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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Children who showed the virtue of Thankfulness

Rec – Isabelle C  
Year 1 – Jessica S  
Year 2 – Halle H  
Year 3 – Myla C  
Year 4 – Struan Y  
Year 5 – Ciara N  
Year 6 – Mazie T-S

### LIFE OF THE PARISH

If you wish to keep up to date with the life of the parish, and Fr John's communications, please follow the Facebook page by searching 'Ss Peter and Paul RC Church', or keep checking the website [www.sspeterandpauls.com](http://www.sspeterandpauls.com) for regular bulletins.

### Dates

**Year 5** Holy Communion 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November. Three Masses - Saturday 10:00am, 12:00 Noon Sunday 12:00 Noon. Letters have been sent home.

**Year 6** Confirmation 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Three Masses – Saturday 10:00am, 12:00 Noon Sunday 12:00 Noon Letters will be sent home shortly with further details.

### DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

From Monday, we will be encouraging drop off for years 1 and 2 at the end of the carpark and for parents to leave the carpark via this far gate. It is vital that Reception parents do not wait on this part of the pavement but move to the front of the school building and wait along there. The children in Year 1 during the summer term were dropped off in this manner and it worked well. Years 3 and 4 can also be dropped off here if parents think they are sensible enough to run through the carpark gates and line up with their class. However, for this to work it is vital that Year 3 and Year 1 are not dropped off before 8:50 and year 2's and 4's are in good time at 8:40. Years 5 and 6 likewise can be dropped off at the path that runs alongside the fence again try to stick to time but if Year 5's are early, they should line up along the front of the building. Parents of years 6 and 5 should exit the carpark in the usual manner. I hope that the church carpark has improved by the introduction of a one-way system. Fr John will be 'popping' out from time to time to check how it is all going.

I think the Reception class coming in through the Hall Doors at 8:50 is working well – we are delighted with Reception. They have adapted to school so sensibly (especially considering all the new routines).

### OFFICE – STAFFING CHANGES

Mrs Anderson is retiring at the end of October after **33 years** in school. At 66 years old Mrs Anderson is one of the most 'sprightly' members of the school staff and I do not know what we will do without her. What I do know is that she will be greatly missed. She is irreplaceable!

From the end of September, Mrs Pratt is taking on more 'Grandma' duties and will be reducing her hours down to 18 from 24 so will only be in school three days per week. With Mrs Morris full time, we are now in line with the staffing that the TRUST requires for a one-form entry primary school, with no additions (such as nursery or wrap around care) at 1.5FTE.

Thank you all, we now seem to have the routine of not coming into the office, and instead emailing or telephoning. Emailing is really the best form of communication, as we have a copy of your enquiry and can come to it in time, or forward it on to the right person in order to get an accurate answer. As you can see from above, with the loss of 15 hours in the office and the continuing dangers of Covid 19, we really do need your continued cooperation in this.

*Mrs Todd*

## **MEDICAL AUDIT**

Thank you to those that have already responded, however we seem to have a lot outstanding. Please ensure you email the school office with any medical/dietary needs your child/ren may have, as it is vital that our information is up to date and correct.

## **RSE**

You may remember that we consulted with you a couple of years ago on the schools RSE (Relationship Sex Education) policy. We are now changing the way we teach RSE and have purchased a new scheme, which has been highly recommended by the diocese. The consultation period is open until 9<sup>th</sup> October so please let us have any comments on or before that date. Details of how you can engage with the materials are in the letter attached. The Policy and other documentation are on the RE page (at the top, there are three links to click). Many thanks for your anticipated interest. Please address any comments to Mrs Filarowski RSE and email them to the school office. *Mrs Filarowski*

## **WATER BOTTLES**

A number of pupils, particularly in year 5, have not been bringing water bottles to school. We do not have an endless amount of disposable cups to give them – please ensure your child has a freshly filled water bottle each day (if not they may have to go the whole day without a drink as the school kitchen is not providing water at lunchtimes at the moment).

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

You will have now received your child's proof of their school photograph. Please, wherever possible, place your order online. This will lower any risk of contaminated items being brought into school. Obviously if this is not possible, please make the school office aware.

## **OCTOBER HALF TERM LEEDS CAMPS**

We have been advised that bookings for October half term camps can now be made. Please visit [www.leedscamps.co.uk](http://www.leedscamps.co.uk).