



To follow Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

Newsletter No.4

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our fourth newsletter. October is always a busy month for us here in school, the children have settled back well and are busy learning in their classes. This month they have been celebrating Black History Month and learning about how inspirational people led the way for change. This has been followed up in all classes through Votes for Schools. The children are really enjoying this and value the chance to give their opinion on important topics. We have also started our Parents meeting phone calls this week, we hope you find this a valuable time to talk to your child's class teacher, about how your child is progressing so far this term. As we are in the month October, the children have been able to pray a decade of the Rosary in Honour of Mary, the children have completed this with such reverence, it has been great to see.

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

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award

Y3B

Lining Up award

Y4I

Lunchtime Behaviour Award

Y5Gi

The Attendance Award

Y3T

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

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award

Y1L

Lining Up award

Y2G

Lunchtime Behaviour Award

Y2G

The Attendance Award

Y2G

School Photographs

This year we have booked Academy Photography on **Monday 16th November 2020 for individual and in-school sibling photos**. Please note that due to Covid restrictions we will not be permitting any children who do not attend school into the building for photos, as we have in previous years. This is to keep everybody safe. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

CAFOD

To support our children globally, we held a '*Brighten Up this Harvest*' fundraising Non Uniform day to support communities in deprived parts of the world. The 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. We raised a total of £303.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Mass was a lovely occasion with Y5 leading our Harvest Mass in the School hall and the rest of School joining in via Zoom. Although a little different this year the children did a fantastic job in their preparation and delivery and it was a very thought provoking Mass. Thank you to Father Michael, who led the Mass so well.

We would also like to say thank you to everyone who donated food and a special thank you to Ms Coen from the PTA who transported all of the donations to the church, this will then be distributed to the local food banks. The Mass was a wonderful reminder of how fortunate we are to have food on our tables every mealtime.

Y4I Sacrament of Reconciliation

Well done to Year 4I who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time this Thursday. Your parents and school staff were very proud of you on the day. Thank you to Fr Michael and Fr David on the day



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Miss Miller

We welcome back Miss Miller on Monday 19th October following her maternity leave. Both Miss Miller and Mrs Smith will be in Yr2M for a full handover for the children.

Parliament Workshop

On the morning of Wednesday 25th November Y4, Y5 and Y6 will take part in a live online workshop delivered by staff from UK Parliament. This supports our work on British Values, the rule of law and democracy. The children's class teacher will be present throughout the online workshop. The session will cover the following and there will also be a chance for the children to ask questions:

- An introduction to how UK Parliament works
- What MPs do
- The work of members of the House of Lords
- How laws are made

PTA Newsletter

Today, we will also be sending out the PTA newsletter, please take your time to have a look at all the great work the PTA have been doing to help support the children in school. As a school we are very grateful to have such a supportive PTA!

Inset Days

Please note the following dates are INSET days to allow for staff training. School will be closed to all pupils on the following dates: Friday 27th November 2020, Monday 22nd February 2021 and Monday 7th June 2021.

Safeguarding Newsletter

This week we are sending out our safeguarding newsletter for this half term on the theme of emotional literacy. It includes little things we can do and try with the children to nurture their emotional well-being during these difficult times.

Cultural Capital for October

Musician of the Month – William Grant Still

Artist of the Month - Faith Ringgold

Word of the Month – Integrity

Inspirational Person of the Month - Maya Angelou



Key Dates for your Diary

Dates for your diary October / November		
Date	Time	Event
Monday 16 th November	All Day	Academy Photographers in School for individual and in-school sibling pictures.
Monday 16 th	All Week	Book Fayre in school - more details to follow



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November		
Friday 27th November		School Closed – INSET DAY

Rosary

As we are in the month of October, the children from all classes have been given the opportunity to join together in class and to pray a decade of the Rosary in Honour of Mary. Well done to all for doing this with such reverence.



*Father in heaven I give you today,
all that I think, and do, and say.
Fill me with grace and make me strong,
with you at my side I won't go wrong*



Yours sincerely,

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Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill
Acting Head of School

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