

Friday 19th May 2023 - SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

A message from Mrs Hulme

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, huge congratulations for the children in Year 2 and Year 6.

They have worked really well and remained focussed these last few weeks as they completed their SATs.

Although we have rigorous assessment and monitoring procedures happening throughout the year, these are the national testing activities, which at times get negative press reporting. It is important that we prepare the children for these times whilst administering them in a way that fits each of them as well as we can to achieve the best outcomes. Well done to both staff and pupils.

Good luck now to year one as they prepare for the phonics check and year 4 who are currently preparing for the multiplication check- it's all go in school!

Mobility in school in recent years has increased, meaning that we have families moving away and those newly joining our community. We wish these families much luck whilst welcoming new pupils. Please keep an eye out for new families and include them in your friendship groups.

We have sunshine promised for the next few days- enjoy!

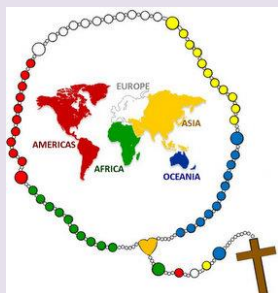


This week we celebrated The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord with special liturgies in school. Children learned that Jesus had been taken up into Heaven; that

his disciples returned to the upper room where He celebrated the Last Supper, awaiting the Holy Spirit that He promised would come upon them. May the Holy Spirit continue to fill you with His presence. Amen.

May is known as Mary's Month: a month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the patron of our school, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the Junior School, members of the Year 6 Chaplaincy Team have been leading the Rosary at



lunchtime on Wednesdays. This week, we almost ran out of space as so many children sat in small groups praying together. We think that, next week, we may have to move to the hall! We prayed using the Missio Rosary and each colourful decade allows us to pray for children in the various continents of the world.



As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with expectations. Unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
Froglet AM Nursery	95.8	0.22
Froglet PM Nursery	91.8	0.31
R Fox	93.8	0.52
R Hedgehog	94.1	0.21
R Squirrel	96.2	0.95
1 Robin	94.1	0.65
1 Sparrow	94.4	0.24
1 Wren	93.8	0.41
2 Jay	96.4	0.33
2 Woodpecker	96.2	0.58
2 Heron	93.9	0.17
3 Mulberry	96.5	0.18
3 Willow	96.0	0.09
3 Hawthorn	97.0	0.25
4 Poplar	96.9	0.47
4 Ash	94.8	0.30
4 Rowan	95.4	1.61
5 Elm	97.3	0.24
5 Birch	95.3	0.43
5 Sycamore	96.4	0.12
6 Chestnut	96.5	0.34
6 Oak	96.3	0.90
6 Copper Beech	96.6	0.08

News for the week

Juniors - Star Writer

3 Willow	Olo
3 Mulberry	Chloe
3 Hawthorn	Amelia
4 Poplar	Jan
4 Ash	Lucas
4 Rowan	Bea
5 Elm	Aiden
5 Sycamore	Blossom
5 Birch	Oscar
6 Copper Beech	Eliza
6 Oak	Micah
6 Chestnut	Laura

Infants - Star of the Week

R Hedgehog	Alma
R Fox	Filippos
R Squirrel	Liam
1 Robin	Devansh
1 Sparrow	Ary
1 Wren	Nina
2 Heron	Joshua
2 Jay	Thea
? Woodpecker	Luca

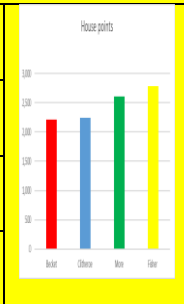
Junior - House Points

4th place is
Becket

3rd place is
Clitheroe

2nd place is
More

1st place is
Fisher



Tennis

On Wednesday afternoon, a group of 5 pupils from Year 4 took part in a tennis competition. The pupils played a variety of games and worked hard to go through the rounds. The team played brilliantly as individual players but also worked together so well as a team. A huge well done to the team, we are very proud of your tennis achievements.



Golf

On Thursday afternoon, 10 pupils from Year 3 and 4 took part in a golf competition at St Philomena's. The pupils had a variety of golfing activities to get through and worked to a timer to score as many points as possible. The team played so well and it was a joy to be part of the afternoon with the pupils. The team managed to win the competition and secure a place in the London Games final. So many congratulations to the team on this fantastic achievement - we are so proud!



Football

On Thursday afternoon, our B football team played a round robin competition at Green Wrythe. They played a series of games and managed to win two and draw one. This got them through to the final next week, which is an amazing result. Well done to all those involved!



Netball

On Wednesday afternoon, our A and B team played a netball match against Avenue Primary School. The teams played two fantastic games and managed to win one and unfortunately lose one. A huge well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to all the parents who were very patient with us due to a delayed start.



A reminder - Children need a coat in school each day especially for trips and when swimming at Westcroft

Mental Health Awareness Week

As part of Mental Health Awareness week, please click on the link below for some useful information on coping when feeling anxious or advice for talking about emotions.

[Improving Children's Mental Health Advice for talking about emotions - A tip sheet for](#)

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/helper?pid=MTA101634&v=92.5>