



Wednesday 25 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

Last Thursday, Class 7 shared a lovely Act of Worship around the different forms Energy, linking them to Pentecost. Some of the children spoke in their native language as they talked about the power of the Holy Spirit. It was wonderful to hear the children sing; a wonderful celebration of Pentecost.

On Monday 6 June, we will be celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit as we mark the beginning of the church, in particular the different ethnicities we have within our school. All children and staff are invited to wear sensible party clothes (ie no heels, football kits or strappy dresses).

In the morning, the children will learn about the symbols of Pentecost followed by taking part in creative activities within their classroom. After lunch, each class will have a class party to celebrate the birthday of the Church before heading outside to experience the Pentecost story told by several pupils in their home languages. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to share their family's culture as part of the celebration.

In the Advent term, two of our Year 6 pupils decided to bake and sell cookies to raise money for charity following an Act of Worship on 'Service'. Phoebe W and Elsie W did a fantastic job raising £43.10 for the RSPCA. We were delighted to finally be able to celebrate their efforts during Monday's Celebration Assembly.

Last Friday, children in KS2 had a wonderful morning celebrating Our Lady with a Marian procession. At Darley Park the children were greeted by Fr Greg, Fr Tim, Fr Phil, Deacon Chris and Bishop Raymond, along with four members of the parish community who had prepared talks for the children on famous apparitions of our Holy Mother at Walsingham, Lourdes, Guadalupe and Kibeho. The children and staff then moved on to St. Mary's Church where Bishop Raymond blessed the restored Jesse Tree window and the children scattered petals at Mary's feet. The celebration ended with a hymn 'As I Kneel Before You' which the children performed beautifully. It is hoped that this is the beginning of a revived annual Mary procession.

Congratulations also go our First Holy Communion children from St Mary's Parish who received the Sacrament on Saturday from Fr Greg and Bishop Raymond from Zimbabwe. We invite our school community to please keep all the children in your prayers.

Celebrating Achievements

Huge congratulations to the following children who received a Headteacher's Award for excellent work and/or demonstrated outstanding behaviour and attitude towards learning this week: Gabriella S, Samuel C, Hadassah M, Niona J, Lola W, Rocco G, Aiden C, Suzanne G, Joshua M, Layla H, Leo C, Gracie G and Yuna P. Well done everyone.

A special mention goes to Hansel M for achieving his Green Belt; Mia W for receiving a Blue Peter badge for her fundraising work for her Brownie Troop; Joshua J and Freddie C for coming runners-up in their very first competitive football tournament; Balze S and Daisy W for their achievements in Irish Dancing. Congratulations to you all.

Public Consultation Event

Last Friday, we were pleased to be able to give each family a flyer inviting you to a Public Consultation Event as part of the official planning application for our new school building before going onto the public domain this week. This event will be held at St Benedict Academy on Wednesday 8th June between 3.30 and 7pm and led by the contractors, Tilbury Douglas. This event invites key stakeholders to view and discuss their proposal for a new Net Zero Carbon replacement school for St Mary's CVA.



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Queen's Jubilee Celebration

On Friday we invite the children to wear a red, white or blue t-shirt as part of our Jubilee celebrations; children in Years 5& 6 to wear something red (this could be their school jumper or red t-shirt), children in Year 3&4 to wear a blue t-shirt or other blue top and children in KS1 and FS to wear something white (this could be their white top they wear as part of their school uniform).

We will be having a picnic lunch out on our playground; if any families have a picnic blanket and would be happy for their child to bring it in to use, please ensure blankets come in a bag with your child's name on it so we can return it safely at the end of the school day.

Dates for your Diary

Please see below a list of upcoming key dates for your diaries:

- Friday 27 May – Last day of term – Queen's Jubilee Celebration
- Monday 6 June – Children return following half-term & Pentecost Celebration
- Wednesday 8 June – Public Consultation Event around the new build at Saint Benedict CVA 3.30pm – 7.00pm
- Friday 1 July – INSET
- Friday 22 July – Last day of term

Please feel free to contact us if you require anything in addition to the information above.

Best wishes and God Bless

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