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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children become immersed in their curriculum, learning and wider learning projects. Nursery and Reception have been busy making the most of the mild weather - learning and making friends in their outdoor space as well as in the classroom. Y1 have been impressing me with their handwriting and work on capital letters, producing some beautiful, thoughtful prayers, thanking God for our world. Y2 are really enjoying the story 'Oliver's Vegetables' and have been using some beautiful vocabulary in their writing to add flavour to their descriptions. I heard Y3 working on their French earlier in the week - fantastique! Another highlight of the week was seeing Y4's talented art work, sketching and colouring Roman soldiers with such accuracy. Y5 have been demonstrating the rapidness of their times tables knowledge online, as well as immersing themselves in their class novel and Y6 are have shown interest and maturity when discovering more about their World War II topic - well done.

The children are also continuing their work on the 'Season of Creation.' A more detailed letter is attached outlining the thinking behind this theme and the impact of the study. In the meantime, we have started populating our new display boards to showcase some of this amazing Season of Creation work!



they can **enjoy**, take some time to speak your child/children about how Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children making the right choices, improving their concentration and demonstrating excellent knowledge in maths and science.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to YR for making an excellent start and Y2 for producing some wonderful writing.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y3 with 98% and Y1 and Y2 were very close with 97%!

Attendance

The Chief Medical Officer and leading health professionals have written a letter to schools outlining the importance of children's attendance in schools and some helpful guidance on when a child may be too ill to come to school. The letter states: "There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children attending school regularly. It is usually appropriate for parents to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses." We would encourage you to refer to this document which has further useful information: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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Notices

- With regret, I inform you that our Office Manager, Mrs Ward, leaves us on Thursday next week. We are very sad to see her go, but she is excitedly awaiting the birth of her first grandchild and is looking forward to spending lots of precious family time together with them. You may still see Mrs Ward around school in the coming weeks though, as she will be handing over to our newly appointed Office Manager who will be starting with us soon. More details will follow.
- A reminder that no products containing nuts should be brought into school, including Nutella, for example, on sandwiches. This is an important health and safety matter as we have children with serious allergies in school.
- Please ensure that all of your child's clothing has name labels in every item. Unfortunately, we already have many items in our lost property unnamed and they look brand new!
- We are sure that you are all aware that dogs are banned on the school premises. Please could you also be mindful of dogs just outside our school grounds - we have children with allergies and also children who are very nervous around dogs. Thank you.
- If you are having a clear out, we would welcome used toys, in good condition, for example Barbies, puzzles, Imaginext, small world, etc. Please email photographs to Postbox if you are able to help.

Events

Please see the letter regarding 'Welcome Briefings' a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and see the classroom setting. Thank you to all Reception parents who came in for their meeting this afternoon. We are sure you found it informative and useful.

Tuesday 26th September - Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 5th October.

We will be having a book fayre in school, week beginning 16th October - more details will follow.

Y6 are at Woodlands on Friday 6th October and Y5 will be there on Tuesday 17th October. Please see separate letters.

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Jesus often told stories about vineyards to help explain about the way he wanted us to live. The vineyard was likened to the world, and the workers in the vineyard to ourselves. We work in the world bringing the Good News to people. Jesus is like the vineyard owner: going out to look for us, his workers, and giving us the chance to come and join him.

Heavenly Father,
in glorifying Jesus
and sending us your Spirit,
You open the way to eternal life.
May my sharing in this Gift increase my love
and make my faith grow stronger.
Send Your Spirit to cleanse my life
so that the offering of myself to You at Mass
may be pleasing to You.
May my sharing in the Eucharist,
our Bread of Life,
bring me eternal life.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

