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

## Newsletter 38: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all well.

We have had another busy week in school! Our infants and nursery pupils' sports days have taken place. It was wonderful to be joined by so many of you at these events – I hope that you enjoyed them.

Y6 visited Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick this morning and had a wonderful educational experience. We are very fortunate to be able to welcome pupils from a range of faiths and cultures at our school. It is very important to us that we make everyone feel valued and included by learning about our differences as it is this knowledge and understanding that helps to bring us even closer together as a school community.

Y4 & Y6 performed a wonderful musical showcase this afternoon and in assembly this morning, our Glee Club choir led by Miss Doody and Mrs Berry, also treated us to their fantastic singing!

### KS2 Sports Day:

This has been rescheduled for **9.15am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. Please send your child into school wearing their P.E. kit, trainers and a sun hat on these days along with a **labelled** full bottle of water. Please note that no earrings or other jewellery should be worn. Parents are welcome to come and join us at all of our sports day events.

### School Reports:

Your child will be taking home their end-of-year school report today. Please complete and return the feedback sheets (there is a pupil and parent section on these).

### 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!



### Goldfinch Award for Jesuit Values and Virtues:

Congratulations to the following children who have excelled at following the values of 'Learned and Wise' this half term.

They will be receiving special certificates in our celebration assembly on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.05am**. All parents are invited to join us. ***N.B. Nursery pupils will receive their certificates in class.***

Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2
Delilah K Diane O	Lyla J Prince-Emmanuel R-D	Jax C Maya R	Avni K Kevin W
Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Jamie W Thomas S	Emmie G Esther A	Alyssa W Jessica C	Muna O Martha T



### 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  $12 \times 12$ .

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:

$$9 \times 9 = 81$$



### Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link which is accessible through your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and 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 here: [Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

All of these books will support your child's love of reading and further enhance their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading. Good luck!

**The next prize draw will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

### Masses this Half Term:

All **parents** and **parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at <b>9.15am</b>

### Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3,4,5,6 sports day in school at <b>9.15am</b> Y4, Y5 & Y6 netball club <b>3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 & Y3 Rugby Club <b>3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at <b>9.15am</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 French Club <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents are invited to join us) Nursery Graduation at <b>11.00am</b> (parents are invited to join us) Last day of summer term

### Term Dates 2024-25:

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

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



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

**Happy birthday to:**

Thomas S (Y3) and Alexander M (Y2) who both have a birthday to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

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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**



## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13

In this Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus sends his disciples out to spread his word, but what did he say they could take with them?

They weren't allowed to take anything with them except their staff, to help them walk on their journey. They couldn't take a bag, or any food, or any money. Not even a change of clothes! How do you think the disciples felt about this?

When was the last time you went away? What did you take with you? How do you think you would like to go away without any clean clothes, any toys or books, any money to spend?

The disciples had nothing – it must have been very difficult. And without food or money to buy food, they could have been very hungry. They had to rely on the people they met along the way being kind and generous, inviting the disciples to stay with them and share their food.

### **Our Catholic Mission:**

All that we have is given to us by God and is meant for all people to share. So, this week let's try to be open to others, share what we have and be friendly and welcoming to everyone.

How will you share and be welcoming to others this week?

### **Prayer:**

God of love, help us to share your love with others.  
Open our hearts so that we might welcome all who are in need  
and do our best to make sure that all people have enough.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*

