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Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Dear Parents,

A slightly shorter newsletter this week – and one that is being written and sent on Wednesday – due to the fact that we are closed on Thursday and I am off working with the Archdiocese on Friday.

Golden Book

Golden Book will return next week

House points

The winning house will be announced on Friday 12th July and children from that house can wear their own clothes on Wednesday 17th July. They will also enjoy extra break and eat a little treat as a reward for all their hard work. Prefects, enjoy counting those colourful tokens!

Wednesday Word

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 7th July 2024



Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, "Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?" And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house." And he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Staffing for next year

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

Transition Day

This was a wonderful day. We started the day with an assembly about showing off our best sides, and then the children met their new teachers and spent the day in their new classrooms, doing a variety of growth mindset activities, letters to their future selves, and designing their own El Salvador cross.

School Dinners Price Increase

In view of increased costs, it was discussed and agreed at our latest Governor meeting that it is necessary to increase the cost of our daily meals to £2-70 per child. This increase applies to Key Stage Two only; Key Stage One and Reception continue to be funded by the government. The cost rise is regrettable but is unfortunately affected by the inflation of food and the cost transport, as well as paying the national insurance and Birmingham Living Wage of

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

our staff. It is also important to acknowledge two things: one is that the quality (and thus enjoyment) of our meals is extremely high, and the other is that school is still subsidising the cost considerably from our annual budget. We make no profit whatsoever from school meals.

Summer Fete

Thanks to all involved. It was a great day and much fun had by all. See below for a message from the PTA:

The total profit raised at the St Ambrose Barlow Summer Fete 2024 is £5018!

(This total does not include 2 further matched funded stalls, so this total will increase when we know the amount to be matched)

Again, a huge thank you to you all!!! This money will now help to fund the following:

- *A year's subscription to the music platform needed for choir and French. This is greatly needed!*
- *A display cabinet for the entrance to school to display trophies. What an amazing way to celebrate our children's achievements!*
- *A fun day for the end of year party for all school children!*
- *Further playground renovations, to be discussed and agreed with Mr Clinton.*

None of these things could have been purchased without these funds, so thank you again to you all. If anyone has any suggestions for the playground improvement, please don't hesitate to contact us on the PTA email address: sab.pta@outlook.com

The remainder of the raffle prizes were also drawn on Monday by the PTA Chair and Treasurer, witnessed by Mrs Corrigan. All winners have been contacted.

Hall Green Library

Next Thursday 11th July is our last visit to the library this academic year. If any books from any year group need returning, please send them back to school before Thursday and we will drop them up.

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Ethan in Year Three who will be ten tomorrow. On Friday, Iva in Year One will be six. On Saturday, Nevaeh in Year Four will be nine and on Sunday, Samuel in year One will be six.



July dates for your diary

Thurs 3rd July: School closed for 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

Mon 15th July: 2pm Talent Show

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

Wed 17th July: Own clothes day for the winning house

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.

Have a wonderful end to the week and we return on Monday ready for the final ten days of another successful school year.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Clinton'.

Mr Clinton