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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week, we have been learning about Pentecost. At the beginning of Eastertide, Jesus promised His disciples that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and this is what happened on Pentecost. The disciples were then able to do things they couldn't do before. We thought about the qualities of the Holy Spirit: powerful, sustaining life, changing our hearts and bringing us peace and comfort.

We are so proud of our children this week. Y1 have thoroughly enjoyed completing their phonics screening checks and concentrated so hard in order to read the real and 'alien' words beautifully. Mrs Coleman, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Joyce are so pleased with how hard the children have been working with their reading this year and so impressed with their efforts this week. We look forward to sharing the results with you in due course.

We have a group of children who are attending a dance festival today. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith and to Darby, our dance teacher, for supporting and organising this wonderful opportunity. We can't wait to hear all about it on Monday!

Thank you to our PTA who have worked so hard to organise and resource another fantastic gift shop this afternoon. The children enjoyed choosing their gifts for 'someone special' including many of them in honour of Father's Day at the weekend.

Thank you for supporting this initiative and also for your generosity sending in so many bottles today for the bottle tombola at the summer fayre.

We were then very excited to welcome Y6 back from their residential on Wednesday. School did not feel the same without you (and was very quiet)! We greeted tired, but thrilled faces, buzzing with excitement from their adventures. Well done for your impeccable behaviour; you are a credit to everyone and we are so proud. A huge thank you, of course, to our dedicated staff: Mrs Polito, Mrs Evans, Mrs Joyce and Mrs Hayes, who planned for the activities, supervised the children and enabled this memorable opportunity to go ahead!

Have a wonderful weekend. Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Peer Mentors

This morning, our wonderful Year Six Peer Mentors led us through a prayer service all about the Parable of the Fig Tree and how we can use this message to develop our work ethic, with support from our teachers.

We then congratulated many children across all year groups for their independence, resilience, beautiful behaviour and wonderful presentation across their work.



Catholic Social Teaching This half term, one of our focus Catholic Social Teachings is Participation.



The story of Patariki the penguin teaches us about the importance of participation. Once every year the penguins come together to a sports festival. Patariki is in charge of making sure that everyone takes part.

Different breeds of penguin join in. Patariki loves it when everyone takes part. There is nothing better than watching a crowd of penguins cheer for everyone and having fun all together. Those who feel they need support are always given the help they need to participate and enjoy themselves.

When we listen to Patariki's story we are reminded that we live in community with others, growing together. It is important that we ioin in.

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Notices

- We are accumulating a lot of lost property and spending a lot of time trying to find uniform that is unnamed. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is named particularly jumpers and cardigans.
- Next week, we will be on week 3 of our lunch menu. Grab bags for KS2 will also be available on their usual days. These lunches need to be pre-ordered at least 24 hours in advance. Please pay for a school lunch as normal, via the gateway.
- June marks Child Safety Week. Please see this link for some useful and helpful resources from the Child Accident Prevention Trust.

https://capt.org.uk/child-safety-week/

PTA News:

- Thank you so much for your ongoing support and generosity with donations for the PTA summer fayre. It is getting closer - please put Friday 27th June at 3:30pm in your diaries.
- Friday 27th June this will be non-uniform day
- Friday 27th June The PTA are kindly asking for donations of sweets from EYFS and KS1 and donations of boxed cakes from KS2. Thank you in advance.

Reflection and Prayer This Sunday is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

God shares himself with us through the three persons of the Trinity. We share the love of God the Father, the goodness of Jesus the Son and the friendship of the Holy Spirit.



Yours sincerely, Mrs N. Hill Headteacher

Events

Monday $16^{\,\rm th}$ June Y4 at Mass celebrated by Bishop Timothy

Tuesday 17th June - Y6 at Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 18th June - New Nursery and Reception induction evening

Sunday 22nd June 9:30am Family Mass at Church (please see separate letter)

Monday 23rd June - start of Vocations Week (Children can dress up in clothes linked to a job they would like to do when they are older. Please do not feel the need to buy an outfit; they could bring a prop or make something.)

Please see the separate letter explaining more about how Vocations Week will run this year.

Tuesday 24th June 9:10am Y1 Class Showcase – parents welcome Tuesday 24th June – Y3 at Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 25th June at 9.10am YR parents - we would like to invite you to a transition meeting to share information about moving to Y1.

Friday 27th June Non-uniform day and PTA Summer Fayre

Monday 30th June - YR educational visit

Thursday 3rd July 2pm – Musicians' concert (parents welcome)

Wednesday 9th July 1:45pm and Thursday 10th July 6:30pm Y6 Production (tickets to follow)

Thursday 10th July Y4 Animation workshop in school

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

Friday 18th July 1:30pm End of term