



### 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 to and achievements to celebrate.

### 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. Please also ensure the school has three contact details in case we cannot contact you and that they are correct and up to date.

### 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 arriving at school, 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.

### Safety in the dark

Parents and children please be extra vigilant whilst coming to and from school during these dark winter evenings. At the moment there is a lot of excitement with fireworks and other potential dangers. Please talk to your child and remind them about safety. There are afterschool clubs ending after dark so please be sure that your child is able to get home safely and adults are picking your children up on time.

### 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. DO NOT let your children walk across the roads by themselves. 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.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation

If your child is a baptised Catholic and he/she is in year 3 for First holy Communion, or in year 5 and 6 for Confirmation, then please ensure that all enrolment letters are returned to school. If you are a family that has recently joined our school or you have a child in another class 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. The dates for **First Holy Communion** is **SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2020** and for **Confirmation** is **TUESDAY 7th JULY 2020**

Alternately, you can speak with Father Damian or telephone him on 0121 558 1065. A text has gone home about a parents meeting on Thursday 21st November at 3:15pm for Communion and Confirmation preparation with Father Damian 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.

### Class Masses

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

**Into Film Month** During this month classes from across the school have had the opportunity to visit the Cinema this term. Thank you Mr Padotan for applying for Into Film project, which has enabled our school to be involved. This is a very popular project with all schools and there was no guarantee that our school would be successful. The films that the children will see are linked to their topic within the curriculum and this gives our children the opportunity to experience the cinema and learn from visual literacy.

### Anti-Bullying Week

The week beginning 11th November is National Anti-Bullying Week and to launch the week we had a theatre group in school addressing issues of bullying. During the week the children have been 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.

### DOLCE Catering Providers

We are working very hard at school to ensure that your children have a happy lunchtime, where they can enjoy a hot dinner of their choice. With the new SchoolGrid introduced it gives you a good picture of meal choices your child has had throughout the week. Thank you for all your support and patience with the new systems while we put them in place. It is really important that you and your child logs on to the SchoolGrid website to make their lunchtime choices for the day or week. Please remind your child that the choice of meal that that have made with you is the one that they will receive the following day and an alternative cannot be chosen. The children are really enjoying the new meal choices and choosing a variety of different foods. Please note that if you pay for meals all payments MUST be made in a timely manner via the SchoolGrid website and not School Gateway.

### Uniform PE Kits and Healthy lifestyles.

Physical Education is an important part of our school curriculum. Please ensure that your child has their PE kits in school ready to take part in PE lessons. Also, as part of our healthy lifestyle agenda, we ask that the children choose a healthy choice for playtimes and lunchboxes. Please support your children to choose healthy options and not sugary foods.

### Haircuts

Please respect our policy. There should be no hair sculptures or tram lines, shaving, highlights or hair colour- ing of any description. Extreme hairstyles



should only be considered at the beginning of the summer holi- day.

### Jewellery

Please remember that only small stud earrings are allowed in school and **no other** jewellery, nail varnish or make-up is permitted. Earrings should not be worn on PE days. New piercings should only be done at the beginning of the summer holiday so that they are healed sufficiently to be able to be taken out for PE days.

### Parish Christmas Bazaar

We really appreciate your help, kindness and support with donating chocolate this week . We will be holding one other mufti day on Friday 29th November for children to donate bottles towards the Bazaar.



Your support is very much appreciated by school and the church.

The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 30th November from 12:00 – 2:00pm in **St Philip's Community Centre** ( around the corner from the school ) Please join us, there will be lots of fun to be had by all!!!

### 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, or Mr Wilkes , Deputy Head Teacher. Other- wise 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

- Thursday 21st November—Parents meeting for Enrolment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Sunday 24th November—School/ parish mass –enrolment mass for Communion and Confirmation children.
- Wednesday 27th November—Flu Vaccination for nursery children to year 6
- Friday 29th November—Mufti day for children to donate a bottle.
- Tuesday 3rd December– Penitential service for KS2 children.
- Thursday 12th December -Foundation Stage Christmas Production
- Friday 13th December - KS1Christmas Production 2:00pm
- Monday 16th December – Christmas jumper day and theatre group in school.
- Tuesday 17th December– KS2 Carol Concert 9:15am in the school hall.
- Tuesday 17th December – Meeting Father Christmas and Christmas Parties for children
- Wednesday 18th December—End of term mass at 9:15am in the school hall and End of term and children break up at 3:00pm
- Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December —Teacher training days—**School closed**
- Monday 6th January 2020—Children return to school for the Spring term.

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

Mrs Hinton