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**Newsletter No. 30: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

We had such a wonderful weekend celebrating Y3's First Holy Communion. Thank you to Fr Craig and all of the staff for supporting the children on their spiritual journey. Thank you to all children and families involved. We hope this was a memorable occasion for you.

It has been such a privilege to see the children's outstanding art projects coming together this half term. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith for organising our enriching and beautiful art gallery this morning. We hope you enjoyed looking at the children's wonderful work. There are some photos attached to the end of this letter in case you couldn't make it. We hope you can find the links to our Live Simply Award, sustainability and recycling. Please pay via the gateway if you would like your child's art work sent home.

Thank you to all in attendance at our May Procession on Monday. It was a beautiful tribute and celebration to our patron saint, Our Lady, 'Queen of Flowers.' We are, once again, overwhelmed with your generosity in providing such a variety plants, flowers, seeds and bulbs. Children from each class have already started getting involved in the arranging, planting and potting of the fabulous contributions we have received. Children have also enjoyed outdoor prayer services, thanking God and considering our Christian vocation to care for creation.

We hope Reception parents enjoyed the transition meeting on Tuesday. Thank you to the staff for putting together all of the useful information. We appreciate your support in thinking about this transition from EYFS to Y1 early in order to make it as seamless a process as possible.

Last week, we started our walk to school initiative. We were impressed with how many children got involved and they had stickers to celebrate. Y3 were rewarded with a voucher to put towards some treats as they had the largest number of children walk to school. We are hoping, with the good weather, that everyone can continue this after half term.

Have a wonderful half term week!

Kind regards, Mrs Hill

**Personal Development**

Yesterday, some of our peer mentors led us beautifully through a rewards assembly, celebrating children this half term who have worked so hard and developed themselves personally, whether it be through building **resilience**, gaining **independence** or setting an excellent example of **behaviour**. Children received badges to mark their success. Photos will be available on the class pages soon. The children also taught us about the Parable of the Sower and the importance of listening to our teachers, who help support and guide us with improvements, achievements and progress.



**Afternoon Tea**

Well done to our highest scoring Dojo point winners for this half term. They enjoyed an afternoon tea celebration yesterday: Nieve, Anaiyah, Finley, Angelina, Crosby, Bella, Amelia, Evie, George, Hugo, Sonny, Liam, Roisin and Jennifer.





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### Notices

- Grab bags are back! Children in KS2 are invited to join in with grab bag lunches, starting the first week back. Each Monday for Y6, Tuesday for Y5, Wednesday for Y4 and Thursday for Y3, children can choose a picnic style lunch (a warm sausage/bacon/veggie baguette, a cake/biscuit and piece of fruit), which they can then eat outside in our picnic area. It is fun and always well received. Please pay for a school lunch as normal, via the gateway, to ensure your child can have their grab bag lunch on their assigned day.
- Now that we finally have some good weather, please send your child in with sun hats/ caps. In line with school policy, we would advise that your child has sun cream applied in the morning before school each day (many of the brands last eight hours plus). Alternatively, older children may bring in sun cream to apply themselves (please name the bottles).
- Class Showcases: We are really looking forward to our class showcases next 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
  - Y4 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2:15pm
  - Y5 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pmPlease note, Nursery will hold a 'Stay and Play' and Y6 will perform their end of year production next half term. More details will follow.

### Events

Y4 Swimming has started on a Tuesday afternoon

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - School re-opens after half term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 6:30pm PTA meeting in school - all welcome

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Y2 and Y6 to Mass with the parish

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am Family Mass

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Y6 at Alton Castle

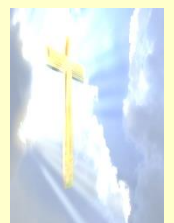
Please see the separate letters about the Y1 phonics check and the Y4 multiplication check which will take place after half term.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June Y4 Claymation Workshop

### Reflection

#### *This Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost*

Pentecost marks the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, just as Jesus promised. We ask the Holy Spirit for strength and to guide us as followers of Jesus.



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
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