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Dear Parents,

It has been a hugely busy week in school with some wonderful work being completed. On Sunday, we started our week with a Corpus Christi procession in wonderful weather and both Father Paul and I were delighted with the turn-out! Yesterday, I took a group of Year Six children to Don Bosco house, where the Diocese Education Service is based, and they had the opportunity to speak to secondary school leaders about everything we do in school and how our Catholic faith underpins over curriculum. They got a great reception and I was very proud of them.

Thank you to Reception who led our class assembly this morning and thank you to Mrs Bresnen for rightly showering them with praise afterwards in my absence. It is not often that I am not present for class assemblies and I am full of regret for missing this one! I have heard them practicing all week and I know how much hard work both they and Miss Hodgkins have put into it.

Finally, raffle tickets for our Summer Raffle have now been sent out. Tickets are priced at £1 but please feel free to buy as many as you wish. To enter the draw, please write your child's name, year group, and your telephone number on the stub and return to school along with the correct money. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 15th July at our Summer Fete, just after the 2.30pm Choir performance!

TO BE DRAWN 15TH JULY '23

**ST AMBROSE BARLOW PTA
SUMMER RAFFLE**

£1 PER TICKET

•£200 CASH	VOUCHERS:
•£100 CASH	•£100 MILLER & CARTER
•BCFC SIGNED SHIRT	•£50 OFF A COMMUNION DRESS
•BCFC X 4 HOME TIX	•£50 GEMBOX
•BCFC 8 FLAG BEARERS	•£25 KEITH EMERY
•HALF TERM OF TENNIS	•CUT & BLOWDRY
•12 WEEK SWIM COURSE	•SHELLAC MANICURE
•TUDOR GRANGE BIRTHDAY PARTY	•£20 POM POM PARTY
•SPIRIT OF BIRMINGHAM TASTING SET	•£20 TOBY CARVERY
	•6 CUPCAKES (BKAB'S)

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY!

FOR EXTRA TICKETS CONTACT YOUR YEAR REP OR SARAH 07835118181

Golden Book

Reception: Mia Bhachu for working so hard in all that she does. Mia has tried incredibly hard this week with all her work, completing everything with such a positive attitude. She has been sorting even and odd numbers, writing speech bubbles for the Three Little Pigs and participating in our class assembly with such enthusiasm. Well done, Mia!

Year One: Tommy Fitzpatrick has showcased how eloquent and wise he is this week. He has used knowledge learned from Monday's Gospel Assembly to share with the class in his R.E. lesson and relate it to a Bible story about St Peter. Fabulous work, Tommy!

Year Two: Sophia Davies for having some fantastic, imaginative ideas during our poetry writing lessons. Her work has been a pleasure to read this week. She has

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thought really carefully about vocabulary and ways to interest the reader, as well as keeping her handwriting nice and neat throughout. Well done, Sophia.

Year Three: Mia Nelson for her hard work and determination across all lessons this week, which has led to some excellent work being produced. Well done, Mia - keep up the good work!

Year Four: Nicolas Grange for his commitment and dedication to his work this week, from crafting his own version of 'Still I Rise' to then writing an imaginative myth for the creation of Stonehenge. He has shared his ideas in class discussion to help inspire others

Year Five: Helena Nadolna for her wonderful creative writing in her literacy lessons. She thought carefully about the characters of her myth and considered the features necessary which resulted in her writing being a pleasure to read. She has worked so hard this academic year. Keep up the hard work, Helena!

Year Six: James Foster for being a kind and caring member of Year Six. He is always on hand to help out and do jobs for the teachers. He makes sure his table is always tidy and organised, collecting his group's books up and putting them away neatly after lessons and he has worked very hard in History, Ten:Ten and Geography this week.

Corpus Christi Procession

This was a great success! The sun shone and all who took part remarked on what a special and spiritual occasion it was. The children who attended were rightly celebrated in Monday's assembly and rewarded afterwards with an extended break. Father Paul has already got next year's date in his diary so please endeavour to come along to Mass on Sunday 2nd June 2024 and then process with the Blessed Sacrament to school before enjoying a picnic in our grounds. Plenty of notice!

Wednesday Word

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH **Sunday 18th June 2023**



When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his twelve disciples, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest." He then gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the, son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: "Go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge."

Transition Day

This will take place on Wednesday 5th July. This will be an opportunity for the children to meet their new teacher (and likewise) and experience life in their new classroom. It will also be the day when we welcome our new Reception children for a portion of the day

Holidays in term time

We are currently getting a lot of requests for authorised leave during term time. A reminder that **no** holidays in term-time will be authorised and it is essential that children are in school every day (unless illness prevents this). We work closely with the local authority and employ our own Education Welfare Officer to address any concerns we may have around attendance.

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Helena in Year Five who was ten on Monday and Tyler in Year Four who was nine on Tuesday – as a special birthday treat, I taught him all afternoon. Happy birthday also to Roy and Joy in Year Two who were seven yesterday!

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June dates for your diary

Mon 19th June – Fri 23rd June: Other Faiths Week

Thurs 22nd June: Year Four at Hall Green Library

Thurs 22nd June: 5pm celebration Mass for Year Six families

Sun 25th June: Year Three Going Forth Mass

Mon 26th June – Fri 30th June: Refugee Week

Mon 26th June: 'Other Faith Week' sharing afternoon 2pm

Tues 27th June: Canon John Gunn's funeral

Thurs 29th June: Whole School Mass for Ss Peter and Paul 9:30

Thurs 29th June: Year Five at Hall Green Library

Fri 30th June: Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

July dates for your diary

Tues 4th July: Year Six at Hall Green Library

Wed 5th July: Transition day: children to meet their new teacher.

Thurs 6th July: Keyboard and choir concert 2pm

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

Friday 14th July: Reports out to parents

Sat 15th July: Summer Fete 12pm – 3pm

Thurs 20th July: Year Six Leavers Assembly 9am

Fri 21st July: Leavers Mass 2pm in the school hall

Tues 25th July: Break up at 2:00pm

Next week, we start our 'Other Faiths' project, with every year band enjoying a trip to a place of worship to appreciate other cultures and celebrate our differences. I started the newsletter by thanking Mrs Bresnen and I shall now end it the same way. This has been organised almost entirely by her and it is a great way for our children to understand the wider world around them.

I shall see you all on Monday morning.



Mr Clinton