



Dear Parents,

Please find below a summary of events and details, as we move through the Summer.

- **Covid 19 update** – Unfortunately, you will have received news of necessary Co Vid isolation for Y4 children. It is a timely reminder that we are not quite out of danger yet. **Our best wishes to all those who are currently unwell with Co- Vid, and our respect to those who are protecting others and isolating, appropriately.** Y4 were a credit – their concerns for themselves were quickly shelved and they began to see the positive in: their health, their concerns for their friends and also in the things they would be able to do- despite a frustrating short term Lockdown for them. Thanks also, to parents who responded really quickly and calmly. **Work for Y4-** will be posted on the class page tomorrow, via the usual system. We look forward to their safe return after half term.
- **RSE (Relationships and Sex Education)**- the consultation ends tomorrow. Thanks to those who took part and thanks also, for support from Mrs Hayes in sharing vocabulary that will be used appropriately, on request.
- **Alton Castle**- It was great to see such a good turnout to the Zoom Meeting, earlier in the week. The information about the trip is available on the website, on the Home Page under the tab Alton Castle. My genuine thanks to all staff (and the many helper volunteers) who are facilitating this trip. I know that Y6 parents recognise the benefits to their children and the extracurricular nature of the trip **Please remember, school reserves the right to withdraw any offers and refund payment received, if children's behaviour is of concern**
- **Parents consultations** – These have been successful, once again. Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to share their views on the format of the consultations. Parent and Staff Voice indicate that a combination of some “in- school” parents’ meetings, and some virtual meetings, is the way forward.
- **Our annual Art Gallery is tomorrow.** The hall looks superb! And I know that there will be a very informative video link posted on the website (and on class pages) looking at the process and inspiration behind the work, as well as the final product. Well-co-ordinated Mrs Smith and her band of merry helpers, and well done to ALL children. Please look at the pictures and sign onto the gateway to purchase your child's work.
- **Plans for arrival and collection of children as Lockdown begins to gradually ease** have been discussed, in detail by staff. Their voice has been strong and has placed children firmly in the centre of discussions. They have observed a great improvement in pace of collection, each evening, and have felt much more empowered to manage safeguarding with the system of parents queuing to collect. Staff voice has also noted that the opportunity for individual parents to dominate staff's time, which was happening in a small number of cases, has also disappeared. For these reasons, we will be continuing the gate collections across the Summer term and into the Autumn term. Parents will be asked to continue to drop children off each morning at designated entrances, and collection each evening will be similar. More news as Lockdown restrictions unfold.

May reminders -

- Mrs Hayes has been encouraging children to join in with the Rosary, across May. I know many of you have a great devotion to Our Lady. Please encourage your child to see the place of prayer in our world. Encourage them to see their actions and kindnesses as a form of prayer and value their words when they try to pray.
- Our assemblies, although still Lockdown restricted, recognise the use of candles, music and self-reflection to support children to belong to the family of God. Please help us to help children to feel safe and secure in God's love.
- Thanks to the increasing number of parents who are really supporting a determined grip on some inappropriate behaviours. Team work at its best!

And Finally ...

Please speak to your child about our “NSPCC SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE ASSEMBLIES”

Online, child friendly resources have supported staff to talk about signs of abuse, across the week.

“Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another”