



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

## Newsletter No. 33: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Our children have wowed us again this week. EYFS and KS1 sports day finally went ahead! We hope you enjoyed it if you were able to come to watch. It was such a wonderful morning, with the children constantly 'on the go' with the carousel of activities - speed bounce, egg and spoon, races and throwing activities to name but a few! Thank you, Mrs Smith and our sports leaders in year six who did a brilliant job!

It has been such a privilege to see our class showcases over the past few weeks. We hope you have enjoyed them. It has been fantastic to see the children thanking God for their gifts, talents and opportunities and celebrating the depth and understanding of their knowledge, skills and learning. The children spoke eloquently and enthusiastically about everything they have learnt, retained and applied.

This week, we had the pleasure of Y1 and Y3's class showcases. Y1 took us on a tour of many of their enjoyable learning projects - Pentecost, Florence Nightingale, Victorians, Continents and a pit stop at each of our four seasons. Sensational singing and you certainly showcased your excellent reading skills, with such confidence!

Y3 started the week with a visit to Harvington Hall and were fascinated by the history-rich interior and thrilling tales of devotion and persecution. There are no less than seven priest hides - I wonder if they found them all? We finished the week with their showcase - they wowed us with all of their chocolate related facts, beautiful singing and amazing dance moves!

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

Thank you to parents of the current YR who joined us on Tuesday to find out about transition to Y1 - this is a really well managed, smooth process and we can see that the children are more than ready for the new experiences.

Well done to our current YN as well - they have been thinking about graduating and we will have a lovely video ready for you on the class page next week.

Our school grounds are looking beautiful, with an array of colourful plants and flowers. Thank you to Mrs Joyce and our eco-warriors and gardening club for keeping everything tidy, litter-free, well-watered and cared for! We are now working towards our level 2 RHS School Gardening Award!

Finally, a reminder about our sixtieth anniversary celebrations next week. We are asking for the art project boxes to be brought in at the beginning of next week so that we can make a display. We are also hoping that you will take part in the 'SMA Bake Off' and bring in some cakes or sweet treats for us to sell on Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hill

### Gospel Message and Virtues

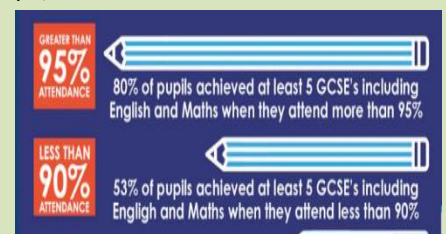
In this week's Gospel, Jesus is telling us that the Kingdom of Heaven is always growing to allow room for everyone, just like the mustard seed in the parable. We have been thinking about how small actions can have big results - being kind in the playground and inviting people to play, for example. On a bigger, global scale, we have been thinking about how we can join together with other people to care for our common home.

Our focus virtues this half term are **Learned and Wise**. We are growing to be learned, finding God in all things. For knowledge and learning to be put to best effect, it is also necessary to be wise. Wisdom is the gift of knowing when and how to apply one's learning.

### Attendance Matters

Poor attendance affects children emotionally, socially and also academically. Children in school get to have fun, achieve, develop new skills, build confidence, self-esteem and experience new things.

Attendance at primary school is also important in habit forming for the future - secondary school and in the world of vocations. Let's give our children the best possible start in life.





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## Notices

- We are trying to increase our school fund pot a little bit as we have our sixtieth anniversary celebrations coming up and want to purchase some little treats and resources for the children to enjoy. We are grateful for any donations you could make towards school fund via the gateway. Many thanks.

Y6 end of term key dates are:

Production on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1:45pm and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm.

Tickets will follow.

Leavers' Mass and Assembly - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:40pm

- PTA News: We hope you enjoyed the fashion show last week. It raised a wonderful £520.82. The PTA are now busy working on their next fundraiser, the St Mary's summer fayre. Please put **Friday 12<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. Our next non-uniform day will be on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. We are asking children to wear non-uniform that day in return of parents sending in **bottles** that we can use in the fayre tombola. Thank you in advance for your support with this.
- If you are having a clear out and find any quality children's **books, teddies or dressing up costumes**, the PTA would also be very grateful for donations of these for the summer fayre, also. Please send them in to the office.
- PTA 50/50 winners for the last two months are: D. Henley and A. Koumi. Cheques for £58.75 will be sent out soon.

## Events

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Choir at Walsall Singing Festival

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June - School 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations - please see separate letters  
Mass at 9:15am - all welcome

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - non uniform day (bottle donations please)

Y6 Swimming this half term - see separate letter

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - our musicians will put on a concert for us to enjoy. They have been working incredibly hard during their peripatetic music lessons. Parents are welcome.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Y4 educational visit

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - YN closed for current nursery pupils

Inset days for 2024-25 are now on the school website. Please note that we are having two inset days in September (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>).

Year 1-6 start back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

YR start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

YN start on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

## Reflection and Prayer

### This Sunday is the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel, we hear about how the disciples were filled with awe and wonder at Jesus' power over the sea. In time of fear, the disciples turned to Jesus and he saw that they were afraid. Jesus commanded that the wind and the waves be at peace, and to become calm once more. In times of fear in our lives, we can turn to Jesus and ask for his help. We believe that the power of Jesus can overcome all things, because he is the son of God. Just as Jesus calmed the storm, so he will bring peace and tranquillity to our lives.



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
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