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Dear Parents,

We have ended this week with Reception's first class Mass. I cannot believe those children have been with us for almost a year, and only five weeks remain of their time in Miss Hodgkins' class. Where has the time gone? Thank you to Father Paul for celebrating with us and all the parents who attended. On Sunday, year three lead us in our Going Forth Mass and enjoy their Communion breakfast afterwards in the parish hall. Again, thanks to those involved in providing refreshments, food and cake!

Golden Book

Reception: Isla Caughey for being a super star this week! She has become so independent with her writing and counting and has developed such a fantastic attitude towards her learning. She also sang so beautifully and read her reading so eloquently in our class mass this afternoon! Well done, Isla!

Year One: Bertie Wardle for having a fabulous imagination when completing tasks based on our book *No-Bot*. Bertie has created some brilliant fictional stories about Bernard the robot and they were very funny too! Bertie continues to work independently and is contentious when he is completing his work to ensure it makes sense. Fantastic work this week Bertie!

Year Two: Gracie Goddard is in the Golden Book this week. Everyone needs a Gracie in their class! She is so kind and considerate to everyone she comes across and will do anything for anyone. Gracie has particularly impressed this week with her poetry skills. The children have been writing colour themed poems and Gracie

has gone above and beyond with her description in her work. She really takes her time to think about what she is going to write to ensure it makes sense. Gracie always presents her work to the highest possible standard and is always willing to share her work with the class. Well done, Gracie!

Year Three: Abhi Roy Mattapudi for his determination and resilience in Maths over these past few weeks. Roy is joining in more in lessons and has enjoyed our recent Literacy lessons on poetry and has listened well in class. He has been kind to his peers and has been very helpful around the classroom. Thank you, Roy!

Year Four: Darcie Bucknall for her resilience this half term. Sometimes, she has found some of the topics we have completed this year tricky but she has not given up at any point. She has approached each new lesson and topic with determination and has even decided that she quite enjoys the challenge that Maths brings. Keep this up, Darcie!

Year Five: Elijah Roberts is always doing the right thing in the classroom. He puts so much effort into every lesson and completes his work independently and to a good standard. He is always on hand to do jobs around the classroom which is a really big help! Thank you Elijah for being such a superstar!

Year Six: Bianca Hammondson for her relentless drive, motivation and enthusiasm. Bianca has worked so hard with her writing over the last few weeks and as a result, has produced some absolutely outstanding pieces of work. She always pushes herself to be the very best she can be, both inside and outside the classroom. This week at

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Blackwell Adventure Centre, Bianca took on all of the challenges with a can-do attitude and her enthusiasm motivated others to do the same. Every class needs a Bianca!

Walk to School Week



Please see the following website for details:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/wow>

We have chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge - is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or 'park and stride') at least **once a week for a month**, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badges. You can park or hop off public transport at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.

Corpus Christi Procession

Thanks to all who attended and shared our procession and our picnic. It was a very special parish and school celebration. See you at the same time next year!

Wednesday Word

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH **Sunday 16th June 2024**



Jesus said to the crowds: "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps and when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord, the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because harvest time has come." Then Jesus said, "Here is another example of what the kingdom of God is like. It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest of all the seeds; yet, once it is planted in the ground, it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade." Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Hall Green library

We have been invited to bring a group of Year Six children to the Council meeting this coming Tuesday, and have our photo taken with the Lord Mayor too! What a great opportunity for all involved. While at the Council House, we will ask what safeguards will be put in place to ensure that Hall Green library remains open in its current format.

Sports Day

St Oscar Romero	St Maximillian Kolbe	St Josephine Bakhita	St Teresa of Calcutta
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This is taking place next Friday. All children will require a packed lunch, though those in Reception and Key Stage One will be provided with one regardless. Children will also need a sun hat, have sun cream applied in the morning, and will need to

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wear a coloured t-shirt to represent their house.

