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NEWSLETTER

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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 everyone—I hope that this week has been kind to you all. This week we have had a Local Authority audit—so although things haven't appeared very different for the children it has certainly been a busy week in the office.

It is not often that I mention our lovely ladies in the office but after this week I think it is very important to personally thank Mrs Ashmore for all the work she does supporting the efficient financial running of the school, ably supported by Mrs Akhtar and Mrs Gibbons—it is often difficult to describe the number of different enquiries, phone calls, requests, visitors, orders, deliverers and paperwork that come through the office on a weekly basis but the ladies cope admirably, and always professionally and they have my sincere thanks for all they do.

The audit has gone very well and that is because of all the hardwork that goes into ensuring that everything is done to a high standard. I think the office team are going to have a lovely weekend!

Around school this week, Year 2 and Year 6 went swimming on Tuesday, Year 6 presented a great assembly on Thursday morning and Year 2 presented Mass this morning which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Enrolment Mass

The Sacramental children of Year 3 and Year 6 will be officially presented to the Parish of Corpus Christi on Sunday as they enrol in their Sacramental programme. Various children from both Year 3 and Year 6 will be presenting the Mass; I do hope that as many of you as possible can come to support our children and our school. We have a wonderful reputation for both supporting each other and presenting excellent Masses. Mass starts at 10:30am on Sunday 20th November and I hope to see many of you there. Sunday is also youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King—so we felt it was fitting to celebrate our school Mass on this date as the children are the future of the church.

Father Andrew's Induction

As I mentioned last week the Parish of Corpus Christi are officially welcoming and inducting Father Andrew tomorrow, Saturday 19th November. There will be a Mass at 2:00pm in which the Parish and many priests, deacons and religious welcome Father Andrew into the community of Corpus Christi.

School Uniform

As we approach the season of colder weather there are just a couple of reminders. Please label your child's jumpers and cardigans because once the heating is turned on then children often take their jumpers off in class. The uniform policy states royal blue, black or grey tights for girls—not patterned or stripped and girls skirts and pinafores should be royal blue. If there are any problems in buying these items of school uniform, please come and see me and I will ensure we get some to you through school.

If a jumper or cardigan is lost in school please do check with the school office as well so that you can look through lost property.

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 was 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.

Christmas Dates

Year 2 Christmas Play—Tuesday 13th December at 2:15pm

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Plays—Wednesday 14th December at 7:00pm

Reception/Year 1 play—Thursday 15th December at 2:15pm

Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Play—Thursday 15th December, Corpus Christi Church at 7:00pm

Christmas Party Day

Tuesday 20th December (non-uniform, Christmas dinner and hopefully a special guest... Ho Ho Ho!)

School finishes at 2:00pm on Thursday 22nd December

School opens at the normal time on Monday 9th January.

Attendance

Congratulations to Angeli in Year 4 who won the attendance award for last week

Attendance Since September: **96.20%**

Class winners for last week: **JOINT WINNERS—Year 2 and Year 5 with 97.3%**

Weekly attendance for last week: **96.12% (7th—11th November)**

Gift Night

Advent begins next Sunday—the 27th November and through this period of preparation for Christmas we try to do a number of things to focus on others. Our annual Gift Night will be held after school on Wednesday 7th December. We will supply small gifts, wrapping paper, selotape and scissors—all we ask is that you come along, donate a £1 and wrap a present with your child. This present will then be delivered to local care homes, the sick of the Parish and hospitals. It is a lovely event and doesn't take much time but makes a difference to those receiving the gifts.

We will also be arranging to sing carols at local care homes and we hope to invite both Father Paul and Mrs Laidlaw to school before the Christmas holidays to celebrate the season with them.

Dates for the diary

Sunday 20th November—School Mass Corpus Christi at 10:30am

Tuesday 22th November—Swimming Year 2 and Year 6

Thursday 24th November—Reading Meeting for all Nursery parents—9:00am

Thursday 24th November—Reading Meeting for all Reception parents—2:15pm

Friday 25th November—Year 6 Mass

Tuesday 29th November—Swimming Year 2 and Year 6

Thursday 1st December—Year 5 Trip to Birmingham

Friday 2nd December—KS2 Mass

Tuesday 6th December—Swimming Year 2 and Year 6

Tuesday 6th December—Theatre Trip Year 3 and Year 4 (pm)

Wednesday 7th December—Gift Night

Friday 9th December—Year 3 Mass

The Year of Mercy

Sunday marks the end of the Pope Francis' Year of Mercy—within this year he has asked all Catholics to focus on the meaning of mercy and the actions that demonstrate mercy. Within school we have looked all the different ways that you can show and give mercy—through compassion and care, through prayer and support, through kindness and strength.

I wish you all a very happy weekend.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Hobbs and all the staff.

