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## Newsletter No.2

20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy few weeks back at school and the children are settling well into their new year groups and getting use to the new routines. It has been a pleasure to walk around school and see the children working so well. We are also very proud of Foundation Year who are now in class full time and getting to know their teachers. All families should now be able to view the 'termly planner' for your child's class, please log onto the school website and have a look at it in the year group section, you will find it under 'Autumn Termly Planner 2019'.

### **Y6 Class Assembly**

This week, Year 6 presented a fabulous class assembly teaching us all about the Ancient Egyptians. They did a wonderful job travelling back in time to teach us all about the pharaohs, mummies and pyramids. You also made some very thoughtful links as to how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps through our school mission statement. Well done to all the children, Miss Harris and Mrs Bowkett. You have set the standards high for future class assemblies!

Congratulations to last week's award winner. The awards were as follows:

### **Key Stage One**

|                                  |            |                             |                     |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>The Tidiness Award</b>        | <b>Y1W</b> | <b>Lining Up award</b>      | <b>Y2E</b>          |
| <b>Lunchtime Behaviour Award</b> | <b>Y2E</b> | <b>The Attendance Award</b> | <b>Y1W with 98%</b> |

This week's award winner. The awards are as follows:

### **Key Stage Two**

|                                  |            |                             |                      |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>The Tidiness Award</b>        | <b>Y4K</b> | <b>Lining Up award</b>      | <b>Y4K</b>           |
| <b>Lunchtime Behaviour Award</b> | <b>Y3I</b> | <b>The Attendance Award</b> | <b>Y5G with 99 %</b> |

### **Medical Forms**

Mrs Terry has been updating our records for pupils with medical issues: if you have not made an appointment please contact the Office. Please also note that if your child has chicken pox you must inform the school office immediately.

### **Dress Code**

Thank you to all who are adhering our dress code: the children look really smart and are a credit to you. Just a quick reminder that we do not allow children to wear ear-rings or have transfers / temporary tattoos. Please ensure these are removed on school days. Hair should be tied back with plain bobbles / Alice Bands - No bows or ears etc... these interfere with teaching in the classroom.

### **Clubs**

We are very lucky that a number of staff will be holding school clubs, which will run throughout the year.

- Miss Birch – Science Club (Year 4)
- Miss Rudd and Miss Wood – Netball
- Miss Evans- Mindfulness
- Mrs Terry and Mrs Pritchard – Choir
- Mr Lynch and Mr Kay- Football (Y5/6)

Separate letters will be sent out throughout the year with specific club arrangements however if your child is interested in a club they can speak to the relevant member of staff.



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## Afterschool Clubs this term – Run by an external sports club provider

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Monday    | <b>Netball</b> for Years 4, 5 & 6 & <b>Football</b> for Years 1 and 2                                     |
| Tuesday   | <b>Tennis</b> Years 1,2 & 3   |
| Wednesday | <b>Boys Football</b> for Years 3 & 4  |
| Thursday  | <b>Monster Craft</b> (All year groups) starting Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September run by Nikki Houghton |

### Cross Country

Well done to the Cross Country team who competed at the first meet of the season this week at Bishop Vesey School. Thank you to Miss Gavin and parents for your time making our entry possible.

### Cars on Site

May I politely remind parents dropping and collecting from the Sunshine Club, NO parents' cars should be onsite after 8am or before 4.45pm. Any parents who are found repeatedly abusing this rule this role will have their membership of the Club rebuked. If parents' cars are on site during the permitted times, these must be parked in the allocated bays. Cars being parked outside of the bays are causing a danger and a hazard.

We also ask that NO parents enter the school building during morning drop offs and at the end of the school day.

We have had a number of parents trying to enter into school, through the Key Stage 1 doors. If you need to get into the building or speak to a teacher, you must do this through the school office. Here you will be asked to sign in and out.

### CAFOD

In order to support our children globally, we are going to **Brighten Up this Harvest** by fundraising to support communities in deprived parts of the world. Our money raised will support CAFOD to provide seeds and training to farmers, teaching 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 4<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.

### Harvest Festival

During this Season, Pope Francis asks 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 **on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at Holy Trinity, Mass starts at 6pm**. Foundation Year will 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.

**FY Parents induction and Welcome meeting.** Fr Michael and Deacon Daniel have arranged a welcome meeting to take place **before the Harvest Mass** (as above). The meeting will start at **4.45pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October in the parish Hall** behind the church. We hope to see you there.



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Our virtues this half term are Generous and Grateful. Please talk to your child about what they have been learning about the virtues so far this month.

**God of plenty, we thank you for all that you have given us. Help us to remember what is really important in our lives and to be generous in all that we do. Amen.**

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara  
Executive Principal

Mrs L Chambers  
Acting Head of School

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| Dates for your diary – September / October |                 |  |
|--|-----------------|--|
| Wednesday 25th September                   | 10.00 am        | Y4K, Y3I & Y3B Walking to Holy Trinity for Mass                      |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September          | 8.55am          | KS1 Gifts from God Congratulations Assembly – All parents welcome    |
| Monday 30th September                      |                 | SJPIIMA INSET DAY  |
| Wednesday 2nd October                      | 10.00am         | Y6, Y5L, Y2E & Y2G Walking to Holy Trinity for Mass                  |
| Wednesday 2nd October                      | 4.00-5.30pm     | Y6 & Y5 Football match at Moor Hall Primary                          |
| Thursday 3rd October                       | 4.00-4.45 pm    | Cross Country at Bishop Walsh  |
| Friday 4th October                         |                 | CAFOD Brighten up your Harvest - Non Uniform                         |
| Friday 4th October                         | 8.55 am         | KS2 Gifts from God Assembly- All parents welcome                     |
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October           | 4.45pm & 6.00pm | FY Parents induction and Welcome meeting<br>Harvest Mass (Led by FY) |

### Other dates to note:

**School Closed on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Staff INSET**

**Parents Evening** takes place on the evening of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30-7.00pm

**NSPCC Parents Workshop** on E Safety Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2pm-3pm

**PTA Discos** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 5pm-6pm KS1, 6.15pm-7.15pm KS2

**Y6 Confirmation Mass of Commitment** – will take place at Holy Trinity Church during 6pm Mass on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Y6 Confirmation** will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity Church (this is for both parishes)

**PTA Movie Night** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November KS2 3.30pm-5.30pm

**PTA Movie Night** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November KS1 3.30pm-5.30pm

**May Day 2020** Next year the May Bank Holiday date for 2020 has been changed by the Government.

The change is due to the commemoration of VE Day. Normally, the early May Bank Holiday falls on the first Monday of May. However, in 2020, the first May Bank Holiday will not be on May 4<sup>th</sup>, but instead will take place on **Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>**. This means the first three-day weekend in May in 2020 will take place from Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>. The change is only happening for the early May bank holiday, the Spring bank holiday at the end of the month will take place on a Monday as normal on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2020.



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