You are, of course, more than welcome to take your child home after the event has finished. Mrs Corrigan will send out a MS form via email asap asking whether children will require transport back to school after Sports Day has finished (around 2:30pm)

School Council



School council met this week and discussed the different ways the school can 'Live Simply' and recycle some of the waste that we produce. Some waste can be tricky to recycle and ends up in landfill. As a school, we want to prevent this waste and through our efforts raise money for the school as well. Each class will be responsible for collecting and collating some hard to recycle waste. We are now signed up with *Terracycle* as a drop off point for snack (cake, cracker and biscuit) wrapper, plastic bread bags, and cheese packaging. We will also be collecting single use plastic bottles, glue sticks and old writing implements to be recycled correctly. Please send the children in with any from home as the more we collect, the more money we will be able to raise for the school. Children will be designing posters which will displayed on the collection

points: the best ones will be selected to use around school.

General Election – Thursday 4th July

A reminder that we have been notified that school will be used as a polling station so we are unavoidably closed to all pupils and staff on this day.

Currently reading

We had a lovely Gifts from God assembly this morning where children raised their hand to tell everybody else what book they are currently reading. Year Six are reading *Wonder* in class, and Year One are enjoying *No-bot*; Mr Turner shared that he is currently enjoying Mel B's autobiography. As for myself, I am still working my way through *Beautiful World, Where Are You?*

Summer Fete



Please join us on Saturday 29th June from midday at our Summer Fete. All are welcome.

Raffle

By now, you should have received the booklet of tickets to buy or to sell. If you need any extra, just let the school office or the class reps know. Good luck! I've got my eye on the Alton Towers tickets this week.....



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SUMMER FETE RAFFLE PRIZES

£150 TOUCHWOOD VOUCHER • AMAZON FIRE TABLET •
£100 M&S VOUCHER • BCFC HOSPITALITY TICKETS

- £50 Lason restaurant voucher
- £50 quality meats voucher
- Fiesta de la Sada voucher
- £50 laser room voucher
- Class act theatre 1 week workshop
- 4x Alton towers tickets
- Alfresco pizza voucher
- 4x tickets to Hatton adventure
- Hair cut & blow dry
- 2 weeks fitness bootcamp
- 1 free term tennis camp
- Hydrafacial
- £20 pom pom party voucher
- £20 Delhi voucher
- Family 7 day pass combat sports gym
- Sound Bath/ meditation class
- 4 x tickets Solihull play town
- Personalised friendship bracelet
- Personalised water bottle
- 4x sessions Freddy's play pad
- Shellac manicure
- Sweet treat box
- Bento cake

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY!

PRIZES TO BE DRAWN ON SATURDAY 29TH JUNE '24
£1 PER TICKET

For extra tickets please contact your class rep or call the school office

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Helena in Year Six who was eleven on Wednesday, and to Tyler in Year Five who was ten yesterday. Tomorrow, Roy and Joy in Year Three will be eight! Happy birthday to all!



June dates for your diary

Sun 16th June: Going Forth Mass and Communion Breakfast 10am

Wed 19th: PTA own clothes day

Thurs 20th June: Year Five @ Hall Green Library 2pm; Year Three and Year Six

parents' Sacramental Programme evaluation 6pm Parish hall

Fri 21st June: Sports Day

Mon 24th June: whole class photographs; new Reception parents Transition meeting 5:30pm

Wed 26th June: 9:30am Whole School Mass; Keyboard and choir concert 2pm

Thurs 27th June: Year Six @ Hall Green Library 2pm; Family Mass 5pm

Fri 28th June: Reception Assembly; PTA own clothes day

Sat 29th June: Summer Fete 12pm

July dates for your diary

Mon 1st July: Paris parent meeting 4pm

Wed 3rd July: Transition Day

Thurs 4th July: School is closed for the General Election

Wed 10th July: BCSSA Gaelic competition

Thurs 11th July: Eco-retreat at the Columbans; Year Two @ Hall Green Library 2pm

Fri 12th July: Mass for Mrs Thompson; Reports given out

Tues 16th July: Year 4, 5 and 6 flute concert. All welcome!

Thurs 18th July: Leavers' Assembly 9am

Fri 19th July: Leavers' Mass 9:30am

Fri 19th July: Break up at 2pm; no after-school club.

Have a wonderful weekend. We will hopefully see you at Mass which Year Three children. They then celebrate afterwards with their Communion breakfast. Please join and support us! All are come.



Mr Clinton