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NEWSLETTER

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Mr Laidlaw

P.E. Kits

Indoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Black pumps

Outdoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Outdoor trainers

Or

Dark tracksuit

Outdoor trainers

It is important that your child not only has school pumps for indoor PE but trainers for outdoor PE.

We can't allow children to do outdoor P.E in school pumps or shoes—it just isn't safe or practical.

Our advice is for the children to have a pair of trainers that they can keep with their PE kit throughout the year.

If you have any problems getting suitable footwear please do come and see me—we will be happy to help. I will keep this notice on the Newsletter for the next few weeks.

Good afternoon to you all—I hope that you have had a lovely week and are looking forward to the weekend.

1 This week Year 5 held the first Inspire workshop of the school year—this year we are looking at the 12 virtues that we use throughout the school to talk about what kind of person we all aspire to be. Year 5, together with their parents, looked at Curious and Active. Many thanks to the parents that joined Year 5 yesterday—it all looked very impressive and the feedback was positive.

2 Year 3 and Year 5 continued their swimming lessons and Year 4 presented a lovely Mass on the Rosary this morning.

2 So we roll on into this term, 5 weeks have passed and we are looking forward to our next two weeks before the half term break!

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Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you so much to all the parents, families and children who came and had tea or coffee and cake last Friday afternoon. We raised £243 for Macmillan and have already sent the money to them.

It was great to see so many of you in the hall—thank you for your generosity. I am sure it will make a difference.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest next Friday at Mass. We would like to continue the tradition of collecting food to donate—either to our local Food Bank in Stechford or to the Fireside Charity who feed and give shelter to the homeless people of Birmingham. We will display our offerings at Mass next Friday so we are asking that all families try to donate something—one tin of beans can make a difference to charities who rely on donations.

Stechford Foodbank request:

Tinned fruit, tea bags, dried pasta, UHT milk and breakfast cereals

Fireside request:

Food

Tinned foods - beans, soups, fruit etc

Dried foods - pasta, rice, packet soups etc

Jars of sauce (e.g. pasta sauces, cooking sauces)

Jam, marmalade, herbs, pickles, chutneys

Squash, soft drinks, long life juices, UHT milk.

Sugar, teabags, instant coffee

Classes will collect their donations throughout the week—many thanks in advance for your generosity.

ATTENDANCE

As I have stated in the past (until you are probably fed up) attendance and punctuality are a huge issue for schools. The government have told us they now judge persistent absence to be below 90% and they expect schools to be taking action in supporting and improving attendance for these children.

Please phone in if your child is ill.

Please let us know if you are in a situation that will effect your child's attendance.

Please do not take offence if we have to talk to you about attendance and punctuality.

Excellent attendance makes a real difference to your child.

Gone from my sight

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side, spreads his white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. He is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch him until, at length, he hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, he is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. He is just as large in mast, hull and spar as he was when he left my side.

And, he is just as able to bear his load of living freight to his destined port.

His diminished size is in me -- not in him.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, he is gone," there are other eyes watching him coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here he comes!"

And that is dying...

Attendance

Congratulations to Gabriella in Year 3 who won the attendance award for last week

Attendance Since September: **96.07%**

Class winners for last week: **Year 4 and Year 5 with 99.7%**

Weekly attendance for last week: **96.60%**

Monies

Thank you to all of you who have responded so well to the request on last weeks letter for sending money into school. It really does help the office staff out. I'm putting the message on again because I know it made a difference to them this week.

A request from the office; **could dinner money please be paid in on a Monday**, it really does make a big difference to the office staff and the accounting and auditing of the money. Please put the **money in an envelope and put your child's name on the envelope**. They can hand it in to their class teachers in the morning.

Nursery - many thanks to the Nursery parents who are paying for their full time places - Mrs Gibbins is delighted by your promptness. Can we ask that you please pay the money to the Nursery - just place it in an envelope and put your child's name on it.

Father Paul

The Parish of Corpus Christi will be holding a Mass to thank Father Paul for the almost 25 years of service he gave to the Parish. The Mass will be at Corpus Christi Church on Thursday 13th October at 7:00pm and there will be tea and cake available in Corpus Christi School following on from the Mass. The two schools are presenting Father Paul with a gift but we will also be holding a Mass at St Cuthbert's to thank him personally for all he has done for us.

It would be lovely to see as many of you there as can make it—Father Paul was a great Parish Priest and he deserves all our thanks for a job well done.

Mr Laidlaw

I would like to take a moment to thank the staff and children of the school for the way in which they supported and helped each other on Wednesday. All the children were fantastic—they held a beautiful prayer service on Wednesday morning for Mr Laidlaw and they were all incredibly well behaved when many of the staff went to the funeral. My thanks to all the teachers and teaching staff who remained in school to help cover.

However I would just like to say a special well done to all the children who accompanied the staff to the funeral and sang and behaved so beautifully, they were a credit to the school and I, and everyone in attendance, was immensely proud of them. I know that Mr Laidlaw's family were particularly touched by their presence and their singing. Well done and thanks to Cairo, Demi-Ann, Orla K, Tilly-Bo, Ella, Reiana, Scarlet, Demi F, Nimra, Karl, Gabriel, Jerome, Megan, Shaniah, Emmet, Zainab, Liam, Keeley and Mia who represented the school so well.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 11th October—Welcome Service for Reception Parents and Children—2:15pm in the School Hall

Tuesday 11th October—Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 12th October—Year 6 Trip to St Chad's

Thursday 13th October—Year 5 Trip to the Botanical Gardens

Thursday 13th October—Corpus Christi Parish Celebration for Father Paul—7:00pm at Corpus Christi Church

Friday 14th October—Harvest Mass—9:15am

Have a lovely weekend every one

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs and all the staff

