Each class was allocated £50 to spend in planning, resourcing and creating their projects.

Here are the totals as it stands: YR: £95.50 (biscuits) Y1: £75 (plant pots) Y2: £75 (pencil cases) Y3: £56 (chocolate) Y4: £104 (tote bags) Y5: £78 (coasters) Y6: £45 (bath bombs) Well done, everyone!

YR and Y4 will receive a certificate and an ice lolly next week!

We do have a few lovely items leftover. These will be sold on the playground on Monday straight after school if you would like to bring some spare change.

We are DESIGNERS..

Designers make plans, make things, test them and check that they work.



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Notices

We know that many of you will be purchasing new uniform and PE kit during the holidays. Please see our website for uniform information for fairness and consistency for all. Please note, there should be no sports labels or sports brand names on any PE t-shirts, jumpers or trousers. (Nike, Adidas, etc. are not acceptable as part of our school uniform.) It is red t-shirts and jumpers for PE with an optional school badge.

Items with the school badge are available from: $\underline{https://www.a4jdesigns.co.uk/}$ and $\underline{https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/}$

We also have a stock of upcycled uniform in school. Please contact us if this would be helpful for you.

If your child has grown out of their red t-shirt or jumper and they are still in good condition, please consider donating them to us, either this term or in September. This is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that as usual, all medication will be sent home next week. It will be handed to parents on Friday as we do not keep medication in school over the summer.

If your child has any school reading books at home, please could these be sent back to school on Monday. We need to audit stock next week and ensure that the books are ready for September. If any books are lost or damaged, we ask for a contribution of £5 towards a replacement, please.

We hope Y2 and Y3 parents enjoyed trying a healthy and delicious school lunch on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many of you. We would urge you to have a good look at our lunch menus and discuss the choices with your child. Our options are healthy, nutritious, locally sourced from the farm and the butcher's and cooked fresh daily on site! We have achieved a Bronze Food for Life Award! As a result of rising food costs, we are having to increase the price of lunches in September by as minimum amount as possible in order to cover costs - this will be £2.40 per day, a 10p increase.

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Jesus tells us that we must be ready to help whoever needs us, because everyone is our neighbour. Unfortunately, sometimes, too many people are in a hurry and unwilling to stop and help. We ask God to give each of us the courage to help those in need.

> "Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy," And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37

Yours sincerely, Mrs N. Hill Headteacher

Events

Saturday 12th July – Parish summer fayre This will be held in the Church meeting room and grounds starting at 12pm. All welcome.

Week beginning 14th July: We are on week 3 of our lunch menu. Grab bags are available as usual on the allocated days.

Monday 14th July - Y6 swimming (please see separate letter)

Monday 14th July YR and Y6 heights and weights

Monday 14th July – end of year reports sent home

Friday 18th July 9:10am Y6 Leavers' Mass in school

Friday $18^{\rm th}$ July 1pm YN parents invited in for graduation

Friday 18th July 1:30pm End of term

<u>September:</u>

Our inset days for next academic year are on our school website.

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September are inset days.

Year 1-6 start back on Wednesday 3rd September

YR start on Monday 8th September YN start on Wednesday 10th September

Inset Days for 2025-26 (school closed to pupils):

- Monday 1st September
- Tuesday 2nd September
- Friday 5th December
- Monday 5th January
- Monday 20th July

Term dates are on our school website.