

Well done Year Two on your 100% attendance this week!



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We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.

KEY INFORMATION

PARENTS' EVENINGS

You should have all received your appointments for Parents Evening. If you haven't, please inform your child's class teacher straight away. Please try to keep your appointment and please make a note of the date and time.

PE

PE days are as follows:

Nursery & Reception—Friday

Years One & Two—Monday & Thursday

Year Three—Thursday, **SWIMMING ON WEDNESDAY**

Year Four—Wednesday & Friday

Year Five—Thursday, **SWIMMING ON WEDNESDAY**

Year Six—Tuesday & Friday

Fill the Skies With Hope



Today, Year Five joined with thousands of people across the UK to show their solidarity with refugees. The Fill The Skies With Hope campaign is designed to send a message to government about the many regulations and laws that further traumatise those fleeing to safety. The campaign wants to particularly draw attention to plans to send asylum seekers to Rwanda. They wrote messages of solidarity on orange paper planes which they made. Orange is the colour of the Together With Refugees cause. Pupils are genuinely interested in stories of refugees since we began our journey to become a School of Sanctuary a year ago. Their responses show that they have the love and compassion that we are exploring as part of our values and virtues education this half term.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROFILE Compassionate & Loving

Compassionate: We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.

Loving: We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.



In our Gospel assembly this week, we explored exactly what it means in our school to be Compassionate & Loving. We took inspiration from the Gospel writer Matthew:



I was very impressed by the responses of the children who could tell us what this means and how they can live this out in their daily lives.

Stars of the Week!

Nursery - Olivia-Joy & Jack

Reception – Logan & Alyssa

Year 1 - Amaya & Declan

Year 2 - Alexandra & Archer

Year 3 - Rebecca & Rae

Year 4 - Isabella & Tommy

Year 5 - Darcey & Romeo H

Year 6 –Olivia & Jess

Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on September 30th at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	95.7%	91.2%	100.00%	86.0%	90.6%	99.1%	94.6%	94.0%
This Term	95.9%	93.0%	98.0%	89.7%	88.5%	99.0%	94.4%	94.0%
Whole Year	95.9%	93.0%	98.0%	89.7%	88.5%	99.0%	94.4%	94.0%

Remember—every child can wear their own clothes on their birthday!

Dinners

- Please remember that if your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two they are entitled to a free meal in school.
- If your child has moved from Year Two in to Year Three you may be unsure of he/she is entitled to a free meal based on your level of income. It is very easy for us to check this for you; please contact the school office.
- The cost of dinners is as follows:
 - ⇒ Daily— £2.40
 - ⇒ Weekly— £12.00

FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

October 3rd—Parents' Evening 2pm to 5pm

October 3rd to 7th - Healthy Minds Workshops—Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

October 11th—Harvest Mass

October 13th—Parents' Evening 3.30pm—6pm

October 20th— St. Jude's Feast Day celebration
Pupils break for half-term

October 21st—Teacher Training Day. **SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS.**

w/c 24th October—Half-term week

October 31st—Pupils return to school

October 31st—Y6 residential to Alton Castle

November 10th—Whole School Retreat

w/c November 14th—Anti-Bullying Week

November 14th—Type Onesie Day

November 27th—the start of Advent

December 2nd —non-uniform day in exchange for either £1 or a gift for the Christmas Boutique

December 9th—Christmas Jumper Day

December 13th—Christmas Dinner—Nursery, Reception, Years One and Two

December 14th—Christmas Dinner—Years Three, Four, Five and Six Year One Nativity Play at 2pm

December 15th—Christmas Parties

December 16th—Christmas Boutique, end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish

January 3rd—Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

January 4th—Pupils return to school

February 7th—**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN Y6 AT ST.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, 7PM**

February 17th—Pupils break up for half-term

February 27th—Pupils return from half-term break

March 31st—end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish.

April 17th -Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

April 18th—Pupils return to school

May 1st—May Day Bank Holiday

Secondary School Applications

Now is the time for parents with pupils in Years 5 and 6 to think carefully about secondary schools.

It is essential that applications are completed and submitted to the Local Authority by you as parents no later than October 31st 2022. We are unable to make choices and applications for you but will support as much as we can. Thank you to those who attended this week's meeting—we hope that it was useful.

Harvest Collection

We will be thanking God for the gifts of Creation in our Harvest mass on October 11th. This will take place at 10am mass in St. Jude's Church and you are all welcome to join us. We would like to start collecting donations of tinned and packet food which will be donated to a local foodbank whose need is greater than ever. Please donate items via your child's class teacher. Many thanks in advance.



Staff in School

A reminder of some people and in their key roles in school:
Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs. Smith, Mrs Orton, Mr McGarrigle and Mr Powell

Mental Health First Aiders: Mrs Orton and Mr Powell

SEND Lead: Mr Powell

Office Manager: Mrs Bevan

Chair of Governors: Mrs Thompson

A full list of class teachers and teaching assistants can be found on the school website.

Attendance Letter

All families were sent a letter last week which was jointly from school and the Local Authority. It was informing you of expectations in relation to attendance at school and leave during term time. Ultimately, attendance which is persistently low can lead to legal intervention and costly fines. You may receive a text message from us if your child's attendance is hovering around that crucial figure of 90%. Even if it is just above this figure, you may receive a text from us. We cannot authorise holidays in term time. Punctuality is just as important and we require all pupils to be on site no later than 8.55am. If your child does arrive late, you must accompany them to the main entrance and sign them in electronically.
WELL DONE TO THOSE PUPILS WHOSE ATTENDANCE IS EXCELLENT!