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Dear Parents,



Tomorrow, you are ALL invited to our Summer Fete, making its welcome return after a year or so of absence. Thank you to all the parents, staff and friends of the school who have made this possible, including the very many sponsors and businesses who have donated prizes or gifts.

The weather promises to be good – almost too good, if such a thing were possible – so keep stocked up on fluids and try your best to find a bit of shade throughout the day! Bring lots of spare change too! Every stall will have a small float but stall holder may find it difficult to change large notes.

Golden Book

Reception: Adam Malik for hard work this week. Adam has amazed staff with his concentration and great listening skills in both reading and in his Literacy lessons. He has really listened to instructions and has ensured that he has been on task all week. Well done, Adam!

Year One: Rico Augustus has been working really hard recently to use his phonics when he is writing sentences. He has been able to think of some great ideas and his handwriting is lovely. Rico is also a star during our P.E. lessons giving 100% and working well in a team. Keep up the good work, Rico!

Year Two: Cynthia Cunnachie for always giving 100% effort in every lesson! She has learnt all of her number bonds to both 10 and 20! This is such an important skill to have as she moves to Year Three in September. Excellent work!

Year Three: Lily Cunnachie for always having such a positive attitude towards her learning. Lily is an amazing friend to all her peers and is a fantastic role model. Well done, Lily! (She was also delighted in assembly when her sister's name was read out and so surprised when her name followed)

Year Four: Liam Lynch for being an all-round fabulous member of Year Four! Liam applies himself fully and contributes well in all lessons. He continues to recall previous learning and showing off his great capabilities! Keep up the excellent work Liam!

Year Five: Daniel Caine has been working really hard this week, especially in Literacy and RE. He has produced a wonderful piece of work recreating a parable in a modern

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we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

day context. Daniel is thoughtful and considerate of his friends, especially in sports games in PE and encourages his friends and peers. Well done, Daniel.

Year Six: Olivia Bradbury-Slater for being a kind, considerate and thoughtful friend. Olivia is always supportive towards her classmates, is an excellent listener and always tries to find solutions to problems.

St Ambrose Barlow 'Commonwealth' Sports Day

This will take place on this Monday 11th July at Moseley Rugby Club, Billesley Common from 10am until 2pm and parents are invited. Children are to be transported by coach. All children will require a packed lunch: KS1 children will be provided one from school. Every child will need a **t-shirt in the colour of their house**. They can wear PE kit or football shorts, sports clothes and can wear this to school – no uniform necessary at all! All children will require a sun hat, **sun cream**, and a water bottle.

The format of the day is as follows:

Rec & KS1: team games in the morning and then track and field events in the afternoon.

KS2: track and field events in the morning and then team games after lunch.

Everyone will eat lunch together at around **11:45am**.

Results will be read out at approximately 1:15 and the winning house will be announced. Then, of course, the inevitable parents' race at around 1:30pm before we depart at 2pm. Parents, if you can't stay with us the whole day, try and join us from 1pm and bring your running shoes!

Rory's Ramblers Charity appeal

Rory, the little brother of Liam Lynch (Year Four) is cared for by Birmingham Children's Hospital. Rory was born with a rare kidney disease and spent a lot of time on dialysis; he has now had a transplant but will also continue to need multiple transplants throughout his life.

Rory and Liam's dad - along with James Fitzpatrick (Sonny, Francis and Tommy's dad) - will be walking 100km in 24 hours over the Peak District to raise money for the Birmingham Children's Hospital on Saturday 9th July. Please see the link below if you wish to support this charity

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathan-lynch7>

Sporting Success



Congratulations to Naomi, Sadie, Oisin, Eoin and Annie (Year Five) and Ronan, Declan, Jayden, Jacob, Keira, Liam, and Niall (Year Six) who were victorious in yesterday's Birmingham Catholic Gaelic Football tournament, held at St Peter's. When I started here at St Ambrose Barlow, I remember remarking upon how we had so many children who featured for teams outside of school but we did not yet have a club of our own that ran at school. Soon after, we set one up and it is one of our most popular clubs. Just look at how successful we have been. Good luck to any school trying to win that trophy back next

year! My thanks also to Mrs Finnegan for helping with the transport on the day and with the coaching on Monday afternoons too. Mrs Finnegan, you are an asset!

A message from Father Paul...

"We have some wonderful news to share! We have been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery to help us to understand how we - and our buildings - can best serve our local community.

To start this project I would kindly request that you take a few minutes to fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/vL5WjPCxosHw4Jwv9>

Also, make sure you put Saturday 24th September (the day after Fr Paul's birthday) from 2 - 4pm in your diary as we will be holding an exciting event in our Hall. As part of this project, we also have funding to recruit a community outreach worker for 6 hours per week for the next 6 months. Watch this space for more information and how to apply!"

Year Six Leavers' assembly

In order to say goodbye to Year Six properly, parents of leavers are invited into school on Wednesday 20th July for a special assembly at 9am. The children will have a small party afterwards, in the playground with music and dancing. Parents are again welcome to come in at 3pm to take photos and make plans for the summer.

Academic Dates for 2022-2023

Wed 7th September - Fri 16th December

Wed 4th January - Thurs 6th April

Tues 24th April - Tues 25th July

Mon 5th Sept: School closed to pupils

Tues 6th Sept: School closed to pupils

Fri 21st Oct: School closed to pupils

Tues 3rd Jan: School closed to pupils

Mon 24th Apr: School closed to pupils

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to both Ethan in Year One who was six on Monday, and Aileen in Year Five who was ten on Monday too. Happy birthday to Nevaeh in Year Two who was seven on Wednesday and happy birthday to Noel in Year Four who is nine tomorrow!

July dates for your diary

Sat 9th July: Summer Fete 12pm -3pm

Mon 11th July: Sports Day 10am – 2pm

Thurs 14th July: Keyboard and Choir 'Bastille Day' concert

Monday 18th July: Reports given out

Wed 20th July: Year Six Leavers' Assembly in School Hall 9am

Thurs 21st July: Leavers' Mass 9:30am at St Ambrose Barlow Church

Thurs 21st July: Break up for Summer at 2pm

I wish you all a happy and blessed weekend. See you on Monday morning for our last full week of the current academic year.



Mr Clinton