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School Newsletter 5

Summer Term 2022
Thursday 19 May 2022

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Deputy Heads: Mrs B McCann
Mrs S Hukowski (PT)
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

This Week's Merits

Each week, teachers nominate children in their class to receive a special merit. This could be in recognition for working hard, achieving something particular, being a good friend, or any number of reasons that show that they are living up to the school motto - 'In everything we do today, we are following Jesus and his way.' The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit):

Class	Name of children
RG	Grace & Bernie
RP	Orla & Melodie
RW	Roisin & Leo
1A	Gracie & Mia
1DS	Lily & Zachary
1W	Etienne, Alex & Starjoy
2B	Nina-Sophia & Luca
2K	Fred & Erin
2NS	Miguel & Diana
3A	Paolo & Brea
3F	Gabriel K & Hannah
3S	Georgina & Luca
4BC	Year 4 at Mass
4OS	
4S	
5FM	Tishe & Aidan
5MA	Helen & Joseph
5MR	Annabel & Adam
6K	Orla, CM
6M	Jayden, CM
6OT	CM

Parent Governor

The votes for our parent governor election will be counted on **Thursday 26 May**, which is also the deadline day for voting. Thank you for using, and filling up, the special ballot boxes in each playground.

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Next Week in School

Tuesday 24 May
Class Photographs

Wednesday 25 May
Jubilee lunch party

Thursday 26 May
Spirituality Day
Parent Governor voting deadline
School closes for half term

Friday 27 May
Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 7 June
School reopens

What a privilege to spend Wednesday at the Hertfordshire Young Mariners Base with the year 5 children. Brilliantly behaved, polite, respectful and demonstrating impressive teamwork and perseverance. It is a fantastic facility to have close by and wonderful to see our children making the very best of the opportunity.

We will conclude our half term on the feast of the Ascension this coming Thursday. Year 3 will attend Mass at our parish church and the remainder of the day will be dedicated to a Spirituality Day for all children. The Ascension, forty days after Easter Sunday, is a very important feast for us to mark in these ways.

It's a Shoe-In

We are running low on plimsolls in the medical room. We would like to ask parents to donate any spares. Towards the end of term, when children may have outgrown their current plimsolls, seems like an appropriate time to ask!

The Reception team are keeping their own spares in class so EYFS parents can hand over any of their spares to the nursery nurses. Any other year groups, please send them to the medical room.

All donations, as ever, are greatly appreciated.

NumberGym - maths at home

Have a look at NumberGym on our school website to practise on BondBuilder, TableTrainer and Mental Maths Challenge. Details on how to access NumberGym can be found in the Curriculum Tab/Children's Zone. NumberGym is great for learning number facts. BondBuilder & TableTrainer offer carefully graded timed challenges, helping children to commit facts to memory and acquire mental strategies through mental maths challenges.

NumberGym Maths

"Ascensions into heaven are like falling leaves sad and happy all at the same time. Going away isn't really sad especially when your going enables a new kind of presence to be born."
(Ernest Hemingway)



For those of you who drive your children to school, please:

- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerately** to our neighbours
- Turn your **engine off**, not leave it running while parked
- Make every effort to walk all or some of the way to school if possible. It's healthy and good for the environment



The weather is lovely at the moment - walk at least some or all of the way to school whenever you can.

The Rosary - Come and Join Us

May is the month of the Rosary and we invite parents to come and share a decade of the Rosary with their children after school. We will pray this special devotion in our Rosary Garden at the heart of our school.

A rota is available on the school website so that you will know when it is your child's turn: 'news & events > Rosary'. The schedule for next week is:

The Glorious Mysteries

Mon 23th Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven 6M

The Mysteries of Light

Tues 24th The Baptism in the Jordan 5FM

Weds 25th The Wedding at Cana 5MR

Thurs 26th Proclamation of the Kingdom of God 5MA

The Rosary takes place at 3.25pm each day. Please enter the main hall from the junior playground via the Gordon Road gate (open at 3:30pm) and go through the doors on the right to our Rosary Garden.

