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Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe today is the last day of term and this school year is about to end. On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to express our sincere thanks to parents/carers and families for your continued support and partnership with the school. Today, we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We are so proud of them and wish them every success as they transition to secondary school. They are more than ready to enter this new phase of their educational journey. We look forward with excitement to see what they will do with these new opportunities. We also say goodbye to some of our families today as Year 6 leave and we will keep you all in our prayers. Our Year 2 children are also ready to take the next step on their learning journey with a transition to Year 3. We wish them every success and we are looking forward to welcoming them to our Junior school site.

We would also like to thank the staff of both schools for their continued hard work and care for the children. They have worked tirelessly this year to ensure that our pupils have had an excellent educational offer. We thank the staff members who are leaving us for all their work and dedication to our pupils and wish them all the best in their future plans.

The children in the Junior school met their new class teacher this week. The teachers were excited to meet with their new pupils and the children enjoyed visiting their new classrooms.

Two fantastic sports events took place at the Junior field this week. Firstly, we welcomed the Reception, the Years 1 & 2 children and families to their rearranged Sports Morning on Monday. The children (and parents) had a wonderful time taking part in different races and events. We were delighted to welcome so many parents and family members to share this event with us. Thank you children for all your teamwork and support of each other. On Wednesday the Year 6 football team (mixed boys and girls team) competed in a friendly match against St. Joseph's Primary School. The match was very close, but in the end St. Joseph's were the victors, narrowly winning 3-2. Well done both teams for really exciting matches and great sporting behaviour to each other. Thanks to Mr McCreadie for arranging and refereeing the match.



We also celebrated music with a Rock Steady Concert at the both schools over the last week. Well done to all the musicians who performed in the concert for parents, carers, staff and children. Thank you to Mrs. Stanley for arranging this. It was great to see our children perform and to celebrate their amazing musical talents.



Whilst we are a Catholic school, we understand the importance of learning about other faiths and showing respect and appreciation of these. It is for this reason that, whilst we prioritise the teaching of Catholicity, we also study other faiths in our curriculum. Last week, children in the Infant School focused on Islam while pupils in the Junior School studied Hinduism. The children enjoyed learning about some of the traditions and practices of these faiths, for example learning about the Mosque or Temple as a holy place of worship in these faiths.



We are looking forward to the next academic year and pupils should return in their summer uniforms on **Tuesday 3rd September**. Dates for all key events such as Masses, parent consultation meetings and workshops for the next academic year will be placed on our website from September. Please have a look at the Curriculum Information meeting dates for parents already set on the 'Key Dates' table overleaf.

Finally, I wish you and your family a very happy and safe summer break and we look forward to seeing you again in September

Miss J. O'Prey

Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	90
R2	92
1a	82
1b	92
2a	83
2b	98
3a	97
3b	96
4a	95
4h	88
5b	88
6a	85
6b	98

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 21st July 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' friends, the apostles, returned after working hard. Jesus knows that work is essential but he also reminds us how important it is to take time out too.

Jesus had sent out his friends, the apostles, to teach and to heal. When they rejoined him, they told him all they had done and taught. Then Jesus said to them, "You must come away to some quiet place all by yourselves and rest for a while"; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a quiet place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried on foot to the place and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Adapted from The Gospel of Mark 6:30-34

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/Time
Tuesday 3rd September— First day of Autumn term for Years 1-6 pupils		
09/09/24	Years 1 and 2 (KS1) Parents Curriculum Information Meeting	Infant School 3:20—3:50pm
10/09/24	Years 3 and 4 (Lower KS2) Parents Curriculum Information Meeting	Junior School 3:30—Year 3 4:00—Year 4
11/09/24	Years 5 and 6 (Upper KS2) Parents Curriculum Information Meeting	Junior School 3:30—Year 5 4:00—Year 6

Ms. Bourke



Mrs Attwell



SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs. Stanley

