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Dear parents,



The first half of Summer term is done! In those three short weeks, we have celebrated two First Communion

Masses, taken part in our annual outdoor May Procession, and both Year Six and Year Two have completed their statutory assessments. It may have been a short half-term but it was a busy one.

Next half term, we have our reports, our Sports Days, our two residentials, our Family Mass (where we say goodbye to the families who are leaving us), Reception's Class Assembly, our Summer Fete, our Year Six Leavers' Assembly and our final Mass on the last day too. A very busy time of year!

Golden Book

Reception: Theo Anderson-Rennalls for having such a fantastic half term! Theo has been excellent in our phonics lessons and has worked very hard to apply these skills in both his reading and writing. He is also trying really hard with his letter formation at school and at home too! Keep up the hard work, Theo!

Year One: Aadvik Sengaiyalin for his wonderful work throughout this week.

He has amazed both Mrs Healy and Miss Traynor with his hard work and determination towards his work this week. Aadvik has worked hard in his literacy lessons this week producing a very informative information booklet. He has really tried to push himself in lessons this half-term. Well done, Aadvik!

Year Two: This week, we want to celebrate Cayden Corbett. He has worked so hard this week and approached all the tests we have been doing with determination and perseverance all whilst maintaining good concentration throughout. We are so proud of Cayden for applying all the knowledge and skills he has worked on over the year. Keep up the hard work, Cayden!

Year Three: Ethan Uchenna for really impressing his teachers this term with such a great work ethic. He has been applying himself in every lesson to ensure he produces the best work he can. Ethan has also demonstrated how kind and helpful he is on a daily basis by helping his peers with their work too. Thank you for being a superstar, Ethan!

Year Four: Alex Currington makes the grade this week! He has had a great half term as he has responded brilliantly to feedback and constantly strives to improve his work. His manners are impeccable, encouraging his classmates to treat each other with the same respect.

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

Year Five: Emily Lin is a hard working member of the class who is quiet but conscientious. She is a good all-rounder and works well in all lessons, ensuring her work is always neatly presented. This week, Emily has really worked hard to improve the pace of her writing, her assessed piece of writing showed great description and improved awareness of punctuation and sentence types. Well done, Emily: by channelling all your positive effort into your writing, you will see great results!

Year Six: Charlie McNally is a priceless member to the Year Six cohort. He freely shares his thoughts about the topic in hand and is a popular member of the class. Occasionally, Charlie can be simultaneously hilarious and profound, like yesterday in Year Six's last KiVa lesson. He was most insistent that he be allowed to share an illustration regarding the effects of bullying using an A4 sheet of paper - it was brilliant and was met with a spontaneous round of applause from the class. We shall all remember it forever. Charlie, keep being your unique self! And, also, UTV!

Wednesday Word



The Wednesday Word has been emailed out and contains the Gospel for the next three weeks: the Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter and the Gospel for Pentecost on 8th June too.

Book Fair

Mrs Fayaz has arranged for this to come the first week after half-term. Every child will get opportunity to visit the fair during the day with their class, and it will be open from 8:30 every morning in the school hall and until 4:30 in the afternoon.

Values and Virtues

The focus in school this half term has been on being 'Loving and Compassionate' and the following children have stood out for embodying these characteristics so well. We are very proud of them!

Reception: Delilah Shaw

Year One: Nova Milford-Mardenborough

Year Two: Remy Augustus

Year Three: Elsie Hall

Year Four: George Parkes

Year Five: Hollie Stone

Year Six: Isabel Jobin



Sports Day

The cost of coaches is extortionate, especially when the weather is unpredictable and postponing a date at the last minute is a very real possibility, so we are adapting to that and changing our approach to Sport Day. Key Stage One will have a whole afternoon of sports and this will take place in the school playground on Tuesday 1st July. Key Stage Two will have their Sports Day on Tuesday 8th July, off-site, with a venue to be confirmed after half-term. Again, due to the cost of coaches and the risk of inclement weather, it will be within walking distance of school. Parents are welcome to attend either or both.

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday
to James in Year
Four who is nine
on Tuesday and
happy birthday
to Annie in Year
Six who was eleven on Wednesday.



Happy birthday, also, to all those who celebrate over half term. Ailish in Year Six turns eleven, Vinnie in Year Four turns nine, Illana in Year Two turn seven, Romy and Isabella in Year One turn six, and Linda in Reception turns five. Happy birthday all!

June dates for your diary

Mon 2nd June: School closed for INSET

Tues 3rd June: School re-opens for all children

Mon 9th June: Year Five and Six residential to Paris

Sun 15th June: Year Three Going Forth Mass

Mon 16th June: Year Five and Six residential to Whitemoor Lakes

Fri 20th June: Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

Sun 22nd June: Corpus Christi Procession 10am

Thurs 26th June: Family Mass 5pm

Fri 27th June: Whole School Mass for Sacred Heart of Jesus 9:30am

Sat 28th June: Summer Fete 12-3pm

July dates for your diary

Tues 1st July: Key Stage One Sports Day

Wed 2nd July: Transition Day (Meet the Teacher)

Fri 4th July: Reception Class Assembly 9am

Tues 8th July: Key Stage Two Sports Day

Thurs 10th July: Keyboard and choir concert 2:15pm

Fri 11th July: Reports out

Mon 14th July: Year Five eco-retreat @ Columbans

Thurs 17th July: Year Six Leavers' Assembly 9am

Fri 18th July: Whole School Mass at 9:30am; Break up for summer at 2pm

Have a relaxing half-term break. Should you wish, spare a thought tomorrow for the author of this missive, who will be undertaking an ultra-marathon in the rolling hills of Surrey. I'll be eating up the miles (all forty or so of them) from breakfast until dinner.



See you all on Tuesday 3rd June. God bless,

Mr Clinton