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## Newsletter No.2

(Please note- newsletters will be emailed fortnightly; the next newsletter will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October)

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents,

### Travelling to School

We are encouraging the children to use walking as the best way to travel to school. Every child will record their method of travel in the morning on a computer based programme. All of their journeys will create a log and after walking 8 times a month, they will be awarded a badge. There are eleven different badges to collect, one for every month of the year that we are at school. We will also award the class with the highest number of children who walk or scoot to school at the end of the month with a trophy to keep in their classroom. Please refer to the letter issued last week (also on the website) with suggested locations for parking to allow you and the children to stride to school.

### Mass of Commitment for Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation

This will take place on Sunday 2nd October 9am. All children will be sent home with a **Commitment letter** which they will need to bring to the 9am mass for Fr. Michael to sign. The children will sit with their families within the congregation and do not need to wear the school uniform.

### Harvest Festival

During this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has asked us to consider our corporal works of mercy, one of which is to feed the hungry. As part of our harvest celebrations, we will be remembering those within our local community and also those globally. This fully supports our need to recognise that every child has the right to nutritious food. (Article 24 UNCRC).

We are having our Harvest Mass **NEXT WEEK on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** and it will be led by Year 2. Foundation Year will also take part by processing in with items of food to create our harvest display. Any groceries in packets, tins and jars donated in would be used to support the Food Bank in our local area. This organisation ensures that families have an emergency supply of food for three days. It would be wonderful if every child could donate one item of dried food as we recognise how fortunate we are to have food on our tables every mealtime.

### CAFOD

In order to support our children globally, we are going to **Brighten Up this Harvest** by fundraising to support communities in Bolivia, South America. Our money raised, will support **CAFOD** to provide seeds and training to farmers, teach people to build greenhouses to grow produce that isn't destroyed by the weather. To do this we are going to see which classroom has the brightest dressed children on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. The children are encouraged to wear as many colours as they can on this day and donate some of their small change to help children like themselves globally.

### Request for an update of details

For the school to run effectively communications in both directions between home and school is vital, therefore I will try to ensure that all newsletters are electronically every second Friday.

It is vital that we have your updated details-

If you were receiving texts and newsletters last year and your details are the same then you do not need to do anything as we still have them in our system. If you have not given us your mobile phone and email details, please see the office for the appropriate form.

All new Foundation parents were issued with the appropriate '*parent mail*' form – please ensure this has been returned.

Staff are always available for you to pass on any information that you feel they need to be aware of, before and after school. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the office and make an appointment. If you do not receive information via parent Mail – you must contact school immediately as we are missing some of your details. Thank you

### Roald Dahl Day

Well done to the children who made a super effort to mark the 100th birthday of Roald Dahl.- some fantastic costumes!!!

Please talk to the children about what they have learnt about R Dahl and his works!- I'm sure some pictures and works will be appearing on display and on the website soon



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**Entry into the school building before and after the school day-** Could I remind parents that if you need to enter the school building to check lost property, find a reading book, check the cloakroom or speak to a member of staff...or whatever reason, you must only do so via the School Office main entrance and by speaking to the office staff who will check whether it is convenient. Staff will only meet with parents who have made an appointment, 'popping in' can often be very disruptive. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

## Afterschool Clubs this term

Monday - **Tennis Club** for Y3 and Y4 3.25pm-4.25pm

Monday - **Hand & Eye Coordination** for Y2 3:20-4:20pm

Monday - **Football Club** for Y5 and Y6 3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday - **Zumba Club** for Y1 3.20pm -4.20pm (separate letter, please deal directly with Naomi, not the Office)

Tuesday - **Body Combat** for Y6 3:20-4:20pm

Wednesday - **Fencing** for Y4 3:20-4:20pm

Thursday - **Badminton** for Y3 3:20-4:20pm

Thursday - **Netball** for Y5 and Y6 3:20-4:20pm

Friday - **Volleyball** for Y5 3:20-4:20pm

We done to all the children who have given these new sports a try- I hope you enjoyed them. Thank you Miss McCormack!

## Sports Clubs

Congratulations to the Football Team who beat The Shrubbery 3-1 this week- thank you Mr Lynch and Mr Bannister for your time. Thanks also to all parents who came and supported the players.

Congratulations to the Cross Country Squad who ran the first race of the Season at Bishop Walsh school this week – thank you Miss Gavin. Thank you to all parents who helped with lifts

Well done to the girls who came to the Netball squad training this week – thank you Miss Rudd

## Virtues

The children have made a wonderful start to the new year this week, we continue with the Diocesan request to focus on teaching the children 'virtues' taken from the Jesuit Pupil Profiles. Our whole school virtues this term are '**Curious and Active**': **Curious about everything, and Active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.**

We have been talking about building God's community at school and home by being living examples of the gospels through; helping each other, being respectful, having manners, using our gifts to through hard work and effort, sharing and putting the thoughts of others first because we want to not because we need to.

Well done Children!!!

## Nativity dates

Due to the expansion and increased numbers of pupils, we now have 180 pupils in KS1, we have decided, in line with all other 2FE size schools to have 2 separate Nativities.

### Dates for your diaries are:

**FYS and FYJ Nativity** will take place on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec and Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.25am

**Y1 and Y2 Nativity** will take place on Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec and Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.25am

More information will follow nearer the time.

## This Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year



### Father in Heaven

**Bless all the homeless people in our world,  
and those who have to beg for their food.**

**Open our eyes to their needs so that we can help them in whatever way we can.**

**Amen**

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara

Principal



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## Please note the following diary events

Dates for diary – Sept 2016		
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y4 walking to Holy Trinity for Mass
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Harvest Mass (Y2 Led) – donations to be sent in to school
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	afterschool	Football match v Holy Cross (away)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	11am	Y6 Mass of Commitment at Holy Trinity Church
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y3 walking to Holy Trinity for Mass
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Cash donation – Non Uniform day – see Cafod section of the letter above
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Y6 Class led Assembly – all welcomed
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	afterschool	Football match v NewHall (away)
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y6 walking to Holy Trinity for Mass
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	PTA Meeting in School
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Y5 Class led Assembly – all welcomed
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	afterschool	Football match v Minworth (away)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	EVENING	PTA- Father Ted's night
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y5 walking to Holy Trinity for Mass
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-	PARENTS EVENING – Information will be sent out nearer the date about signing up for appointments via an electronic App !!
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Yr 6 Day Retreat to Alton Castle – separate letter to follow
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of the Half Term

School Term dates available on the website [Diary and Term Dates | St Joseph's](#)

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