

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

**Dear Parents and Carers,
 Newsletter No. 24 – Summer Term**

Friday 28th June 2019

S48 RE Inspection – Friday 21st June 2019



A big thank you to all our children, staff, parents and governors, as well as to Father David, who gave of their best efforts and time on the occasion of the Diocesan Inspection last Friday. The report will be shared as soon as it is available; judgements will be made on the teaching of Religious Education and the Catholic Life of the School. It was lovely that the inspectors coincidentally arrived on the day when our Peace Week celebrations were drawn to an end. The special Peace Week Worship for KS2 was very moving and our children did the School proud. There were so many examples of lovely work and behaviour from children across the whole school and we are especially proud of our Guardian and Archangels who spoke confidently and passionately about their faith and their role in the Catholic Life of the School.

RE HOMEWORK – due by Friday 12th July

KS2 and KS1 – This coming fortnight we are asking children to write their own child-led Worship. They can choose their own theme, e.g. Peace, Social Justice, a Saint, Friendships or, as June has been the month of the Sacred Heart, they could choose that as their topic. You will find information about the structure of Prayer and Worship in that section on the School website, under the Catholic Life tab, which will help with this task if needed. Alternatively, children can, of course, ask their class teacher or Ms Logue if they need help.

Early Years children should draw a picture or write something to show how they participate in prayer and worship at St Joseph's.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of prayer and conversation with God:



"Today we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the
 Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.



I invite you to pray with me to be united to the Heart of Jesus
 and to enter together into a mission of compassion for the world."

To find out more about the Apostleship of Prayer, visit: <http://popesprayerusa.net/> . Information about the 175th anniversary is at: <https://www.175years.org/?lang=en>

ATTENDANCE - 17th June to 28th June

During these last two weeks it is once again Year 5 who have achieved the highest attendance with 96.3% and this is a good achievement given the class size. Well done Year 5!

With just a few weeks to go before the academic year ends the percentage figure over the whole year currently stands at 95.8%, which falls short of our DfE target of 96%. Please make renewed efforts to keep up the best levels of attendance as we bring the year to a close.

Punctuality has been disappointing over the last fortnight, partly due to delays on public transport. Whilst we realise this can be beyond your control, you should allow time for unexpected delays to ensure the best start to the day for your child(ren). Aim to be here for 8.45 am at the latest and lateness will be kept to a minimum. Thank you.

| Year Group | % Present |
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| Nursery | 93.5% |
| Reception | 93.9% |
| Year 1 | 95.9% |
| Year 2 | 95.5% |
| Year 3 | 96.0% |
| Year 4 | 94.7% |
| Year 5 | 96.3% |
| Year 6 | 96.1% |

On 22nd July we will be celebrating a Whole School Attendance Assembly. Children who have reached or exceeded the 96% attendance target will receive certificates and one child will be randomly selected from each key stage to receive a family cinema voucher. We also have medals for children who have maintained 100% attendance throughout the year and a very special prize for 1 lucky child and their family.

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair sales amounted to £216.30 the other week, so thank you to everyone who made a purchase and supported this event. The School will benefit from some free literacy resources through the company.

CLASS PHOTOS

Proofs were sent home earlier in the week. All the instructions for placing an order are with the proofs. Please order online directly with Stanley Baker Studios, to avoid any delay. Orders must be placed by 7th July so as to avoid a late fee. The School will benefit from a small commission for every purchase made.

RECYCLING OF USED BATTERIES

The first collection has been made but we will continue to collect used batteries so please bring in any you have and pop them in to the collection bucket at the office. Thank you.



E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER

The July issue of this newsletter is attached, for you to read and share with your children as appropriate. **We cannot stress more strongly the importance of age appropriate use of the internet and social media for our children.**

REACH MAGAZINE

The 'Reach' magazine has gone out to families today. This is a quarterly newspaper aimed specifically at parents whose children attend a Catholic School and we have subscribed to it for a couple of years now. Please take the time to read it and share articles of interest with your child.

HEADLICE

We must advise all parents that we are aware of several cases of head lice across the school. This is a perennial problem with children of primary school age and affects many children at various times in their school life. It can be very upsetting for both the child and the parent but please help to keep these unwelcome visitors at bay by checking your child's hair regularly and treating it when necessary. Even if there are no signs of nits or lice, it is good practice to comb through the hair with a special comb and conditioner after it has been washed. Advice can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



BUILDING FUND

Thank you to those who have been making regular or ad-hoc contributions to our school building fund. As a reminder, voluntary aided schools such as ours are obliged to contribute 10% of any capital project. Donations can be made via ParentPay online at any time and completing a Gift Aid Declaration (if you are a UK taxpayer) can increase your donation by 28p for every £1.00. Please give whatever you can and, if your work involves any corporate organisations who could be a possible benefactor, please do put them in touch with Mrs Blanchfield!

Further internal works will be completed during the summer break and you will see a transformation to some of the ground floor on our return to school in September! We were successful in our bid for some capital funding with the Diocese, but there is a shortfall to be found, as well as the 10% contribution, so any donations or contributions will be so very much appreciated, however small. Thank you in advance.



SUMMER TERM DATES

A list of the main events for the remainder of the summer term follows. It will be updated as the weeks progress. Please keep an eye on further newsletters for any additions or revisions.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher

SUMMER TERM 2019

| Summer Term 2019 | |
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| Monday 1 st July 2019 | Year 5 visiting St Anselm & St Cæcilia |
| Monday 1 st July 2019 | Year 1 Structured Conversations |
| Tuesday 2 nd July 2019 | Year 3 Structured Conversations |
| Wednesday 3 rd July 2019 | Year 4 visiting St Anselm & St Cæcilia |
| Wednesday 3 rd July 2019 | Year 2 and Year 6 Structured Conversations |
| Wednesday 3 rd July 2019 @ 3:45 pm | Reception Class (2019/20) Parent Welcome meeting |
| Thursday 9 th July @ 9.30 am | Maths Workshop for Nursery parents |
| Friday 5 th July 2019 | Year 6 visiting St Anselm & St Cæcilia |
| Friday 5 th July 2019 | Nursery Family Prayers |
| Tuesday 9 th July 2019 | Reception Structured Conversations |
| Wednesday 10 th June 2019 | Year 3 visit to Keats House |
| Wednesday 10 th July 2019 4:30 pm | Summer Concert |
| Wednesday 10 th July 2019 | Welcome afternoon for new pupils in Nursery and Reception |
| Thursday 11 th July 2019 | Year 2 and Year 6 Structured Conversations |
| Friday 12 th July 2019 | EYFS Graduation |
| Monday 15 th July to Friday 19 th July 2019 | Active Week |
| Monday 15 th July | Reception and Year 1 Structured Conversations |
| Wednesday 17 th July 2019 | Sports Day |
| Tuesday 23 rd July 2019 | Term ends at 1.15 pm |
| SUMMER BREAK | |
| Monday 2 nd September 2019 | INSET Day – School closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 3 rd September 2019 | Children return to school |

STRUCTURED CONVERSATIONS

Please be sure to have signed up for a Structured Conversation slot with your child's teacher, with the exception of Year 4, who will be advised of a date shortly when they can meet with Mr McEleney.

APPEAL FROM YEAR 2

The children in Year 2 are making models of castles and are appealing for any empty shoeboxes you may have! Please bring these in to Miss Quirke if you have some. Many thanks.