



Newsletter

September 2019

Welcome Back

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year - school has been full of smiling faces - both staff and pupils.

Last Thursday, we held our first whole school mass of the new academic year. The singing was wonderful, with the highlight being a small group of Year 6 girls, singing beautifully after communion. After mass, I was approached by a lady who taught in Catholic schools during the 1970s and 80s and she said that the ethos she had witnessed, during mass, was wonderful. She praised the respect and engagement of our pupils and their wonderful singing.

Thank you to all our wonderful children. I told them, last week, that when school is this good, I would happily skip the weekend and go straight to Monday.

Mr J Wilkinson



Aldi

We are collecting the Aldi stickers, which are currently being issued when you spend over £30. We will have the chance to win £20,000 and get some resources for school. Please send all stickers in to school with your child.

PTA News

Last year, the PTA raised a record-breaking £18,000. This is an incredible achievement.

The next meeting is this Friday at 9am in the Parish Centre. Please come along and help support the school.

On Friday 27th September, we will hold our MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre. Pupils work will be on display and we encourage everyone to come along.

Playgroup Supervisor

12 hours per week (£8.50 per hour)

We are looking to appoint two Playgroup Supervisors to join our successful team. Applications are encouraged from people with relevant skills and experience. It would be preferable if applicants had attained NVQ Level 3.

If you are interested, please contact Mr J Wilkinson on 01492 532394 or email

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Attendance

Last year, our overall attendance was **lower than the previous year**. As you know, we will only authorise term time holidays if your child's attendance is above 96% for the previous 12 months. Therefore, if you **MUST** take holidays during term time, it is vital that your child attends school every day. We have a new ESW, this year, who has instructed us that we need to issue more Fixed Penalty Notice warning letters and strive to keep each child's attendance above the 96% figure. Please help us to promote good attendance this year, in whatever way you can. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Dates for Diary

- Fri 20th Sept – PTA Meeting (9am)
- Wed 25th Sept – Yr 6 WWII Trip
- Thurs 26th Sept – KS2 Mass (9.30am)
- Fri 27th Sept – MacMillan Coffee Morning (from 9am)
- Tues 1st Oct – Parents Evening (3.30pm- 6pm)
- Wed 2nd Oct – Tempest Individual Photographs
- Mon 7th Oct – School Closed for Staff Training
- Wed 9th Oct – Yr 5 Victorians Trip
- Thurs 10th Oct – Foundation Phase Mass (9.30am)
- Mon 21st – Fri 25th Oct – Grandparents Week
- Thurs 24th Oct – KS2 Harvest Mass (9.30am)
- Fri 27th Oct – Grandparents Sharing Assembly
- Fri 25th Oct – Close for Half Term

- Mon 4th Nov – Open after Half Term
- Wed 13th Nov – Yr 6 Nant BH Trip
- Thurs 14th Nov – Foundation Phase Mass (9.30am)
- Mon 18th – Thurs 21st Nov – KS2 DT Week