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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents,

The first full week has been ticked off. Reception children joined together as a complete cohort on Friday for the first time and will enjoy their first full day and week from Monday. They have had a wonderful time getting to know their new teachers and support staff and school.

As you may have noticed, we are currently a little short staffed in the office. Nothing we cannot cope with but please bear with us if we are a little slower than usual in dealing with any requests or problems. Please still email or phone in with any potential issues but be understanding if things take a little longer.

Golden Book

Year One: Maya Hassan for her great start to Year One. Maya has shown great enthusiasm each day and is willing to try every new task. She has contributed to class discussions and produced a great prediction about our new book '*Supertato*'. Well done, Maya - keep it up!

Year Two: Kimberley O'Loughlin has had an amazing first full week in Year Two! We are so proud of Kimberley for so many reasons. She demonstrates fantastic listening skills in all lessons and has really impressed in Maths by

using dienes to make numbers which she then uses to identify how many tens and ones are in each number. Kimberley consistently applies herself and is always trying to contribute to lessons as much as she can. A brilliant week, Kimberley - well done!

Year Three: Gemma Ip for consistently being the best version of herself! We have all been so impressed with the standard of work she has been producing especially her handwriting and vocabulary. You have made an excellent start to Year Three Gemma! Well done.

Year Four: Helena Ridgeway for being generous with her time and assistance helping other when needed. She has produced some excellent work this week including 'A student's welcome' for her information booklet. Excellent start to Year Four!

Year Five: Thea Dawswon has been outstanding this week. Sometimes, it is really difficult to choose a pupil because everyone tries so hard and is so enthusiastic about their learning but Thea has stood out not only because she has worked hard in every lesson, but also because she has also contributed well in class discussions. It has been a delight to see Thea settle in so smoothly and produce some pleasing work.

Year Six: Henry Slattery has made an excellent start to Year Six! He has been making a real effort in his writing to consolidate all of the skills he has

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learned in previous years - even basic things like full stops and capital letters which can sometimes be neglected as we move onto richer and more complex writing. Henry is a joy to have in class and always has a friendly demeanor and a big smile. We look forward to seeing him excel in Year Six as the year goes on.

Head Boy and Girl

Many of Year Six put themselves forward for selection for this prestigious position, which is testament to the leadership qualities they all have and wish to use. It is my great pleasure to welcome Noah Parkes-Brown and Ava-Mary Hodgkins to the respective positions of Head Boy and Girl. I look forward to their impeccably written introductions next week.

Prefects

To support the Head Boy and Girl in their role and to help around school, teachers have also selected six prefects, again from a pool of candidates who wished to put themselves forward. I have no doubt the following children will be a great source of support in the coming year:

Bronagh Brady
Sonny Fitzpatrick
Niamh Lloyd
Nicolas Grange
Aaron Stephen
Annie Sylvester

School and Spiritual Council

Selected by their classmates and voted for, democratically, the following children have been elected to the School and Spiritual Council for 2024/25. They will meet monthly and

be led in their endeavours by both staff and the Liturgy Team.

Year One: Roisin McAuley and Jimmy Gorman

Year Two: Nancy Herron and Lennon Mooney

Year Three: Maria Nadolna and Arlo Williams

Year Four: Emily Healy and James Mc Colgan

Year Five: Edward Newman and Maeve Henvey

Year Six: Isabel Jobin and Oliver Healy

Mini-Vinnies

Next week, I will meet all interested children in Year Five and Six to discuss the focus for the coming year and the responsibilities associated with the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Wednesday Word

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH **Sunday 15th September 2024**



Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way Jesus put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist," they said; "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." "But you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again.

Who do you say I am? Jesus was many things to many people during his time on earth – a good man, a miracle man, a teacher, a healer, but this week in the Gospel it is revealed who he truly is: the

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Messiah, the Son of God. The next question is: who is He calling us to be?

