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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

On Monday this week, our Nursery and Reception classes joined us. It was wonderful to see them settling in so well and they have enjoyed a really happy start! I have been greeted by lots of smiles walking around the school. Well done children!

Thank you to Fr Craig and also to Year Six for leading us through Mass this morning. It was lovely to see parents and parishioners in school. We took some really important messages away with us about enjoying the fresh start of a new academic year and using our gifts and talents to bring joy to others.

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong." Queen Elizabeth II, 1926-2022

Rarely are such pledges made by those in the public eye, so diligently and respectfully honoured. For all she has done, on behalf of St Mary of the Angels, we thank her.

We have talked about the life of Queen Elizabeth and linked it back to the Jubilee celebrations in the summer and the lovely books we received. We have endeavoured to ensure that the focus in school at the moment is not of sorrow, but more of transition, succession and opportunity. These thoughts will hopefully offer us comfort.

To commemorate the life of the Queen, the children have had the opportunity to write a thought, prayer, a message or draw a picture in honour of her life. (Nursery and Reception have also taken part during their first week!) We are tying these with different coloured ribbons to the school gates to make a poignant display. Please take a look if you get the chance.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19th September in honour of Her Majesty's funeral.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

We didn't have a Congratulations Assembly this morning due to Mass; however, the children have continued to impress with their beautiful manners and kindness.

Y6 are busy getting ready to apply for various monitor and captain positions. We are excited and know that they will excel at any roles awarded to them.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y2 again with 100% - fantastic!

Live Simply

As I am sure we are all doing at home, at school we are thinking of ways and trying our best to conserve energy and save on bills. The children have come up with some excellent ideas - some of them have made posters to remind us. Other children are doing a super job as monitors to remind us to turn off the lights when a room is not in use, turn off computers and projectors at the sockets and open the blinds instead of using lights.



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Notices

- Please note that in terms of earrings, only small plain studs are permitted and these must be covered by a plaster provided from home. Earrings should not be worn on PE days.
- As we accumulate so much lost property, we will be conducting a uniform check in the coming weeks. Please ensure that all items are labelled and that your child is wearing the correct PE kit (t-shirts, sweatshirts and shorts should be plain or with the school emblem, rather than sports branding). We also require that your child's name is in each article of clothing. This can avoid mix-ups and prevent children from becoming upset. Please see a letter attached regarding some upcycled uniform that we have available in school.
- In keeping with trying to avoid congestion around the school entrances and exits, we have a barrier part way down our footpath into school. Parents are welcome to queue up towards the barrier in order to avoid waiting on Weston Crescent.

Curriculum, Safeguarding and Well-being

- Ensuring that children are safe when using different kinds of information technology is an essential life skill. We have been doing lots of work in school around this. Here is a website which can offer more information about parental controls which you may find useful:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parental-controls/#:~:text=Parental%20controls%20can%20set%20online,including%20mobile%20phones%20and%20tablets>

Events

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19th September.

Y6 are attending Woodlands on Friday 7th October - please see separate letter.

Bikeability has been booked for Y6 week beginning 26th September. Please see separate letter.

Our Parent Welcome Briefing meetings are all arranged as follows. You will receive a separate letter with more details. All will take place from 3:30-4:00pm.

Y1 - Tuesday 20th September
Reception and Y3 - Thursday 22nd September
Y5 and Y6 - Monday 26th September
Y4 - Thursday 29th September
Y2 - Friday 30th September

We will be inviting Nursery parents to a Stay and Play on Friday 7th October at 8:45am. Please see your class page.

Prayer

As part of our initiative in 'living simply,' the children will be introduced to this prayer next week:

Loving God, you made this beautiful world that we all share.

Help us to live simply and be thankful for all that you have given us.

Help us to look after our earth, so that everyone may enjoy it.

Help us to share with others, so that everyone has what they need.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
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