



School Newsletter

Newsletter 7

Summer Term 2017

Thursday 8 June 2017

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In everything we do today, we're following Jesus and his way

Merits... No merits this week because of class assembly. Normal service resumed next week.

Sports Day

We were very disappointed to postpone our sports days this week. The appalling weather forecast gave us little choice but to call off Tuesday's Infant event. The wet weather then made our field unusable with the forecast promising no opportunity for the field to dry out sufficiently. We therefore postponed both the Junior event and the reserve Infant one.

We have tried to make decisions as early as practicable so that parents have as much advance notice as possible. Junior Sports Day has been rescheduled for **Monday 19 June**, and the Infants for **Tuesday 27 June**. Both will start at 9.30am.

Para World Championships Tickets

We were very excited to successfully bid for a large number of tickets for the Para World Championships on **Tuesday 18 July**. In light of recent events in London and Manchester, however, we have taken the decision not to take a large group of children towards London on public transport. Any emergency situation with such numbers of children could be extremely frightening for them and prove unmanageable for staff responsible for them.

We are, therefore, offering these tickets to families who may want to take the opportunity to attend the event. If you should wish to do this, the absence for your child(ren) will be authorised once the tickets are given to you. To apply, simply complete the form on the parent's information page of the school website. If there are more requests than tickets, we will operate a ballot system. Deadline - **Monday 19 June**.

Reading garden

You will have noticed the first phase of our Reading Garden in the junior playground. Now for the furniture...

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Next Week in School

Friday 9 June

Mass in the school hall at 8.25am (3MA)
Year 5 to Cheshunt (HYMB)

Sunday 11 June

Women's Tour of Britain in London (cycling)

Monday 12 June

Year 1 phonics screening begins

Wednesday 14 June

Islam assembly
Full governing body meeting 7pm

Thursday 15 June

Class assembly (RK) 9.10am

Friday 16 June

Mass in the school hall at 8.25am (3K)
PTA donation day

Saturday 17 June

PTA summer fair 12 - 4pm



For those of us who miss having the chicks in school, here's a picture of them in their new farmyard home. Apparently they have adopted the dog in the photograph!

Summer Fair

Next Friday is **donation day**, and a separate letter from the PTA will be distributed giving you clear information about what to do. It is a non-uniform day for the children in return for a £1 donation. This is a very important part of the fair preparations, it is an enormous undertaking and we must give the PTA as much support as we can. If you have any time spare on the morning of **Friday 16 June**, please offer them assistance to organise the donations for the various stalls - your help will be greatly appreciated.

"When you strip it of everything else, Pentecost stands for power and life. That's what came into the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the day of Pentecost." (David Wilkerson)



RE Questionnaire

We are very proud of the Catholic life of the school and our RE provision. We are also proud of the new initiatives that we have promoted this year. Each child will be bringing home a questionnaire to gauge parental attitudes and consider how we can make our provision even better (the children will have their own special questionnaire in school). If you require additional copies, please inform the school office and they will arrange this for you. Please hand in completed questionnaires to class teachers by **Thursday 15 June**. If you have more than one child, there is no need to complete more than one questionnaire.

Congratulations to our rounders team who won their first game of the season this week.

Parking Chaos

I realise that this message only applies to a minority of parents but I still feel obliged to include it in the newsletter. The scene that I witnessed on Wednesday after school outside the Halifax Road gates was very upsetting and wholly unacceptable. I am also aware that people who are responsible for inconsiderate parking choose not to read the school newsletter. The following actions witnessed are an embarrassment to the school and bringing our name into disrepute:

- Parking on double yellow lines
- Driving too quickly when children and their families are leaving school
- Driving from school whilst talking on a mobile phone with children in the car
- Parking on zig zag yellow lines
- Swearing at or being aggressive to local residents
- Parking on private land

We are a Catholic community and these actions are embarrassing as well as being dangerous. We can and must do better than this.

Islam Assembly

As part of our RE curriculum we are required to teach about other faiths and you may remember that we welcomed a rabbi from the Southgate Progressive Synagogue last year. This year it is the turn of Islam and we are looking forward to a special assembly led by Nora Adam from Rumi Mosque in Edmonton.

Nora is very popular and regularly leads assemblies at local schools in the area.

If any parents have misgivings about the assembly, I would recommend logging on to their website:

<http://www.rumimosque.uk/home>

It may be reassuring to read that 'a Muslim is someone from whose tongue and hands people are safe...we can and must emphasise the core Islamic teachings of peace, mercy, compassion and non-violence.'

There is a very powerful sermon written in response to recent tragic events.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any concerns or questions about the assembly.

Junior Travel Ambassadors

I'm sure that you will agree that the road safety posters that are outside school look absolutely brilliant. Well done to our Junior Travel Ambassadors for organising that competition, and they were out on patrol again on Wednesday this week, conducting a survey and collecting data. Our JTAs have been recognised as one of the most active in Enfield - congratulations!

Clearing Debts

We would like to inform all parents (especially the parents of children in Year 6) that all outstanding debts need to be cleared by the week ending **July 14th**.

Talent Show Going Ahead

Last week the PTA sent a message requesting assistance to run a talent show at the summer fair. I am pleased to say that the show can now go ahead. Information is being distributed in paper form today.

Freeze pop Friday is going ahead today. 50p. No notes please.