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## Newsletter No.1

*(Please note- newsletters will be emailed fortnightly; the next newsletter will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September)*

9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. As you will notice the building work has continued to progress. The Hall has been internally enlarged and opened up, the ICT room and Library have become our new 2x Yr2 classrooms, the Staffroom has been relocated and the Main school office is in a new temporary location (old Yr 4 classroom)- accessible from the ramp and FY play area. We have placed barriers in position to guide you in the right direction.

The building work continues to be on schedule with the front extension of the school being completed by the end of November. (Fingers crossed)

A special extended welcome to the 31 new pupils and families in FY, the 29 siblings in FY and the new staff to our school community.

**New Staff-** We welcome the following staff:

- **Mrs Guiney** Y3, **Mr Bannister** Y4 and **Mr Lynch** Y5
- **Miss Georgiou** Teaching Assistant in FY and **Mrs Byfield** Teaching Assistant support for a FY pupil
- **Miss Green** Finance/ Administration Assistant

I am sure you will introduce yourselves to them and make them welcome when you see them.

### 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 sent on a Friday. *(Please note that these will be every other week, as some weeks are merely a duplication of information and therefore unnecessary wasted time and effort.)*

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.

**Contact Forms-** Next week we will be sending out a new contact form and permission slip to be completed. Please fill in and sign both sides and return the form to the school office as soon as possible.

**Clarification regarding collection of children-** If you have arranged for a different family member, friend or other parent to those who usually collect your child at the end of the day **you MUST inform school**. Please send in a letter to your child's teacher; alternatively you can ring and let the office know if it is at short notice. Staff will not release children to other parents if notification has not been received.

### Roald Dahl Day

13th September 2016 marks the 100th birthday of Roald Dahl. To celebrate, each class is completing a unit of work on the famous author this week and next week. On Tuesday 13th September, children are invited to dress up as a character from a Roald Dahl book for our 'Dahlicious dress up day!' This is a great way to begin the school term. The following website has lots of dressing up ideas:

<http://www.roalddahl.com//charity/fundraising-and-events/dahlicious-dress-up-day/dressing-up-tips>

We look forward to seeing the children's costumes and the wonderful work they produce!

**Medical forms-** Mrs Halliday is updating our records for pupils with medical issues, please book an appointment with the Office to arrange to see her if this applies to you. Parents of children with Epipens and inhalers are asked to make an appointment to see her as soon as is possible.



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## Parent Pay

Please can we remind parents to log on and set up their parent pay account if you haven't already done so. As from 1st September all the schools in the MAC have become cashless for the majority of school payments. If in doubt, please see Mrs Coeulle in the office.

**Universal Free School Meals** - All children in FY, Yr1 and Yr2 are entitled to a FREE SCHOOL MEAL every day. Please contact the office and ensure you benefit from this Government initiative if you've not already done so.

**Dress Code**- Just a quick reminder that school does not allow children to wear ear-rings or have transfers / tattoos. Please ensure that these are removed on school days.

**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.

## Parking Cars

A separate letter was emailed to parents earlier this week (also on the website) reminding about parking further from the gates and with due consideration for our neighbours. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

## Afterschool Clubs this term

Monday - **Tennis Club** for Y3 and Y4 3.25pm-4.25pm - starts 12<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

Monday - **Football Club** for Y5 and Y6 3:30-4:30pm – starts 12<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday - **Zumba Club** for Y1 3.20pm -4.20pm (separate letter, please deal directly with Naomi, not the Office) starts 13<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

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

Separate letters have been sent out regarding the above clubs. There are still places available for each of the clubs. If your child is interested, please log onto ParentPay and send in the consent slip on Monday.

Y5 and Y6 Netball club with Miss Rudd will also take place this half term. Dates and times are to be confirmed. A separate letter will be sent out in due course.

## Sunshine Club Vacancy for a morning member of staff

Please see an emailed advert via Parent Mail

## 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!!!



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Pope Francis declared Blessed Teresa of Calcutta a saint at the Vatican on Sunday 4th September. Mother Teresa was widely known as a living saint as she ministered to the sick and the dying in some of the poorest neighbourhoods in the world. Her simple service touched the hearts of millions of people of all faiths.



*Virgin Mary, Queen of all the Saints,  
help us to be gentle and humble of heart like Saint Teresa,  
fearless messenger of Love.  
Help us to serve every person we meet with joy and a smile.  
Help us to be missionaries of Christ, our peace and our hope.  
Amen.*

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara  
Principal

## Please note the following diary events

| Dates for diary – Sept 2016 |         |   |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|
| Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>       | All day | Roald Dahl- Dress up day                              |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>        | 8.45am  | New FY pupils first full day of school                |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>      | 9.00am  | House group assembly to choose new House Group themes |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>     | 9.00am  | Assembly  |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>       | 10:00am | Y5 walking to Holy Trinity for Mass                   |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>       | 7pm     | PTA Meeting – all welcome                             |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>      | pm      | Yr6 Anti Bullying Workshop                            |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>        | 9.00am  | Congratulation s Assembly – all welcomed              |

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