



Welcome back

A welcome back to you all after our half term break. We have entered into a busy new half term with lots to look forward too.

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 late or you are asking someone else to pick your child up from school, please ensure that the password you have chosen/been given is shared with the office and staff to ensure that your children are released safely. The gates are locked at 3:10pm prompt and if you are late to collect your child, you must go to school office to collect your child and sign the late log. If you are collecting your child late on more than two occasions, you will be invited into school for a meeting with our EWO officer and myself to discuss concerns.

Parking

Please take care when parking and dropping off your child/ren at school. The school is very busy at the start of the day and the end of the day we want all our children to arrive into school safely. Please be careful and patient when you are driving around the school to ensure everyone is safe. When parking on Messenger Road, ensure that you do not park over residents drives, on the zig zags or the white H bars.

Nursery Entrance

A polite reminder to parents that when you are waiting for your children in Nursery and Reception classes to be dismissed, please keep an eye on your younger and older children that are with you. The staff in EYFS are concerned that children are playing and climbing on areas in the playground. We do not want accidents to happen or equipment broken or damaged, so please ensure that the children stay by you and not play unattended on the EYFS equipment. Please support us in this matter.

Film Month

Classes from across the school have had the opportunity to visit the Cinema this term. The films that the children will see are linked to their topic within the curriculum. Letters have been sent out, if you haven't received one for your child please see Mrs Holwell, Mrs Hitch or Mrs Slater at the school office.

Class Masses

You are very welcome to join our school masses weekly on a Thursday at 9:15am in the school hall or in church as a whole mass. 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

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/Confirmation next year then please do not hesitate to speak with Miss Anslow or myself. Alternately, you can speak with Father Erasmus or telephone him on 0121 558 1065. There will be a letter going home soon about a parents meeting on Tuesday 14th November at 3:15pm for Communion and Confirmation preparation with Father Erasmus and Miss Anslow and Myself. Please ensure that you are able to make this meeting as it will cover some important aspects about your child and the sacraments.

Month of Remembrance

A big thank you parents and children for donating to the poppy appeal that has started this week. 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 inform you. On November 13th the school will be observing a 2 minute silence together in remembrance.

Anti-Bullying Week

The week beginning 13th November is national Anti-Bullying Week and to launch the week we have a anti-bullying roadshow visiting our school this Friday. Parents are invited to an assembly at 2:20pm. During the week the children will be joining in activities 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. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Parish Christmas Bazaar

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

Safety in the dark

Parents and children please be extra vigilant whilst coming to and from school during these dark winter periods. At the moment there is a lot of excitement with fireworks and bonfire night. Please remind the children about safety. There are afterschool clubs ending after dark so please be sure that your child is able to get home safely.

Here to help

Nothing is more important than to ensure the happiness, well-being and academic progress of all children in our school. If you have a concern or worry, then please DO NOT let them build up. Please come and see us and we will work hard to sort them out for you. We have a number of senior teachers in school who are happy to help and can resolve any problems you may have. You can see myself, Headteacher, Mrs Evans, Miss Young and Mr O'Connor who are our Assistant Headteachers or Mrs Hill our senior teacher. Otherwise you can see your child's teacher after school. Please be assured that we will endeavour to help sort any problem and help in best way we can.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th November—Anti-Bullying week and
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Tuesday 14th November—School photographer for individual photographs and families.
Tuesday 14th November—Parents meeting for Enrolment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
Friday 17th November— Mufti day for chocolate donations
Tuesday 21st November—Y1 hearing tests
Sunday 28th November—School/ parish mass –enrolment mass for Communion and Confirmation children.
Thursday 30th November—Mufti day for bottle donations
Saturday 2nd December — Christmas Bazaar 12.00 – 2.00pm
Tuesday 5th December— Penitential service for KS2 children.
Friday 8th December—Foundation Stage Christmas Production
Monday 11th December— KS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 13th December—Rec Eye tests
Thursday 14th December - End of term mass at 9:15am and KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 15th December – Parties for KS1/KS2
Monday 18th December – Christmas jumper day and theatre group in school.
Tuesday 19th December—End of term and children break up at 3:00pm
Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January 2018—Teacher training days.
Wednesday 4th January 2108 – 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