



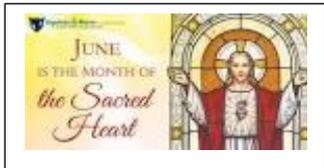
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Learning to Love: Loving to Learn

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EMBRACING THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH CHILD THROUGH THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

LEARNING TO LOVE; LOVING TO LEARN... ★



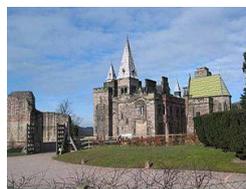
Our Wonderful Week - In whole-school assembly we reflected on the miracle of the **Feeding of the 5000**, a story that the children were very familiar with. The assembly was led by Year 5 who did an excellent job. Thinking about the message of Jesus to share and look after each other, we also learned about a small boy in Zambia called 'Gift' (who was a gift from God to his parents). In receiving a trowel, a tomato and a schoolbook, through CAFOD we thought about how such a small gift shared can go a long way to help others.



This week we also celebrated the feast of **St Thomas More**, a great writer, lawyer and adviser to Henry VIII. He was executed in 1535 as he would not go

back on his beliefs when Henry VIII broke the English church away from the Pope in Rome. He is an English Catholic martyr and patron saint of politicians and MPs. We prayed for all the children, staff and parents in schools named after St Thomas More. We also prayed for all those in the world today who are being persecuted for their beliefs. Our Catholic values during this half-term are **'Intentional'** and **'Prophetic'**. We have continued a series of assemblies on 'inspirational children'. This week we focused on **Greta Thunberg** from Sweden. It was a good opportunity to learn more about her campaign to highlight the problems of climate change and how we can all make a difference in the way we live our lives.

Alton Castle 2019



The first impression for Year 6 was one of awe and wonder! Alton Castle is an amazing place when you first see the Gothic arches, wonderful stonework and views over a beautiful valley. A

bit like *Hogwarts* - it has atmosphere, style, and a real history lying within the ruins of a medieval castle! The Year 6 children really enjoyed their three day residential retreat and participated in a variety of activities including mountain biking, trekking, archery, and survival.



Each activity included personal reflection, discussion and prayer. Through these activities each child was challenged and encouraged to find hidden strength, learn new skills, and experience achievement as part of a team and as an individual.



The Alton Castle Team really brought the Castle and the activities to life. The children thought it was a hugely enjoyable and unique experience - a real opportunity for personal and

This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
No Celebration Assembly this week due to the Athletics Event						

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98%	98%	99%	97%	97%	98%	99%
Attendance is 97.7%						



The children know that they need to work hard again this term to show the value of respect. They will receive respect tokens to go towards a whole class treat once their jar is full!

spiritual growth! Thanks are due to Miss Haley, Miss Youds and Mrs Reeves for accompanying the children and supporting them in their retreat.

Fr Teddy in the HOT SEAT!

Fr Teddy visited our Year 5/6 RE lesson this week to answer questions posed by the children. We are currently studying the Church community and roles in the local parish and universal church. This was a very interesting session in which the children asked Fr Teddy about his education and ambitions as a child, his vocation and ordination; and also his experience as a parish priest. He was very impressed with their mature, penetrating and perceptive questioning. Year 6 also worked with Fr Teddy to plan the Leavers' Mass at 7.00pm on the 5th July at St Anne's, Wappenbury.



Summer Fête 2019- It was a very enjoyable afternoon in the sunshine and a lovely community event. Thank you for your generosity and for coming with your families.

Sports Day and Picnic 10th July 2019! Look out for the letter coming home this week.



Special thanks to members of the PTA for their organisation and hard work.



We appreciate the time and effort and support from everyone to raise funds for our school.



Ryton Pools Trip for Reception, Year 5 and Year 6- A letter was sent out about this trip on the 16th July. There are still quite a few permission slips and payments to come into school. **Please ensure that your reply is returned** if you have a child in these year groups. Thank you.



Music lessons next year-A letter has gone home to all children in Year 2 to Year 5 asking if you would like your child to start or continue lessons with Mr Roe. These reply slips should also be returned if you wish your child to continue the lessons that they have been having this year. **Please return your reply by Monday 1st July** so that we can complete the September timetable.

Dates for the rest of term

Wednesday 3rd July:

New Reception Intake, 1.30-3.00pm (All).
Meeting for current Reception parents-transition to Year 1, 3.30pm.

Friday 5th July:

Y6 Leavers Mass, St Anne's Wappenbury.

Wednesday 10th July:

Family Picnic and Sports Day

Friday 12th July:

Reports issued.
PTA Leavers' BBQ and disco, 6.00-10.00pm

Monday 15th July:

Year 5/6 rehearsal 1.00pm.
Production – 6.00pm, School Hall

Tuesday 16th July:

Reception and Years 5/6 Visit to Ryton Pools.

Wednesday 17th July:

Awards assemblies - Years 1-5, am.

Thursday 18th July:

Reception Graduation, 2.00pm

Friday 19th July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Awards, 1.30pm.

Have a great weekend. Cathy Feeney

Think of the week:

(A beguiling question that stops you in your tracks and makes you think!

Does a light bulb suck the darkness out of a room?



AT OUR LADY'S WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN. WE EXPECT ALL STAFF, PARENTS AND VISITORS TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT.