

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

Newsletter 34: Friday 16th June 2023

Dear Parents

There has been a great buzz around school today for our science day which was organised by Miss Doody. The children all looked absolutely fantastic in their outfits. We will share more about this special event in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your generous donations for the PTA today. The PTA 'shopping trolley' was completely filled with gifts!

Tomorrow our Year Three pupils will be meeting Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. We are all extremely proud of how well they have prepared for this very special day. Thank you to Miss Doody for preparing the children for their First Holy Communion Mass.

Please check the diary list at the end of the school newsletter for details about masses and sports days as well as other school events which are taking place this half term.

PTA – FUNKY HAT DAY – Friday 23rd June:

We will be asking for donations over the next few weeks as part of the preparation for the annual PTA summer barbeque which is taking place on **Saturday 8th July** from **1.00 – 4.00pm**.

Next **Friday 23rd June**, the PTA are asking for **SWEETS (not chocolate)**. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

Please send your child into school wearing a **FUNKY HAT** on this date. You can make this as creative and fun as you like!



PTA Summer Fayre Stalls:

Our Parent Teacher Association would like to ask our parents if they know anyone who would like to host a stall at our Summer Fayre. We do not need any food or refreshment stalls as the PTA are already providing these. Please contact our PTA Chair – Mr P.J. Doocey: pj.doocey@dooceygroup.co.uk

Hot Weather:

Please send your child into school with a suitable hat and a labelled bottle of water to help to reduce the potential for any ill effects which could possibly result from hot weather conditions. Please also make sure that your child has a **coat** in school in case the weather changes!

School Library Books:

All library books should be returned to school by **Thursday 29th June**. Please check for school library books at home and ensure your child returns them by this date. Thank you.

Number Fact of the Week:

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12 x 12.

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$9 \times 2 = 18$$

or

$$2 \times 9 = 18$$



READING NOTICEBOARD

Reading Plus Homework:

Please remember, children in Y3-6 should be completing their Reading Plus homework every day. By Friday, they should have completed 5 reading lessons at home. Please ask your child to show you when they have finished!

Thank you for your support.

Reading Challenge:

This month's reading challenge is available via a direct form link which is accessible on your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC', 'Y1 RC' etc. They are also available on the school website - just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links:

[Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Our aim is for every child to have read at least **one book per half term** from the list! That means your child should have read four books (and be on their fifth) and entered the raffle at least five times so far.

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Diary Dates:

School will be closed to all pupils on **Friday 30th June** for staff training.

Date:	Information:
Saturday 17 th June	Y3 First Holy Communion Mass in church at 3.00pm
Monday 19 th June	Y4, 5 & 6 Tri-Golf Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday 21 st June	Y1 & Rec Sports Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Y3,4 & 5 Glee Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Y3-5 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 23 rd June	Celebration Assembly in the school hall at 9.05am
Tuesday 27 th June	Induction meeting for September 2023 Reception class at 9.15am
Thursday 29 th June	Whole school mass in school hall at 1.30pm (Feast of St Peter and St Paul)
Friday 30 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 5 th July	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of the Eucharist at 9.15am
Saturday 8 th July	PTA Summer BBQ 1.00 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Reception, Y1, Y2 sports day in school at 9.15am
Wednesday 12 th July	Y3,4,5,6 sports day in school at 9.15am
Thursday 13 th July	Nursery sports day in school at 11.00am
Wednesday 19 th July	Y5, Y4 and Y2 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am
Friday 21 st July	Nursery graduation at 11.00am
Tuesday 25 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am Last day of summer term

Happy birthday to:

Joseph J, Keerat S (Y6), Gabriella C (Y5), Isaac Q (Y4), Lochlan K (Y1), Consuela D and Benjamin T (Reception). who all have a birthday to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

A. Neenan

Mr A.G. Neenan

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

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year A)**

Gospel: Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus can see that the people are worried, that they are struggling and that they are looking for some help.

He is filled with compassion for them. But he doesn't just feel sorry for them, he is also moved to action.

He gathers together his twelve disciples, his closest friends, and sends them out with instructions, not only to preach and share his message with the people, but also to care for them. Jesus sends the disciples to help, support and heal the people. And to do it all for free, without asking for anything in return.

Can you think of a time when you saw that someone or a group of people needed some help or was worried about something? How did you feel? And what did you do?

Jesus knows that everywhere there are people who are looking for comfort and help. There are people who need to hear his message of love. But that there is only so much that he and the twelve disciples can do themselves.

What do you think this means for us today? Sometimes we are the people who are in need of help. Sometimes we are the people who can help others.

We are followers of Jesus and so we are called to do what we can to love and help other people. This might be a member of our family or a friend, someone at school or church or in our local community. It could be someone further away who we know, or even who we don't.

Our Catholic Mission:

When we see a problem, we are asked not just to feel sorry for the person who is sad, worried, ill or struggling, but like Jesus, we are called to take some action to help.

So this week, let us see what we can do to help others. Let us share God's love with one another and act with compassion when others are looking for support.

How will you do this during the coming week?

Prayer:

God of mercy,
fill us with compassion for our brothers and sisters,
who are all loved by you.
Lead us to take action and bring comfort and help where we can.
Amen.

