

Wednesday 14 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below this weeks' notices.

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

Last year, and to highlight our faith in action, the children participated in mission days here in school, celebrating Mardi Gras and the birth of the Church (Pentecost). These days were a huge success, giving children opportunities to learn about different cultures and faiths. We will be continuing with our mission days once a term this year, starting with a focus around Christ the King. More information around our first mission day will follow in due course.

Parking

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents and carers, and inform our new families, to park away from the school and walk their child/ren onto the site. Here are some suggestions of places to park nearby:

- > St. Mary's Church car park, Darley Lane (6 minute walk to school)
- Parker's Piece Car park, City Road, DE1 1DF (4/5 minute walk to school)
- City Road (free parking for 30 minutes)

We kindly ask that parents and carers do not park up or drop their child/ren off on Fox Street as this can create a danger to our children and their families. For our new families, on arrival at school, please enter the site via the pedestrian gate on Fox Street, ensuring children arrive by 8.45am, then exit through the other side of the playground, creating a one-way system. The gate will close at 8.45am. As St. James House is situated on business park, parents and cares are not allowed to drive on to the site.

For parents and carers who have opted to park on City Road, please enter City Road turning off Mansfield Rd or Alfreton Rd onto Old Chester Rd at the roundabout. You will enter a one-way system that will help ease congestion and road blocks when exiting at the junction by the newsagent. The car park by the newsagent is for customers of the shop only.

We appreciate that queuing outside is not ideal. While waiting, please keep to the wall/hedge side of the pavement, ensuring your child/ren are kept with you, as this will allow space for other members of the public to pass by on the pavement.

Child Absence

If you request a leave of absence for your child/ren, parents and carers must complete the relevant forms which can be collected from the school office. These forms must be completed for all requests. Please be aware that unless it is an exceptional circumstance (please see school Attendance Policy found on our website) child absences will not be authorised.

HM The Queen – Funeral Update

Last weekend it was confirmed that the Queen's funeral would take place on Monday 19 September. During his address to the Nation, King Charles III announced that this day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day as a mark of respect. Therefore, the school will be closed on Monday 19 September and reopen as normal following the weekend on Tuesday 20 September. We have started a book of condolences. If any of our parents or carers would like to write a message to remember Queen Elizabeth II, please go to reception where you will find our book of condolences to sign.

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: Sophia Z, Ronan W, Yuna P, Bessie B, Iiyaz I, Dora J, Matvii K, Ottilia K, Sophie C, Rayan P, Anna P, Michaella M and Lindiwe S. Well done to you all.

A special mention goes to Brooke O'B and Joshua J for their achievements in football. Congratulations to you both.







Dates for your Diary

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

- Friday 21 October Last day of term
- Monday 31 October Children return following half-term
- Friday 2 December INSET (3/6)
- Thursday 22 December Last day of term
- Monday 9 January Children return following the Christmas break
- Thursday 16 February Last day of term
- Friday 17 February INSET (4/6)
- Monday 27 February INSET (5/6)
- Tuesday 28 February Children return after halt-term
- Friday 31 March Last day of term
- Monday 17 April children return following the Easter break
- Monday 1 May School closed due to BH
- Friday 26 May Last day of term
- Monday 5 June INSET (6/6)
- Tuesday 6 June children return following half term
- Friday 21 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 The Leadership Team





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