A huge thank you to Mrs Williams for organising our Rosary.

Upcoming Dates

Advance warning of some key school dates...

May

Tues 24th Class photographs (summer uniform)

Weds 25th Ranger Stu (Year 1)

Thurs 26th Spirituality Day

Ascension Mass (Year 3)

School closes for half term

Deadline for parent governor votes

Fri 27th School Closed - teacher training day

June

Mon 6th School closed - additional bank holiday

Tues 7th School reopens

Year 1 phonics screening (all week)

Year 6 parent meeting (online) 5:30pm

Mon 20th New parents meeting

Tues 21st New reception children stay and play

Mon 27th Music 'Showcase' performance 2:30pm

Weds 29th Mass for Ss Peter and Paul (Year 1) 10am

Year 6 performance (TBC)

Thurs 30th Year 6 performance (TBC)

July

Mon 4th Year 6 residential (until Fri 8th)

Mon 11th Teacher training day

Sat 16th School PTA Summer Fair

Tues 19th Year 6 Leavers Mass

Thurs 21st School closes for the summer break 2pm

Our Mission Statement

Following Jesus and His way, we

Aim to be the best we can be and to respect everyone. We

Inspire each other to learn, play and pray

Together as children, staff, home and Parish. We grow in

Holiness by putting Love into Action every day.

TTRockStars

TTRockStars results – up to 11th May:

Year 2: Ethan C (2K), Harrison B (2K) and Carissa S (2B)

Year 3: Petra T (3S), Mirabelle O (3S) and Jesse V (3S)

Year 4: David P (4BC), Alan I (4BC) and Samuel D (4BC)

Year 5/6: Kristupas P (5MR), Darragh O'B (6K) and Zoey LJ (5MA)

Well done for everyone who is playing. Some classes have had 100% of children playing during the last 7 days.



Sports Day Dates

This year we are going to run our sports days in year groups over the period of a week...so a Sports Week! The specific date for each year group is shown in this newsletter and on the school website. Sports Week is week beginning Monday 11 July. Miss O'Toole, our PE lead, has dedicated a lot of time to ensuring that the children will all enjoy a range of enjoyable activities during Sports Week, and we are really looking forward to sharing it with parents again.

Sports Days

Tuesday 12 July

Year 6 (9:30 - 11:30am)

Year 5 (1:15 - 3:15pm)

Wednesday 13 July

Year 4 (9:30 - 11:30am)

Year 3 (1:15 - 3:15pm)

Thursday 14 July

Year 2 (9:30 - 11:30am)

Year 1 (1:15 - 3:15pm)

Friday 15 July

RG (9:15 - 10:15am)

RP (10:40 - 11:40am)

RW (2:15 - 3:15pm)



Catering Challenge

I thought I would include this message that I received from our caterers yesterday. It may give you an insight into the challenges that the sector is facing at the moment, but with an encouraging and reassuring sentiment.

Many of you may have read the worrying headlines in the national press in the last 48hrs such as "Now schools could be forced to cut meal portions or use cheaper ingredients: Leading wholesaler warns canteens face 'difficult decisions' amid soaring food inflation". Whilst the sector is experiencing unprecedented challenges in the supply chain in terms of both cost and product, I can categorically confirm Enfield Catering will not cut meal portions, nor will we ever compromise on the quality we serve our children.

I ask for your support as we all continue to navigate this crisis in the UK, my team and I are all committed to being fully transparent in our approach. If we are forced to make a menu change, we will always consult you and explain why. The change will never be to reduce a portion size or provide less quality.

Please see new menu attached

Garden Rescue

We are looking to upgrade our Year 1 outdoor area and would welcome help from anyone with a keen interest in gardening or garden design. If you are willing to volunteer some time please contact the school office on 020 8363 3729

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Our Jubilee celebration will take place on Wednesday 25 May. Children are invited to dress as a king, queen or ceremony guest.

If your child usually has PE on Wednesdays, please send the PE kit into school with them to change into.