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NEWSLETTER

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This is our school;

Let peace live here;

Let the rooms be full of
happiness;

Let love live here.

Love of God,

Love of one another

And love of life itself.

Let us remember

That as many hands
build a house,

So many hearts make a
School.

Amen.



Good afternoon everyone!

I am so sorry that it has been a little while since I have managed to sit down and write to you all. Time just slips past each week and suddenly I have run out of time.

Staff continue to be wonderful, hardworking and committed and your children have been fantastic, well behaved and trying their best in all areas of school life.

Although things aren't back to 'normal' there are lots of things going on in school; we celebrated Year 7 Confirmation last night, we have Year 3 Holy Communion tomorrow morning, Year 6 are going on their first trip in over a year on Monday, We are writing reports, ordering resources for next year and trying very hard to reach the end of the school year sane and in one piece!

First Holy Communion

I am very proud of the way in which our First Communion children have been preparing for their special celebration tomorrow morning. I know many of them are excited but nervous as well.

I understand that it is challenging holding these celebrations whilst restrictions are still in place; however for those of you who might be a little disappointed let me say this. The Year 4 communions in October and the Year 7 confirmations last night were truly spiritual and reverent occasions. They are a true sign of faith and a real act of living out faith. They were special, and having attended both I was moved by the sacredness of the occasions. When everything is stripped away what we are demonstrating is that faith survives even in the most challenging of circumstances. Celebrations and parties can be held at a later time but tomorrow will still be special for your children because it is their First Holy Communion and they will be making it with their classmates and the people who loved them first and love them best—you!

Congratulations: Tina, Max, Oakley, James, Julian, Ella, Tommy-Joe, Ethan, Fabian, Olli, Abigail, Raphael, Thomas, Finn, Riley and Nicole. We are all very proud of you.

The children will be celebrating in school next Friday, 2nd July. We ask that the children wear their communion outfits again, we will celebrate Mass in school and then hold a class party for Year 3. I am hoping that I may be able to invite the parents of the children to join us in the hall, socially distanced, for this celebration, but I have to carry out a risk assessment and check measurements in the hall first. I will write to the communion parents next week when a decision has been made.

Assessments

Congratulations to Year 6 and Year 2 who have been completing their end of year tests in the last two weeks. They have been brilliant and all the children have tried their very best.

Year 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be completing assessments over the next week or so!

Classes 2021–2022

Nursery

Mrs Graty—Monday—
Wednesday

Mrs Mehew—Thursday and
Friday

Mrs Neason—Full time

Reception

Mrs Hodson—full time

Mrs Boyle—full time

Mrs Arscott—am through—
out the week

Year 1

Mrs Gallagher—full time

Mrs Tombs—full time

Mrs Dennis—full time

Year 2

Miss Flynn—full time

Mrs Layton—full time

Year 3

Mr O'Rourke—Full time

Mrs Hart—Full time

Year 4

Mrs Baker—Monday—
Wednesday

Mrs McKenna—Wednesday—
Friday

Ms Gardner—Full time

Year 5

Miss Taylor—Full time

Mrs Parkes—Monday and
Wednesday—Friday

Year 6

Mrs Flaherty—Monday—
Wednesday

Mr Wilson—Wednesday—
Friday

Mrs Lines—Full time

Senior Leader Support

Mr Wilson out of class
Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday morning

Mrs Hodson—out of class
Thursday (Mrs Graty in
Reception)

Mr Gallagher out of class
Friday (Mrs Graty in Year
1)

Mrs Hoyle will be working in
Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 covering
PPA for teachers half a
day a week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hobbs

Summer Club

Oh dear haven't I caused a stir! Let me explain about Summer Club; we have never had a summer club in school over the holidays, this year councils, children's centres and schools can access additional funding for summer schools.

Norton Hall Children's—a centre who we work with approached me and offered to run a summer school at St Cuthbert's over the summer if they could successfully bid for funding. Obviously when bidding for funding, if successful, there are certain criteria that they have to follow to secure the funding. Hence, in the first instance I was asked for a list of children from school that fitted into different criterias.

The summer school will cater for a maximum of 96 pupils a week, each pupil will get two days in summer club and the option of a trip on a Friday, which parents may have to contribute towards. There will be a maximum of 48 children in the club each day.

As you can see I could not offer places to every child in the school, I didn't pick favourites, I didn't pick names out of a hat, I simply followed a criteria and created a list. I know there are those of you who would like a place and if there are families who don't want their places we will of course offer places out.

Equally, the office staff and I will try to create a list of summer schools that are running in the local area at different sites. We are hoping that there will be more information on the City Council website.

I am hoping that we can continue to develop our relationship with Norton Hall and that maybe in the future we can offer more places through other providers. I am sorry that some of you are disappointed but now I know that there is a desire for such clubs in the holidays, this is something I can look in to.

I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Plastic Bottle Tops

Mrs McKenna (our own personal eco-warrior) asked for plastic bottle tops last year or possible 2019! We collected over 6,500 plastic bottle tops and some have been used to make a lovely mural by Year 4. This will be put up in school for the children to see.

Congratulation to Inaaya in Year 4 whose guess about the number of bottle tops collected was the closest.

Mrs McKenna has plans for another mural to be made next year and put up outside!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 28th June—Year 6 Condover Hall day trip

Monday 28th June—Year 4 Swimming

Tuesday 29th June—Year 6 Swimming

Thursday 1st July—Year 6 Confirmation Meeting at Corpus Christi Church

Friday 2nd July—Year 3 celebration of First Holy Communion in school

Monday 5th July—Year 4 Swimming

Tuesday 6th July—Parents Meeting for new Reception class 2021-2022

Tuesday 6th July—Year 6 Swimming

Friday 9th July—Year 6 leavers Mass

Friday 9th July—Year 6 SleepOver

Monday 12th July—Year 4 Swimming

Tuesday 13th July—Year 6 Swimming

Friday 16th July—Year 6 Confirmation 6:00pm Corpus Christi Church

Tuesday 20th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am

Wednesday 21st July—School Finishes at 2:00pm

We will also ensure that all reports are sent out before the end of term, that your child will meet their new class teacher and teachers will conduct transition meetings.