



Welcome back

A welcome back to you all to a busy half term with lots of events and activities taking place.

Parking

Messenger Road is very busy at the start and end of the school day. Please take care **not to** park over residents drives. On several occasions residents have been unable to get their vehicles off their drives due to cars parking over them. Please ensure that you park elsewhere to pick up or drop off your child at school.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved a sporting award this term so far. The children have been involved in competitions for cross country. Well done children!

Contact details

Please keep the school informed of any changes to your contact details, in particular your telephone numbers, in the case that we may have to contact you in an emergency.

Collection of your child

If you are unavoidably late or you are asking someone else to pick your child up from school, then please let the school office know of the arrangements so that staff are aware. The gates are locked at 3:10pm. To collect your child please go to school office .

Class Masses

You are very welcome to join our school masses weekly on a Thursday at 9:15am in the school hall. The children prepare the masses with their teacher during the week and come together to celebrate mass on a Thursday morning. **Please join us.**

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Thank you parents for joining us for the enrolment meeting and mass. If you have any further questions then please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Holden or myself.

If your child is a baptised Catholic and he/she is in another year group or have recently joined our school and you would like them to make the sacrament of Communion or Confirmation next year then please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Holden. Alternately, you can speak with Father Erasmus or telephone him on 0121 558 1065.

Film Month

Classes from across the school have had the opportunity to visit the Cinema this term. The Films that the children have seen were free and part of movie month. The movies the children viewed are linked to their topic within the curriculum. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of the Cinema and watching the movies!

Harvest

A big thank you parents for donating food to school in aid of Brushstrokes. They have asked for me to pass on a huge thank you for your support.

Month of Remembrance

A big thank you parents and children for donating to the poppy appeal. The children were able to contribute by buying poppies, rulers, pencils, bracelets amongst other things. Once a total comes into school of how much we have donated I will let you know. Thank you. On November 11th the school will be observing a 2 minute silence together.

Parent Workshops

This half term we will be inviting you to workshops to aid in supporting your children with their learning. A huge thank you to the parents that attended the RML, Spelling and class workshops.

Year 6 Booster Classes

Boosters have started for year 6 children until Spring 2016. The boosters are on a Monday and Wednesday, from 3-4 pm. Please ensure your child has good attendance. In 2016 the class will be sitting new tests and the booster classes will support them to access the new tests.

Anti -Bullying Week

The week beginning 16th November is national Anti-Bullying Week. During the week the children will be joining in workshops to look at aspects of all bullying, cyber, phone and other aspects of bullying. We hope that by the end of this week the children have a clear understanding of how to identify signs and what to do to get help.

Parish Christmas Bazaar over the next coming weeks, there will be mufti days to support with Christmas Bazaar. **Please see separate flier for first mufti day.** The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, 28th November from 12:00 - 2:00pm in the school hall. Please join us, there will be lots of fun to be had by all!!!

Children's Christmas Lunch The Christmas dinner for the children this year is on Monday 14th December. Please see flier being sent later this week to book.

Safety in the dark Parents and children please be extra vigilant whilst coming to and from school during these dark winter periods. There are afterschool clubs ending after dark so please be sure that your child is able to get home safely.



Dates for your Diary

- ▶ **Saturday 28th November**— Christmas Bazaar 12.00 - 2.00pm
- ▶ **Sunday 6th December** - Parish Visitation and school Parish Mass
- ▶ **Wednesday 9th December**—Foundation Stage Production
- ▶ **Thursday 10th December**- KS1 Production
- ▶ **Monday 14th December** - Children's Christmas Lunch
- ▶ **Tuesday 15th December** - Children's Christmas parties EYFS and KS1
- ▶ **Tuesday 15th December** - KS2 Carol Concert
- ▶ **Wednesday 16th December** -Children's Christmas parties KS2
- ▶ **Thursday 17th December** - End of term mass at 9:15am
- ▶ **Friday 18th December** - End of term and children break up at 3:00pm
- ▶ **Monday 5th January 2015** - Children return to school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Mrs Hinton