Uniform

Children are welcome to continue to wear their summer uniform until October half term but, as the days get gradually colder, they may wish to revert to the winter uniform. After half term, all children will need to be in the white shirt and school tie and grey jumper or cardigan. Top buttons should be done up and shirts should be tucked in. All items of clothing, including coats and PE kit, should be labelled with the child's name. Please ensure any long hair is totally tied up to avoid distraction.

Governing Body

Our first meeting is scheduled for early October: There, the Governors will ratify and adopt policies that need to be reviewed annually. After this process has been completed, you will be notified via the newsletter and the policies will be shared on the website. Some – such as the Behaviour Policy – will also be emailed out for your information.

Ten Ten

We follow a comprehensive Relationships, Sex and Health education (RSHE) curriculum that is Catholic in nature. The programme is taught weekly in KS1 and fortnightly in KS2. Should you wish to look at the material being taught, please use the log in details below.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Username: st-ambrose-b28

Password: white-cloud

Altar Servers

Thank you for the overwhelming response so far. Please see Mr Clinton or Father Paul if you are interested in serving at either parish or school Masses.

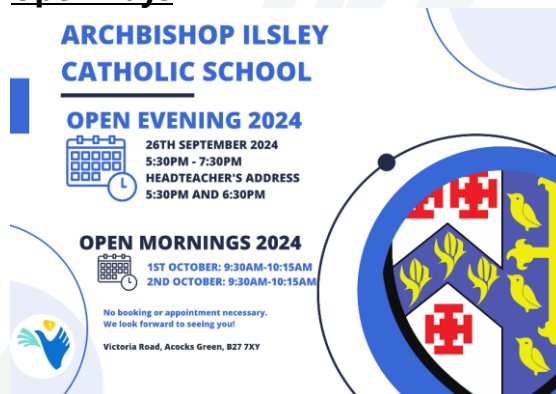
Reception Open Morning/Afternoon for prospective parents

Please share with anyone who has a child who will be primary school age by next September. We are hosting two open session here at school on the following dates:

Tuesday 22nd October 2pm
Thursday 24th October 10:30am

The format will be a talk delivered by the Headteacher on our curriculum and Catholic faith, a talk delivered by Miss Hodgkins on life in Reception, a tour led by our prefects and then time for any questions or queries afterwards.

Open Days



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING 2024

26TH SEPTEMBER 2024
5:30PM - 7:30PM
HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS
5:30PM AND 6:30PM

OPEN MORNINGS 2024

1ST OCTOBER: 9:30AM-10:15AM
2ND OCTOBER: 9:30AM-10:15AM

No booking or appointment necessary.
We look forward to seeing you!

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, B27 7XY

Please keep an eye on our Twitter feed for any information about Secondary Open Days – we will share them as we hear. My advice is to see as many secondary schools as possible and use all your possible choices when the time comes to make your application. Please

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see below for information about St Peters and Archbishop Isley. This Open Evenings are suitable for any student in Year Five or Year Six.



Welcome to St Peter's

Open Evening 2024

Thursday 19th September - 5.30pm - 8pm

The governors, staff and pupils of St. Peter's Catholic School extended a warm welcome to all prospective pupils and their families to our Open Evening.

Come and chat to our staff, view our buildings and meet some of our pupils.

Doors open at 5.30pm with several opportunities to hear the Headteacher's address.

OPEN MORNING REQUEST

St. Peter's Open Mornings are held on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th September are an opportunity to visit by appointment our school during the working day.

Visiting St Peter's Catholic School



Times Table Rock Stars / Numbots

In Years One and Two, children are expected to be logging into their Number Bots accounts. Children in Year Three upwards will be logging into Times Table Rock Stars daily. By Monday each week, children are expected to have logged in for a certain amount of time across the week:

Year One: 15 minutes set using Activity Goal

Year Two: 20 minutes set using Activity Goal

Year Three and Four: 28 minutes which is an average time of 4 minutes per day

Year Five and Six: 35 minutes which is an average time of 5 minutes per day.

This will improve their fluency skills. Certificates are given out weekly in our Gift from God assembly for a range of categories such as minutes played, coins earned, studio speed, and improved accuracy. Extra break acts as an additional incentive when everyone in the class achieves the required weekly time.

