



# St. Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy Coronation weekend! It seems only fitting to start this newsletter by saying 'God save the King' and wishing you all joy and happiness on what should be a wonderful celebration. In school, every child has been gifted a special commemorative coin from the PTA, and our children look wonderful in their red, white and blue clothes today. What better way to celebrate the King's coronation than pizza and chips in the playground?

That said, we must not lose sight of the other big celebration this weekend which is our children making their First Holy Communion tomorrow. They have practised and rehearsed and the school cannot wait to share in their joy as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time. All are welcome to this celebration and any child who wants to sing in the choir only has to turn up – rumours of rewards in the form of house points are likely to be accurate.

It goes without saying that the children will be making their *second* Communion at Mass on Sunday and we look forward to welcoming them then. A reminder that after Sunday's Mass, the party in the (car)park kicks off a midday so it is certainly a real weekend of celebrations.

### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** Daniel Luckman for showing such determination and resilience in class this week. Daniel has been contributing to our class discussions with brilliant ideas and has been showing such confidence to

put his hand up and answer questions on the carpet. He has produced a wonderful piece of writing this week, independently using his phonic knowledge to write an invitation to the King's Coronation.

**Year One:** Logan Harris has created some super pieces of work this week. In Art, he made a brilliant sculpture of an apple and thought about the detail he needed to make it realistic. He designed a brilliant pair of pants for King Charles III and wrote some excellent descriptive sentences, inspired by the book *The Kings Pants* by Nicholas Allan. Continuing on the theme of the Coronation, Logan's creative flair has been showcased in the crown that he has created- a crown definitely fit for a King! Well done Logan!

**Year Two:** Ailbhe Lillington for always having a positive attitude and strong work ethic. Her handwriting and presentation is always of a high standard and she is a fantastic role model to the peers in her class. This week she has done particularly well in maths, confidently working out fractions of amounts.

**Year Three:** Darron Mariampillai for fantastic work this week. He has worked hard when learning all about time in maths and has contributed thoughtfully in RE during our work on Easter. Well done Darron!

**Year Four:** John Aju consistently challenges himself to produce work that reflects his knowledge and his thoughtful reflections on the topics. This week he applied this work ethic to reflections of artwork of the Risen Christ and his reactions to the painting showed his understanding of the Gospel that they were inspired from as well as insights his own perspective. Well done John, keep up the excellent work!

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**Year Five:** Seamus Griffin for an outstanding piece of writing in Literacy this week based on our class text. Seamus really understood the character and was able to use a plethora of good vocabulary along with different sentence openers. Seamus has been really working hard this half term and has shown dedication to his learning – especially in Maths. He has been confident with his answers and has shown a really good understanding of percentages! Keep it up, Seamus!

**Year Six:** Hayden Perry for always having a positive, can - do attitude. He is always willing to give things a try, even if they seem tricky. He tackles challenges with a smile on his face and never gives up. This attitude has led to him making super progress in his work.

### **Stories of Hope and Home**

*“Every migrant has a name,  
a face, a story”*

*Pope Francis*

On Wednesday, we welcomed James Trewby from the Columban Missionaries to school, as he facilitated a workshop with Stories of Hope and Home for our Year Five and Six children. Our children were fantastic and I was so proud of them! We learned the difference between a refugee and an asylum seeker and the reasons why someone might leave their home country and family and travel across a border. Needless to say, it is not a easy choice and not one that is made if there is any other option.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, we will have a Day of Action, asking businesses whether they would (if legally allowed) employ an asylum seeker. Please see the following site for more details:  
<https://asylumatters.org/2022/12/15/the-high-street-challenge-win-local-businesses-support-for-lift-the-ban/>



As stated last week, in school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, children will be debating the issue and writing letters to their local MP, the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister. We live in a democracy and the educational value of this activity is learning that children have a choice and a right to express their opinion. Part of Catholic Social Teaching is trying to bring about the change necessary to build God’s kingdom here on earth.

I spoke at the Birmingham Diocese Education Service on Thursday, detailing the work we do in school and how we have embraced Catholic Social teaching. I have been asked to take a group of our children to speak to secondary school headteachers and RE Subject Leaders because secondary schools should be building on the brilliant examples of living faith that are truly present in our school right now. It goes without saying that I would embrace any opportunity to celebrate the good work of our children. They truly are outstanding.

### **Finally, an opportunity to celebrate our families...**

A reminder that on Thursday 22nd June at 5pm, there will be a special Mass for the families of the children in Year Six. This year, St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary school says farewell to many of the youngest children in families which have been a huge and integral part of the school community. We thought a great way to celebrate this was to start a new tradition of a family Mass. We will gather together in the prayer garden for a special celebration and unveil plaques which will

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have the family names on of those who are leaving our school family. More details will follow and then you can let us know if you will be attending: round up the whole family to join a special celebration of your contribution to St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School!

### **Birthdays this week...**

Happy birthday to Carys in Year Six who was eleven on Monday and was serenaded at Church the day before! Happy birthday to Halle in Year Four who was nine on Wednesday. Happy birthday to Elena in Year One who was six yesterday and happy birthday to Albie in Year One who will be six tomorrow, sharing his special day with King Charles III!

### **May dates for your diary**

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May:** First Holy Communion Masses 10am and 11:30am

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Party in the (car)Park 12-3pm @ St Ambrose Barlow Church

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed for King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Year Four at Hall Green Library

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May:** May Procession in school

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May:** PTA Quiz at Parish hall

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May:** 'Lift the Ban' Day of Action

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Whole School Ascension Mass 9:30am

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Year Five and Six (children attending Paris) at Hall Green Library

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Year Five Class Assembly

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Year Five/Six children departure for Paris or Boreatton Park

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Year Five and Six (children who attended Boreatton) at Hall Green Library

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Children break up for half term

### **June dates for your diary**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June:** School re-opens for children

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Two at Hall Green Library

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Keyboard and choir concert 2pm

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June:** *Corpus Christi* Parish Procession

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Three at Hall Green Library

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Class Assembly

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Year Four at Hall Green Library

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** 5pm celebration Mass for Year Six families

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Three Going Forth Mass

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Five at Hall Green Library

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

### **July dates for your diary**

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Year Six at Hall Green Library

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Summer Fete

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day. Children can return to school or be collected directly from the venue

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July:** Year Six Leavers Assembly 9am

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Leavers Mass 2pm in the school hall

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July:** Break up at 2:00pm

Have a restful weekend and enjoy the extra bank holiday in honour of Charles III. We will see you all on Tuesday next week.



Mr Clinton