



Wednesday 5 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below this weeks' notices.

Catholic Life: Faith in Action

Last Friday, Class 9 shared a lovely Act of Worship which was full of energy. The children began by laying objects on their green cloth as parents and carers gathered together with the children in prayer. The focus of Class 9 Act of Worship was 'People', including God, parents and grandparents, friends, family, teachers and people they were going to meet in the future. The children talked about why these people are special to them.

One of the special people the children talked about was Abraham. The children explained why God chose him to be the father of God's chosen people. The word Abram means 'great father'. Later on, God called him Abraham which means 'father of a great nation' because he was going to have many descendants. Abraham said 'yes' to God and followed where God led him. God chose Abraham to become one of his people, Abraham trusted God and did what he was told to do. Even after 25 years, Abraham stayed patient and God kept his promise and gifted Abraham and Sarah with their son, Isaac. The singing and dancing was super; the children were very energetic in their performance and their mission for us all was very clear - trust in God and his promises.

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: Cayden D, Karolina W, Tich M, Joshua C, Dottie S, Tonieh A, Marcel M, Chinemelum N, Doris S, Grace N and John Paul S. Well done to you all.

A special mention goes to Grace H and Alex S for their achievements in swimming; Sophie and Laura C for their achievements in Irish Dancing; Phoebe M for her achievements in gymnastics. Congratulations to you all.

Parents Evening

Due to the successful event last summer, Parents Evening will be held face-to-face once again here in school on the following dates:

- Tuesday 18th October between 5.00pm – 8.00pm
- Thursday 20th October between 3.30pm – 6.00pm.

All meetings will take place on Floor 1. If your child is in KS2 (C7 - C14) these meetings will take place in the school hall. If your child is in FS and KS1 (N, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5 & C6) these meetings will take place in the Foundation 2 area. A member of LT will be on hand to direct you to the right area. Tea and coffee will be served from the kitchen counter in the hall.

Parents and carers will be able to book an appointment by following the link which will be uploaded onto your child's ClassDojo by the end of this week. Class teachers will always endeavour to ensure appointments are allocated within the time slots requested, however, this may not always be possible. Therefore, appointments will be distributed on a first come first served basis. Each family will be allocated a maximum of 10 minutes. Once you have booked your appointment, you will receive a notification through Class Dojo confirming your day and time.



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Homework

Next Thursday 13 October, children in KS1 and KS2 will begin a different approach to homework, following the review of our homework policy last year which included staff and parental input, in particular around a hard book for children to complete their homework. The children will receive CGP books for SPAG and Maths for them to complete on pages that consolidate their learning – UKS2 will also receive a reading comprehension book. Your child's class teacher will let parents and carers know which pages they would like the children to complete through ClassDojo.

We are extending the length in which homework needs to be completed to give parents and carers the opportunity for children to complete homework either at the start of the week, end of the week or at the weekend. Homework books must come back every week and any books lost, parents and carers will be expected to pay for a replacement. Homework will now go out on a Thursday and needs to be returned the following Tuesday. Class teachers will then mark the homework as a class so gaps can be identified and addressed if necessary. Homework for children in the Foundation Stage will continue as it has been – reading and number bonds.

Coffee Morning

We would like to invite our parents and carers to our first coffee morning of the new academic year on Tuesday 18 October here in school. Tea and coffee will be served from 8.45am. Please head to reception where you will be directed to join Mrs Novak-Lemmings and members of our Local Governing Body.

Dates for your Diary

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

- Sunday 9 October – Welcome Mass at St. Mary's Church – 9.00am
- Tuesday 18 October – Parents Evening & coffee morning
- Thursday 20 October – Parents Evening
- 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 half-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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