



**Newsletter No. 33: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, we heard about how Jesus is full of compassion for those in need and gives his disciples the important mission to go out, preach and share the word of God. As followers of Jesus, we are called to do what we can to love and help others. Our children have been thinking about ways they can live in solidarity with others and help and support people in need.

Also this week, we have celebrated Music Day! Each year group has been refreshing their work on their class composer, completing active listening activities around different genres and linking music to our wellbeing and mental health. Thank you to Mrs Amann, our music leader, who continues to inspire us with her musical passion and knowledge. A huge shout out, also, to our school choir who started our music day off brilliantly with a rendition of some of the songs they have been perfecting. This included their own creative work - an anti-bullying rap - wow, we loved it!

Thank you to all parents of September's Nursery and Reception classes who joined us for our induction evening on Wednesday. We are sure you found it informative and we are really looking forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces in the autumn term.

Our School grounds are looking beautiful, with an array of colourful plants and flowers. Thank you to Mrs Joyce, Miss Friel and our eco-warriors and gardening club for keeping everything tidy, litter-free, well-watered and cared for!

Today we said farewell to Mrs Woloszyk, our Y5 teaching assistant. We will miss you and wish you all the best with your new venture, teacher training! How exciting.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Hill

*Our fabulous choir  
on Music Day*



**Award Winners**

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been making improvements to their work and presentation and also developing their focus and concentration skills.

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y1 and Y2 for showing enthusiasm awe and wonder in all aspects of learning.

Our attendance winners this week are Y3 with over 98%.

Our Saint Star winners with 406 points were St Francis and St John Paul - these house groups earnt an extra break - well done!

**Wellbeing: Sleep Workshop**

Thank you parents who joined us for the school nurse led 'Sleep Workshop' on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful. If you did miss it, the slideshow is available to view on our school website, under the 'Mental Health and Wellbeing' tab. It is a very interesting read and includes information such as how much sleep children need on average, how our body clock works and tips for supporting your child in getting a better night's sleep!



Recognising and celebrating the  
presence of Christ in one another.

### Notices

- Class Showcases: Well done Y4 who started our run of class showcases this week, demonstrating everything they are learning about animation in their current Wider Learning Project and thanking Jesus for all of their gifts and talents. We are really looking forward to seeing the rest of our class showcases this half term. This is a chance for parents to come in and see your children present some of the wonderful, exciting things they have been learning about. They will take place on the following dates:

YR: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm

Y1: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm

Y2: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm

Y3: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 9am

Y5 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm

Please note, Nursery will hold a 'Stay and Play' and Y6 will perform their end of year production later this half term as well.

- The PTA are now busy working on their next fundraiser, the 'St Mary's Fest' summer fayre. Please put **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 3:30pm** in your diaries! As is tradition, we have a number of non-uniform days planned before then in order to prepare for the event. Thank you to everyone who paid £1 on the gateway today. The next non-uniform day is planned for **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. Please could we ask for 'Summer Fun' donations for our fayre - (items for children to play with over the summer) - bubbles, gardening items, inflatables, water guns, outdoor games, etc. Thank you in advance for your support with this.
- We are looking for a new lunchtime supervisor to join our fabulous team. Please look on the vacancies section of our website or contact the school office next week for more information if you are interested.

### Events

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm St Peter and Paul  
Mass in school - all welcome

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Y3 at Harvington Hall  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July Y4 Synagogue visit

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July morning - Children moving  
up to their new classes

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Musicians' Concert 2pm

Y6 Production: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1:45pm and  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm

Sports Day EYFS and KS1 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
9:15am (**children in their normal PE kits  
please**)

Sports Day KS2 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 9:15am  
(**Children to wear a t-shirt in their house  
team colour please**)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2:15pm: YN Graduation  
video and Stay and Play - parents welcome

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Term Ends at 1:30pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Inset Day: school  
closed to pupils

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Start of Term

### Reflection and Prayer

*This Sunday is the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jesus wanted his disciples to share the Good News with everyone. They needed courage and faith to go and live as Jesus had taught them and share his message with the crowds. We remember, at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to share courage and strength with the disciples and they were transformed.

Today, we must share what we believe, and remember that the Holy Spirit will give us the same strength and courage that was given to the disciples.

*Lord Jesus,  
Help us to share the good news of the Gospel.  
Through the power of your Holy Spirit.  
Give us the strength and courage of the apostles,  
To stand up and be witnesses to what we believe. Amen.*

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

