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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Children who showed The virtue of Courtesy and Respect

Rec – Hugo H  
Year 1 – Ella S  
Year 2 – George D  
Year 3 – Alice S  
Year 4 – Jacob M  
Year 5 – Joey B  
Year 6 – Olivia L

### MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Normally in October, we would be sending home our 'travelling Rosaries'. Unfortunately, we cannot do this now. Therefore, we thought families could concentrate on one of the Mysteries of Light each week and pray a decade of the Rosary together at bedtime.



Please see the leaflet that has come home with your child to help with saying the Rosary – keep this safe at home, as we will need it again in May

#### Mysteries of Light

- 1) The Baptism of the Lord  
(Sacrament of Baptism)

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### Appointment of a new Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Academy Council, I am really pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr Christopher Power as the new Head Teacher of our school. Father John, Rachel Hitchenor and I were involved in the process and were really impressed by Chris's ethos, enthusiasm and record of working as Head in a smaller Catholic school in North Yorkshire.

As Mr Power is currently a Head Teacher, we are working to get a start date that works for everyone involved and that hopefully will result in him starting with us in January 2021. However, I will keep you updated on this in due course. As a school community, we are all extremely grateful to Mrs Todd for delaying her early retirement allowing for the smooth handover to the new Head.

I would also like to place on record how much the students shone during the recruitment process. Full classes were involved in the Collective Worship and Year 6 ran the Student Panel. They were all a real credit to the school and the candidates were very impressed too.

**Mark Foster, Chair of the Academy Council**

### CATCH UP

You may have heard in the news that school will receive extra funding for this year. The funding is approximately £16,000 for the year. In line with other Bishop Wheeler primary schools, we have decided to use the funding for **Catch Up** lessons before and after school. We plan that every child in Years 3 to 6 will have a Maths and English class. We are working hard to make ours bespoke. We have assessed pupils' current levels and have grouped children accordingly. Please be patient if your child is not in the first 'tranche' they will get their catch up class at some point. Again we are thinking very carefully about the timing of the class, it actually may be beneficial to some pupils to have their 'catch up' later on in the year. Many thanks to those teachers and staff that have put themselves forward to teach these classes.

*Mrs Todd*

## **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

As you will realise, we cannot do face-to-face parent consultations at this time. However, School Cloud, our parent consultation booking system, provides a platform for parent consultations to happen virtually. Parents will log into the system to make an appointment as normal, then on the evening, you will need to log in just before your appointment time and click on the video link. As is traditional parents consultations will take place in the week before half-term;

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 4:00pm until 6:30 pm**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 5:30 until 8:00pm.**

## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – YEAR 6**

Mrs Filarowski has begun Confirmation preparation with Year 6 in class. In normal circumstances, we would have started this preparation in June of Year 5. If your child is absent from school, they will need to catch up with the sessions missed. The sessions are on the Year 6 page, under 'Confirmation'. The diocese have recommended these to be used for home learning, so even if your child has been in school, you may want to revisit these as a family. This use of the 'family catechesis' material will enrich the preparation for all and ensure that your child is fully prepared for what is a very important Sacrament. If your child was absent **please** catch up, before the next Tuesday session, this will keep them up to date- and ensure the rapid coverage of the materials does not dilute the knowledge of the child.

## **NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS**

The school nursing team will be in school in November to administer the nasal flu immunisation to pupils. They have advised that the consent forms should be with us approx. 3 weeks before, so we should have them any time now. We will of course inform you immediately when they arrive.

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY**

We currently have the below vacancy advertised, please click the link for more details;

**<https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies-posts/2020/10/5/teaching-assistant-with-lunchtime-supervision-ss-peter-amp-paul-catholic-primary-school-yeadon>**

**[Teaching Assistant with Lunchtime Supervision - Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School, Yeadon](#)**

Permanent, 17.5 hours per week 12:00 pm until 3:30 pm, term time only

Salary grade NJC scale A1/B1, £18,562 - £19,698 (actual £7,284 - £7,730 commencing on SCP 3)

Closing Date Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Start date – 2nd November 2020 (or as soon as possible thereafter)

## **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).

## **Parish Draw**

We are unable to have the Church Fair this year so propose to have a grand raffle draw instead. If you can print the tickets or are able to provide a raffle prize please contact Karen Hall 07963128448  
Thanks

***Safety Alerts – we occasionally get alerts from Leeds City Council about children being approached by adults or teens. We do not always send these on as they are not local or appropriate. However, can you please consistently warn your children about stranger danger and other hazards. Thank you***