PE days

Kit should remain in school until half-term, unless otherwise directed by staff. Pumps will be needed for indoor activities. Gymnastics will be done in barefoot. Trainers (and tracksuit top and joggers as the weather gets colder) will be required for outdoor PE. All items need to be labelled. PE will take place on the following days:

Reception: Monday

Year One: Tuesday (AVFC outside) and Thursday (indoors)

Year Two: Tuesday (indoors) and Friday (tennis outside)

Year Three: Monday (indoors) and Thursday (outside)

Year Four: Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday (indoors)

Year Five: Monday (indoors) and Friday (Tennis outside)

Year Six: Tuesday (AVFC outside) and Thursday (indoors)

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Mia in Year Two who was seven on Wednesday and told me she celebrated with pizza and cake, which sounds just perfect, and happy birthday to Jimmy in Year One who is six today and who will surely celebrate in a similar manner. Happy birthday, both.

Message from the PTA

All parents are invited to our first coffee morning of the year, which will take place on Friday 4th October in the Newman Room. Details of our annual AGM will be shared before then also. The PTA has already arranged two discos to take place this term – one for KS1 on Monday 18th November at 3:45 and one for the KS2 the following week. All children in the respective key stage can wear own clothes that day and can pay £3 if they wish to attend the disco. Glow sticks at the ready!

September dates for your diary

Thurs 19th Sept: Year Three parent meeting 'Belonging' 6pm parish hall

Sat 21st Sept: Year Three children Sacramental workshop 10am parish hall

Sun 22nd Sept: Year Three Enrolment Mass 10am

Thurs 26th Sept: Year Six parent meeting 6pm parish hall

Fri 2th Sept: Feast of St Vincent de Paul. All Mini-Vinnies to attend Mass

Sat 28th Sept: Year Six children Confirmation workshop 10am parish hall

Sun 29th Sept: Year Six and Reception children Enrolment Mass 10am

October dates for your diary

Tues 1st Oct: Poetry Day

Fri 4th Oct: PTA coffee morning at 9am; Year Two Class Mass 2:30pm

Thurs 10th Oct: Year Five visit Safeside Centre

Mon 14th Oct: Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:30pm

Wed 16th Oct: Harvest Mass 2pm; Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:30pm

Fri 18th Oct: Year Six Class Assembly 9am

Tues 22nd Oct: Reception Open Afternoon 2pm

Thurs 24th Oct: Reception Open Morning 10:30am

Fri 25th Oct: Break up for half-term

November dates for your diary

Mon 4th Nov: School opens for all children

Thurs 7th Nov: Year Three parent meeting 'Forgiveness' 6pm parish hall

Fri 8th Nov: Year Four Class Mass 2:30pm

Sat 9th Nov: Year Three children Sacramental workshop 10am parish hall

Sun 10th Nov: Year Three lead Mass 10am

Thurs 14th Nov: Year Three Confessions 6pm

Mon 18th Nov: PTA KS1 Disco 3:45 – 4:45

Fri 22nd Nov: Year Five Class Assembly

Sat 23rd Nov: Year Six children Confirmation workshop 10am parish hall

Sun 24th Nov: Year Six lead Mass 10am

Mon 25th Nov: PTA KS2 Disco 3:45 – 4:45

December dates for your diary

Wed 4th Dec: KS2 Advent Reconciliation Service

Fri 6th Dec: Reception Nativity 2pm

Mon 9th Dec: Year One Nativity 2pm

Tues 10th Dec: Year Two Nativity 2pm

Thurs 12th Dec: Keyboard and choir concert 2pm

Fri 13th Dec: Rec and KS1 @ 'Finding Santa'

Tues 17th Dec: KS2 Carol service 7pm

Wed 18th Dec: KS2 @ see *Beauty and the Beast*

Fri 20th Dec: Whole School Mass 9:30;
children break up at 2pm (no Kidzone club)

Have a relaxing weekend. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

God bless,



Mr Clinton