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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

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Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all well.

This is the last newsletter of this school year. On behalf of the governors and staff, I would like to thank you for all of the great support you have given to our school this year.

We wish our Year Six leavers and their families all the very best as they look forward to beginning their secondary education. They have been a fantastic group of young people to work with and we will really miss them! It is a big step forward when you leave your primary school. I hope all of them settle in well at their new schools as they mature into young adults and achieve all of their ambitions as they grow old!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful and wonderful summer holiday with your families.

School Places Available for Sept 2024:

We have school places available for our new Reception class for September 2024 and also in other classes in school. Please contact the school office or apply for a place via Sandwell LA:

[Apply for a school place | Sandwell Council](#)

Pupil Wellbeing Form:

We have created an online **wellbeing** form for **parents** to use if there are any significant changes to any of our pupils' circumstances, during the summer break, that you would like to make school aware of before September. For example, circumstances such as family illness or bereavement. The responses will be monitored during the summer holiday.

Please click on the link below to access the wellbeing form:

[PUPIL WELLBEING FORM](#)

Feedback from End of Year Reports:

Thank you very much to all of the parents and pupils who completed the feedback form which was sent home with the end of year reports. I have been working my way through reading all of them.

Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:

Congratulations to the following pupils who won a brand-new book of their choice in assembly this morning:

Y6: Isla D	Y4: Maddie A	Y2: Alex M	YR: Tommy C
Y5: Ainhua A-Q	Y3: Oscar P	Y1: Ria C	



I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL PARENTS OF THESE ITEMS IN PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER:

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note: if you are unsure whether any item that you have purchased meets the requirements of our School Uniform Policy, then please check with the headteacher before giving an item to your child to wear to school. Our School Uniform Policy can be viewed in full on our school website.

FOOTWEAR:

Black sturdy, flat soled shoes without 'open toes' and suitable for all weathers (shoe heels should be less than 1.5 inches)

Shoes should not feature any branded logos, stripes or ticks even if they are all black.

Trainers (including black), **crocs** or other similar forms of footwear **are not permitted** or appropriate as these items of footwear are not in keeping with the smart appearance of our school uniform.

CLOTHING:

All **polo shirts**, **sweatshirts** and **cardigans** should be **emblazoned** with the Holy Name **school badge**.

Children are to attend school in / with the following items, in a clean and good condition:

- Light grey trousers or shorts (with '**inner**' **pockets only** – no 'combat trouser' style outer pockets) or
- Skirt or pinafore dress (no 'playsuits')

* N.B. '**Playsuits**' are not allowed as these require disrobing in order to use the toilet.

JEWELLERY:

For the safety of pupils and adults working with them, **we do not allow children to wear jewellery** to school (**except for small, plain studs for pierced ears**).

Ear studs will need to be removed for PE and swimming activities. Staff are not permitted to remove or fit studs in ears, this must be done independently by the child. If this is not possible, plasters or tape, **provided from home**, can be applied.

HEADWEAR:

We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons. However, caps and hats are actively encouraged for sun protection and winter hats may be worn when it is appropriate to do so.

HAIR:

Hair should be kept neat and tidy with **longer hair tied back**, plaited or in a 'bun'.

Plain hair / headbands, preferably **blue** or **black** may be worn to keep hair in place.

More extreme haircuts, including irregular shaving of the head, bright colouring or patterns are not appropriate. If your child has such hairstyles, it is expected that they will be allowed to 'grow out' and not be re cut or coloured.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

You should provide your child with a **labelled water bottle** in order for them to stay hydrated during the school day.

If your child has a cold lunch (sandwiches) at lunchtime then they should bring these to school in a **labelled lunchbox** for reasons of hygiene.

SNACKS AND DRINKS:

The only 'snacks' that are allowed to be brought into school are **fresh fruit**. No other snacks are permitted.

Water is available in school for all pupils at all times. Any 'water' brought into school should **not be mixed with squash** to promote a healthy diet.

Term Dates 2024-25:

Pupils will return to school after the summer holiday on **Wednesday 4th September**. We will be closed to pupils for training days on these dates (further dates to be advised):

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Friday 13th September 2024
- Monday 21st July 2025

2024-25	Term starts:	Half Term Holiday:	Term Ends:
Autumn	Monday 2 nd September Wednesday 4th September for pupils	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	Friday 20 th December
Spring	Monday 6 th January	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Friday 11 th April
Summer	Monday 28 th April	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Friday 18 th July (for pupils) Monday 21 st July (for staff)

Happy birthday to:

- Y6:** Alfie B, Perfect I, Kornelia L, Adam M, Munachimso O
- Y5:** Ainhoa A, Tobias A
- Y4:** Andreea C, Haysus W, Zephaniah H
- Y3:** Lena C, Ethan M, Finley W
- Y2:** Jan G, Avni K, Calia K, Quinn M
- Y1:** Leo D, Poppy T
- R:** Derek B, Tommy C, Emmanuel F, Seven M, Kulveer S
- N:** Arthur M, Nancy M

who all celebrate their birthday during the holidays or the first week of September.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

Mass at Holy Name Church:

Saturday 12.30pm

Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

In this Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus and the disciples decide to go away to a quiet place so that they can be by themselves and rest for a while. They have been working hard and must have been tired.



But what happens?

People see them going and decide that they want to hear what Jesus has to say. So they hurry off to the place the disciples are headed for. They get there first, so when Jesus and the disciples arrive by boat there is already a large crowd waiting for them.

How do you think Jesus and his disciples felt when they saw the crowd waiting for them?

Can you think of a time when you wanted to be alone, or you wanted to spend some time relaxing, but other people had other ideas? Perhaps you wanted to watch the television or read a book quietly, but your brother or sister kept interrupting you and wanted you to play with them instead?

How did it make you feel to be interrupted? What did you do? Did you carry on reading or watching television, or did you play with your sister or brother instead?

How do you think you would feel if you were Jesus, and you were hoping for some peace and quiet, but lots of people wanted your attention? What does Jesus do?

Even though he is tired and wanted to spend time quietly resting, Jesus feels sorry for the crowd. He sees that they need him, so he doesn't send them away. Instead he talks to them and teaches them for a long time.

Jesus is compassionate. He doesn't just feel sorry for the crowd, he also acts to help them to feel better.

We all have times when we need to look after ourselves, and rest if we are tired. It is important to take some quiet time, to pray and reflect and to relax, so that we have the energy to do all the things we need and want to do.

But there are other times when we can try to be more like Jesus, and to be moved with compassion to help other people who really need some love, comfort or care.

Our Catholic Mission:

Even when we are cross and tired, we can try to be patient and kind, treating other people as we would like to be treated.

How will you follow Jesus' example of compassion this week?

Prayer:

Christ Jesus,
help us to follow your example.
Teach us not to be selfish and to think of others with kindness,
so that we may show patience and compassion to all.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy