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#### Dear parents,

Welcome to the final half term of the academic year.
Time certainly flies when you're having fun. On Monday

morning, at 6:30am, we will wave goodbye to our Year Five and Six children that are attending our Paris residential. Thank you to Mrs McGrory, Mrs Healy, Mrs Drewry and Mrs O'Driscoll for accompanying us! Bon Voyage! The children will return safely next Friday evening, before our other group attend Whitemoor Lakes on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, accompanied by Miss Newman, Mrs George and Mr Turner.

Mrs Bresnen and Miss Newman will be on call next week, ably holding the fort, while I accompany Year Five and Six. My thanks to them both! I shall see you all next Sunday if you are joining us for Year Three's Going Forth Mass.

Finally, I have great pleasure in inviting you to St Ambrose Barlow's Summer Fete on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June from midday. It is an event that goes from strength to strength each year and my thanks to Mr Currington, the chair of the PTA, for all she and the committee do.



## **Golden Book**

Reception: Cee-Jai Simpson for being such a superstar! Cee-jai has applied such an amazing attitude towards his work in Phonics and Reading. He has also shown great determination and resilience when applying these skills in his writing. Mrs Bresnen even commented on how wonderful his handwriting too! Keep up the hard work, Cee-Jai!

**Year One:** We are all very impressed with Jimmy Gorman's writing this week. He has written some fantastic pieces about 'No-Bot' and is really thinking about how to spell words, compose sentences and use the correct

punctuation. His handwriting is beautiful which makes it all easy to read. Keep it up Jimmy!

Year Two: Kimberley O'Loughlin for being a perfect example of what we want from a pupil at St Ambrose Barlow. She always listens so carefully and always sets a wonderful example for others. She gets on with her work quietly and sensibly, she follows instructions straight away and isn't afraid to ask for help. She is a great role model for those around her. Keep up the excellent work, Kimberley - you really are a superstar!

**Year Three:** This week, Phoebe has really impressed her teachers. She has been listening well and working on her independence in class. Phoebe was able to compare and order fractions in Maths and is growing in confidence with her reading skills too.

Year Four: Ailbhe Lillington has started the last half term in Year Four incredibly well, showing that she understands the maturity that is needed to go into Year Five. She has been focused and dedicated in lessons this week and we have all been impressed with the level of her work. Keep this up Ailbhe!

**Year Five:** Every week, Maeve Henvey could be in the Golden book. She has a fantastic attitude towards all aspects of school life. She is hard working and enthusiastic - no matter what the class are doing, she always puts in 110% and even when she does find some work a struggle, she perseveres. Maeve is also happy to continue her learning outside of school so she often researches topics in her own time and then shares her new knowledge with everyone. She is

inquisitive and a real deep thinker which is brilliant, because we all like to be kept on our toes. There are times when Mrs McGrory is grateful to have Google at her fingertips just in case she don't know the answer! Maeve, just keep being you because you are just amazing.

Year Six: Lila Delaney has been focusing well on her learning this week despite all the excitement in Year Six around the residential trips taking place next week and the week after. Although it is post SATs and the final half term for Year Six, they are still busy honing their writing skills and completing their summer writing assessments. Lila has been trying hard to implement all the skills needed to make her Literacy work the best it can be so she is ready for St Peter's in September. Well done, Lila, for staying focused and applying yourself: this is a good habit to cultivate for the future! Lila also managed to find the time to show she is the best longdistance runner to represent the Year Six girls at the upcoming Catholic Sports!

### **Birthdays this week...**

Happy birthday to Gemma in Year Three who was eight on Monday, and to Ella, also in Year



Three, who was eight on Wednesday. Yesterday, Layton in Year Five was ten. Tomorrow, Amelia in Year Two will be seven and on Sunday, Remy from Year Two will celebrate his seventh birthday.

#### **Summer Fete Raffle**

See below for details of our raffle: the first prize is £200 and tickets will soon follow, for sale at £1 per ticket.



## **Hall Green library**

These brilliant visits have now resumed. Year Two attended yesterday and, next week, our group from Year Five and Six will walk down. The following week, normal service resumes for Year Three. See diary dates for more details.

# June dates for your diary

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Five and Six residential to Paris

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Three Going Forth

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Five and Six residential to Whitemoor Lakes

Thurs 19th June: Year Three @ Hall

Green Library

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Corpus Christi Procession 10am

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Four @ Hall Green Library; Family Mass 5pm

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June: Whole School Mass for

Sacred Heart of Jesus 9:30am

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Summer Fete 12-3pm **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Year Five eco-retreat @ Columbans; Catholic Sports at Alexander Stadium

## July dates for your diary

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> July:** Key Stage One Sports Day

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Transition Day (Meet the Teacher)

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Year Five @ Hall Green Library

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Reception Class Assembly 9am

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Key Stage Two Sports Day

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Keyboard and choir concert 2:15pm

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July:** Year Six @ Hall Green Library (am); Reports out

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July: Year Six eco-retreat @ Columbans

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Year Six Leavers' Assembly 9am

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Whole School Mass at 9:30am; Break up for summer at 2pm

Have a wonderful weekend and a safe journey to all our travellers. Keep them in your prayers. God bless,

Mr Clinton