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Dear parents,

Another busy week done! We welcomed the parents of Year Three into school on Wednesday to work with the children as part of their Communion preparation. We learnt that the Mass is a celebration and we are all invited to join with Jesus at his special meal. Of course, we did this by blowing up balloons, listening to *Kool and the Gang*, and sharing chocolate cake. It was fun but that important message of Mass and the Eucharist will be remembered. Please keep our Year Three children in your prayers before they make their First Holy Communion next Saturday (and their second communion the day after)!

### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** Mia Berwick for being such a super star so far this term! Mia has shown such a fantastic attitude towards her work and has been working very hard to develop her confidence and independence in her writing. She was an excellent role model to her peers on our class trip to Ash End Farm as she was so polite and well-behaved! Keep up the hard work, Mia!

**Year One:** Lennon Mooney for his brilliant Literacy work this week. Lennon has enjoyed exploring our book *'Stuck'* by Oliver Jeffers. He showcased his fantastic ideas of how all the characters would be feeling using his brilliant prosody when they were all stuck in the tree. Lennon's attitude towards learning is fabulous and he attempts every task with a smile and 100% effort. Super work, Lennon!

**Year Two:** Ezra Roberts has such a positive attitude towards his learning! His hand is always up and he is always contributing to lessons and is so enthusiastic about all subjects. He always listens carefully to instructions given and is always taking feedback on board. Keep up this positive attitude, Ezra! Well done!

**Year Three:** Alex Currington for being so kind and considerate to everyone in the class. This week he has celebrated other children's achievements while continuing to produce a good standard of work. He has worked especially hard in Literacy to produce a non-chronological report and in maths when solving word problems based on money. Well done, Alex!

**Year Four:** Zane Fernando because of his wonderful work this week, particularly with Miss Downing. He has showed his enthusiasm for learning and a resilience to achieve when he has found a topic tricky. Well done, Zane!

**Year Five:** Dylan Edginton has had an excellent few weeks. He has been putting lots of effort into everything he does, particularly impressing his teachers with his beautiful handwriting and thoughtful answers. Keep up the hard work, Dylan.

**Year Six:** Corey Osbourne for his hard work, determination and excellent attitude towards his work so far this half term. He has been putting one hundred percent effort into all of his learning and has been making super progress, especially with his Maths. He never gives up when faced with challenges and is keen to share his knowledge with others.

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### Wednesday Word

By coincidence, I taught this same lesson to Year Four on Tuesday and I was so impressed by their answers. Obviously, this Gospel contains a metaphor but the children could understand it and explain it eloquently: Jesus is the vine, we are the branches; if we remain with him, then we will bear much fruit.

### **THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH** **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**



Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

### Sponsored Walk

Our current total is an amazing £1562 pounds! This is incredible. Please send any remaining sponsorship money in – next Friday is the deadline. Then we can bank all donations and send a cheque to CAFOD (or, better still, invite them in to celebrate our good work).

### PTA Family Disco

Tickets now available to purchase for our Family Disco at Scanlon's Social Club. The PTA has 130 spaces so be quick and book your tickets as soon as possible! To book, please message Sarah Currington on 07835118181. You will then receive the bank details for the school PTA account to send payment and secure your tickets.

The PTA will be operating a guest list on the door on the night, so no physical tickets will be needed.



### Save Hall Green library

Please see the following Facebook page for the details:

[>>Save Hall Green Library<<](#)



We use this library weekly. There are so many activities going on to publicise how important it is to our community, led by local councillors, parents, members of the public, and even members of our Governing Body. Year Three have written letters and Councillor Timothy Huxtable is happy for them to be formally presented

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to him. You can see that our actions have already made the local news: <https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/row-over-birmingham-library-consultation-29038281>

### **Paris residential**

The Paris deposit deadline has been extended to the 3rd May 2024. The final price for Paris has been reduced to £790 by PGL on the condition of a minimum of 35 children attending. This final amount will not rise, but may reduce further if any independent fundraising takes place.

Currently, we are a few children short of this minimum amount. It is totally understandable if the appetite for an overseas trip is not there within our parent body, so if we do not reach final numbers, the overseas trip will not take place and only a UK based residential will be arranged.

### **Voting – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

School is closed to all staff and pupils next Thursday while the elections for the Combined Authority Mayoral Election and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections take place. No staff or children will be on site on this day.

We will be open on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and then closed again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

### **May Procession**

This will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Children will process with our new statue of Mary, pay homage, lay flowers at her feet and crown her. Parents are welcome to join us. If you wish to, send your child in with flowers on the morning. These will form part of the procession and then be donated to a number of worthy causes afterwards.

### **One final reminder**

It is essential that children have a water bottle in school. It is also a school rule that the bottle contain only water, not juice or squash.

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

Happy birthday to Mia in Year Four who was nine on Monday, and happy birthday to Lawson in Year Two who was seven yesterday. Today, Elsie in Year Two celebrates her seventh birthday, Nancy in Year One celebrates turning six and Alesha in Year Four celebrates turning nine.



Tomorrow, Maithri in year Two turns seven. Happy birthday to everyone who celebrates this week!

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

- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** School closed for voting
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> May:** First Holy Communion Masses @ 10am and 11:30am
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May:** School closed for May Day
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May:** Whole School Mass for Ascension 9:30; Year Five @ Hall Green Library at 2pm
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May:** May Procession 2pm – parents invited
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Year Six @ Hall Green Library 2pm
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Year One Assembly 9am
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Year Two @ Hall Green Library 2pm
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Break up at 3:30pm

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

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** School re-opens  
**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Three @ Hall Green Library 2pm  
**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Whole School Mass (Sacred Heart) 9:30am  
**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June:** Corpus Christi Procession after 10am Mass  
**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Six to Blackwell Court  
**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Four @ Hall Green Library 2pm  
**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Class Mass 2pm  
**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Going Forth Mass and Communion Breakfast 10am  
**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Five @ Hall Green Library 2pm; Year Three and Year Six parents' Sacramental Programme evaluation 6pm Parish hall  
**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Sports Day TBC  
**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Keyboard and choir concert 2pm  
**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Six @ Hall Green Library 2pm; Family Mass 5pm  
**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Assembly  
**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Summer Fete 12pm

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

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Transition Day  
**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Year Two @ Hall Green Library 2pm  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Reports given out  
**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Leavers' Assembly 9am  
**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Leavers' Mass 9:30am  
**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Break up at 2pm

Have a wonderful weekend and we shall see you all next week. God bless,



Mr Clinton