

Thank you for the fantastic attendance at Parents' Evenings over the past two weeks!



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

KEY INFORMATION

Family Mass

All families are invited to join the parish for Mass this Sunday, October 16th. This will take place in St. Jude's Church at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NEXT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, IS A TEACHER TRAINING DAY AND SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS.

It is pizza day next Thursday as school is closed to pupils on Friday.

A snapshot of school this week...



Harvest Mass—thanks for your generosity!

Another addition to the lovely Prayer Garden.



Happy days and good times in Reception!



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.

There's a great story in the Bible where Jesus is moved with compassion for the large crowd who have been with him for three days and have no food (Matthew 15:29-39).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE>

Here is a challenge—is there a pupil who will watch the clip and contact me to tell me what it is about? You could email school and tell me what you have learnt about this piece of scripture and how it shows compassion and love. You could draw a picture, write a prayer or a poem linked to the Bible story. Mrs S would love to see a few children have a go at this. She has a lovely prize box too full of goodies for children who make an effort!



Stars of the Week!

- Nursery - Aariah & Theodore
- Reception – Sienna-Rose & Sumayya
- Year 1 - Evie & Eliza
- Year 2 - Oliver & Malachi
- Year 3 - Evie & Sania
- Year 4 - Niyla & Ali
- Year 5 - Liam & Noble
- Year 6 –Oliver & Frankie



Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on October 20th 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	95.0%	94.2%	91.1%	96.0%	96.9%	94.1%	96.8%	94.9%
This Term	95.4%	95.2%	96.2%	93.3%	91.7%	96.2%	94.3%	94.6%
Whole Year	95.4%	95.2%	96.2%	93.3%	91.7%	96.2%	94.3%	94.6%

We are currently advertising for a lunchtime supervisor. Please see school website for more details.

Come and Join Us!

Key Stage Two (Y3,4,5,6) - Stay 'n' Pray the Rosary: 19th October 3.15pm to 4pm. This is the for the same group of children who attended on October 12th.

Nursery Stay 'n' Pray Workshop: 17th October at 9am

Year One Stay 'n' Pray Workshop: 20th October at 9.10am

The children would love you to join them as we share what life in our lovely Catholic school is all about! You don't need to know anything about being a Catholic, and we would love you to spend time with your child in the classroom environment.

Reception Celebration Lunch: 20th October at 11.30am

FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

October 17th—Nursery Stay 'n' Pray—9am

October 19th—Open afternoon 3.30—5pm

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

October 20th—Year One Stay 'n' Pray—9.10am

October 20th—Reception celebration lunch—11.30am

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

Healthy Mind Workshops & First Aid Workshops

Last week, pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in workshops throughout the week with the title 'Healthy Minds'. Everyone had the chance to explore how different situations could make them feel and what strategies they could use to help. They talked about the positive affirmations that they could use to help them through situations that they might find difficult now or in the future.



Years Five and Six took part in First Aid Workshops. For Year Six, their workshops built on what they had learnt in Year Five. Pupils had the chance to be practical when learning about CPR techniques and



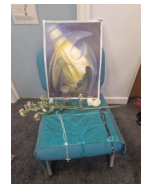
what to do in an emergency for them selves and others. They learnt about the 'what three words' app and how it can be used to

describe a location if you're lost. Very useful information!



Stay 'n' Pray Chaplaincy Group

We have a very keen and enthusiastic group of pupils who are keen to get involved in the prayer life of school. We had our first Stay 'n' Pray of the school year this week. Pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 learnt more about how to pray the Rosary. October is a month dedicated to saying this special prayer and we focussed on the Glorious Mysteries. Pupils worked in teams to prepare their own prayer areas and talked about the choices that they made. It was a wonderful session—great to see the children so engaged in the prayer life of the school!



November 14th is 'Type Onesie Day' where we ask children to wear a onesie (or something blue) to raise money for the charity JDRF and show support for those with Type 1 Diabetes. We asking every pupil to contribute £1 please.



Attendance Awards

Regular attendance is such an important thing for children—it gives them a solid routine and teaches them the important life skills that they need for secondary school and beyond. A great deal of time and effort is spent by key staff in school trying to improve attendance here. There is already a notable pattern of the same children being absent on odd days or on specific days such as a Friday every week. Where this pattern continues, we will not be able to repeatedly authorise these absences without firm medical evidence. If a child really is sick every week, medical intervention would be advised.

ATTENDANCE WHICH IS BELOW 91% IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE DON'T MAKE THE RULES—THIS IS THE LEGAL FIGURE FOR PERSISTENT ABSENCE.

That said, there are a huge number of families who make sure that their children are here on time as often as possible, even if they have a mild illness. (Remember, we are a very caring school and we always phone a parent if a child is too poorly to be here.) We acknowledge that anyone can be poorly and allowances are made for this—96% is an acceptable attendance figure, for example. Last term, it was a pleasure to present award badges to pupils with good attendance and I am delighted to see them being worn with pride in school. The same awards will be in place for children at the end of this term—please note, we always take account of individual circumstances which may have affected attendance.

This term, there is also going to be a little extra something to recognise the value that the majority of families are placing on attendance. In December, all families with a child who has 'good' attendance will be automatically entered in to a raffle. Prizes will be Christmas Hampers containing food items and vouchers for Argos. There will be several prizes to be won. All you have to do is make sure that your child attends as often as they possibly can! I know that many families are going to have the opportunity to win an amazing prize at a time when finances are stretched!



There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



Some families will receive a text message from school in relation to attendance. It may be that a child has fallen below acceptable percentage of attendance, 91%. It may be that a child is only just above this percentage. Please remember, we don't make the rules regarding attendance—it is the law! As such, we follow guidance about attendance and persistent absence rigorously.