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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

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Welcome back! We have had a super start to the Summer Term and the children have settled back into school-life beautifully! Well done, children!

'The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us.' Pope Francis



This week marked the first time that we have been able to welcome large groups of families back into school. Our infants paraded in their Easter bonnets for their families and then we welcomed a large number of visitors inside to catch up over a drink and a biscuit. We hope to hold a coffee morning or an afternoon tea, sometimes as a charity fundraiser and sometimes as part of a class workshop, every half term, so keep your eyes peeled for your invitation! We raised valuable funds for our School Council with our mini raffle - watch this space to find out how they spent their pot of cash! Texts were sent out to the raffle winners - if you have not yet collected your prize, please do so today.



Miss Stevenson also held an extremely successful phonics workshop for our Year 1 parents. The hall was packed with visitors, finding out how our children learn to read and write in the early stages of their learning, and they even welcomed some Year 1 children into the hall to showcase their reading.



This week, we have been lucky enough to have had 4 medical undergraduates working with us in school, gaining experience of working with children before their placement in paediatrics. And what an asset to the school they have been. They have rolled up their sleeves and have been supporting the everyday teaching of the children, running fun first aid workshops, answering any questions about careers in the medical profession and have also been on hand to offer medical advice when it has been needed! We are sorry to see them go and hope that they will have an opportunity to visit again. They have been a marvellous role model to your children, and have hopefully inspired some future career choices- thank you to Tasha, Seb, Issy and Diana.



We did send out a message prior to the Easter break, but just to remind you, that Monday 6th June will be a teacher training day, and school is, therefore, closed to children on that day.





As you will know by now, our newsletter will now be mainly published electronically, with only a few paper copies available from the office. We will send the link to all parents, publish it on the website - you can find it by typing 'news' into the search box - and we will also post a link on our Twitter page each week

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In order to encourage families to read the newsletter online, we will have a competition running for the next few weeks.

This week's competition will be for the children to BRING IN A BOOK THAT THEY ARE ENJOYING READING AT HOME AND, SECRETLY, SHOW IT TO THEIR TA OR TEACHER!

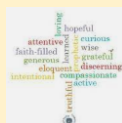
If they do this, they will receive 2 dojos and their name will be written on a list entered into a draw next Friday, to win a small prize.

Encourage your children not to tell other children who have not read the newsletter!



Catholic Life

Our Catholic Values and Virtues for this half term are GRATEFUL and GENEROUS. We are grateful for the gifts that the Lord has bestowed upon us and are encouraged to share what we have.



As part of our work about Catholic Social Teachings, the children will be introduced, next week, to the idea of the 'DIGNITY OF THE WORKER'. Again, we will be talking about the gifts that God has given to us, this time in the shape of our talents and looking at the jobs that this helps us to do. We will be investigating jobs that are carried out at home, jobs within the workplace, in the parish, in the church and those vocations to which people are called. We will be finding out how these jobs benefit others, and the children will be encouraged to understand why it is important to share what we have with those who are unable to work.

As St Ambrose said, "Every worker is the hand of Christ who continues to create and to do good."

We will be finding out what we learn from the Bible about work and what Pope Francis teaches us about this. Each class has been allocated a task and we will share a display of this work with you when it is complete.



At home, talk to your children about the work you do - at home, in the workplace, for your place of worship and how this benefits others.





Jubilee Day!



As you know, this year, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.

We will be celebrating this in school on **WEDNESDAY 25th MAY**

On that day, children are invited to dress up in costumes from any given era during the Queen's reign - 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s

OR

They may dress as a King or Queen for the day

Activities for the day will include -

1. Singing the National Anthem
2. Finding out about the Queen's Coronation
3. Researching an aspect of the Queen's life - her animals, her houses etc
4. A street party celebration and special lunch

And much more...

Parent Partnership

Reminder: Y3 Parents are invited into school on **Thursday 5th May 2022 at 2 pm** for the First Holy Communion Workshop. This is not just for children who will be receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist - it is open to **all** Year 3 families, in order to support our Sacramental children



Jumpers, jumpers, jumpers!

As you know, we cleared our Lost Property Collection prior to the Easter Holidays as some of the items had been stored for a number of years. We do have a small selection of jumpers accumulating - if you think that one of these jumpers belongs to your child, please ask at the Main Office and they can let you take a look.



Stopping and Parking

We would ask you again, to act with consideration when dropping your children to school and when collecting them.

We have managed to reduce the congestion over the past two years, but still, we have some parents

1. Stopping on zig zag lines
2. Parking across the driveways of local residents
3. Parking on the private driveways of our local residents

We are working with the local police and Birmingham City Council, as well as 'Living Streets', in order to deal with these issues and, ultimately, make this a safe area for you and your children and to ensure that our neighbours are treated kindly, and with respect.

We have been advised that any inappropriate parking can be reported to the local police, either by us, you as parents, or by our neighbours by photographing the license plates of vehicles. If this happens, letters will be sent out to the relevant vehicle owners: recurrent offences will result in further legal action being taken. This is the last thing that we want to happen.

We would urge that if it is necessary for you to drive to school, then you park in a place that is both legal and courteous.



Virtues and Values

This half term we are trying to be more '**Grateful and Generous**'.

Congratulations to both Reception classes who are the winners of the certificates this week.





STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Nursery	Whole class
Reception NM	Darcy-Rai
Reception SS	Lucy-Lou
Year 1DG	Esmae-Rose
Year 1M	Kylah
Year 2B	Sarim
Year 2G	Troy
Year 3C	Mason
Year 3M	Chanell
Year 4B	Kaydan
Year 4P	Daniel
Year 5P	Honour
Year 5W	Belden
Year 6G	Abdul
Year 6W	Leonardo
Sports Award	Y5/Y6 Football Team
Wise Owl Award	Joseph (6W)
Music Award	RNM

Well done everyone!

And as we near the end of another week, we hold in our prayers those in our community who are in need of our prayers, especially those who are unwell at this time

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Amen

We also wish all the families on our community who will be celebrating over the next few days, a very Happy Eid!

Have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend - we look forward to seeing you on TUESDAY 3rd May.

Yours sincerely,

Milligan L. Mustard

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff

