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Dear Parents,

The busiest day in our fundraising calendar is almost upon us, and what a great day it promises to be! BBQ burgers, a bar, a bottle tombola, a teddy tombola, nearly new gifts, inflatable circus games, ice cream, soak the headteacher (or chuck a bucket over him for a tenner!), Irish dancing, a DJ, choir performances, face painting, and our famous raffle! Doors open at 12 so please come along!

Thank you in advance to those parents for their help behind the scenes, to those who come early to help set up, and to those who help clear up afterwards.



A special plea, too – please visit the Save Hall Green library stall. Not only can you guess the amount of sweets in the jar, but for every letter that a child promises to write, they can choose a book. When we get the letter, you get the book. Sounds like a great deal to me!

The Summer Fete also means the end of the school year is almost in sight. Reports have almost been finalised and, this morning, one of my favourite days in the school calendar: our Reception assembly! I love to hear about all the work they've done this year and see for my own eyes

how they've grown in confidence too! Thanks, Miss Hodgkins and Mrs Thompson, for all you have done for our youngest children.

Golden Book

Reception: Tejiri Ewhubare for being so enthusiastic whilst practicing for our class assembly. She has really enjoyed singing all of the songs and says her line so clearly and confidently. She always has such a smile on her face and has shown such a positive attitude towards her learning lately! Keep up the hard work, Tejiri!

Year One: Mia Bhachu for giving 100% effort to every task she attempts. Mia this week has written a fabulous recount about the miracle of Lazarus rising from the dead. She included brilliant details, thoughts and feeling of everyone in the story. Mia faces every task with a huge smile and a positive attitude. She is a fantastic role model!

Year Two: Ella Kirby has demonstrated excellent determination this week, especially in Maths. She has been able to confidently find a half and a third of a number by using a sharing plate to aid her. Ella has shown a lot of independence throughout this. Her determination has been noticed by other staff around school too - keep up the great work, Ella! Well done!

Year Three: Ethan Velasquez - For being such a superstar! We can always rely on Ethan to do the right thing. He settles straight down to every task and always works to the best of his ability, producing fantastic work. He uses his initiative and is always keen to answer questions and contribute to class discussions. Thank you, Ethan!

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

Year Four: Martha and Hope Coughlan for the light they bring every day to the classroom. They have such a love of learning that it inspires everyone in the class, including their teachers. They will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best at your new school and city!

Year Five: Max Griffiths for consistently being thoughtful and insightful in his answers. He listens so carefully in lessons and is always thinking about how he can improve his work. He also represented our school brilliantly during the science day year five had at Archbishop Ilsley and again during Thursday's cricket tournament! Keep working hard, Max!

Year Six: Caoimhe Kerr for her never-ending positivity. Caoimhe comes into school every single day with a smile on her face and a can-do attitude. She is a resilient learner who always tries her best and never gives up. As a result she has made fantastic progress with her work this year, especially her writing. She is a pleasure to have in the classroom - her positivity is infectious and she is a great friend to everyone. Every class needs someone just like Caoimhe!

Wednesday Word

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 30th June 2024



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."

This weekend, we celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul - two great saints who did so much to spread the Good News. Helping our children grow in faith is one of the greatest gifts we can give them – it is the job of parents, as first educators, and Catholic Schools to help and support in that process.

Staffing for next year

Wednesday is our Transition Day where our Year Six pupils will visit their new secondary school and experience life at a new setting. All other year groups will meet their new teacher after our transition assembly in the morning. The new classes are set out below.

Reception	Miss Hodgkins	Miss Downing / Mrs Fayaz / Mrs O'Driscoll
One	Miss Traynor / Mrs Healy	(supporting across the key stage)
Two	Miss Hookes	
Three	Miss Ball	Mr Turner / Mrs Thorne / Mrs Houghton / Mrs Yousef
Four	Miss Reynolds	(supporting across the key stage)
Five	Mrs McGrory	
Six	Mrs George	Mrs Drewry

We welcome Mrs McGrory from Sacred Heart, Aston, and Mrs George from St Ambrose, Kidderminster! I am sure you will make them feel very welcome. There are also, potentially, two more support staff to be appointed.

Mrs Hunt will be out of class, supporting our Early Reading provision and covering PPA in Key Stage One, and Miss Newman will be supporting curriculum development and covering PPA in Key Stage Two.

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Walk Once A Week to School



The children who have managed to walk (or scoot, or ride) once a week for June will be awarded their badges next week. If all goes to plan, by this time next year, they will be laden down with badges that show their commitment to the environment. A great way to care for God's creation! I am delighted that some of our staff are leading by example and walking every day too – well done, Mr Turner and Mrs Thorne!

Sun cream and sun hats

Children can bring a hat in to wear at break or lunchtime while playing outside. If you wish to send them in with sun cream also, please make sure this is clearly labelled. In most cases, children will apply the sun cream themselves.

Sports Day

Thank you to Mrs O'Driscoll and to Sam Tighe in Year Five for keeping score.

The final results are in!

St Oscar Romero: 1220 points

St Teresa of Calcutta: 1230 points

St Josephine Bakhita: 1260 points

St Maximilian Kolbe: 1370 points

Great to see all children enjoy themselves and parents too! The parent race gets more competitive every year! St Maximilian Kolbe house won and they can wear their own clothes on Monday as a reward!

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Aaron in Year Five who was ten on Monday. Orlaith in Year Four was nine on Tuesday. Niamh in Year Five was ten on



Thursday, the same day that Freya in Year Six was eleven! And Erin in Year Two is seven on Saturday! If I see you at the fete, Erin, you can have a free sponge to throw at me.

June dates for your diary

Sat 29th June: Summer Fete 12pm

July dates for your diary

Mon 1st July: Own clothes for St Maximilian Kolbe house; 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: Mass for Year Six Leavers 9:30am

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

The final three weeks are upon us! I hope to see you tomorrow at the Fete. Let's hope the sun shines and you strike it lucky in the raffle!

Mr Clinton