



Thursday, 15th June 2023

“What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.”
-St Teresa of Calcutta

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the warm, sunny weather this week. We have seen a wonderful array of hats and caps so please continue to send your child into school wearing one and encourage them to bring a water bottle. Please also apply a high factor sun cream before school starts.

As part of the transition to new leadership in September, Mrs Coe and Mrs Nicholson have met with all staff to discuss the staffing structure for next academic year. The structure will be as follows:

- Nursery – Mrs Dunning / Mrs McKeown
- Reception – Mrs Woodhead / Miss Vanacore
- Year 1 – Mrs Manton / Mrs McKeown
- Year 2 – Mr Robbins / Mrs Sawdon
- Year 3 – Miss Drumm
- Year 4 – Miss Thompson / Mrs Nicholson
- Year 5 – Mr Manders
- Year 6 – Miss Jackson

A notable absentee from the list is Mr Clark as he will be leaving St Augustine's to take up a teaching post at another school. Mr Clark has made such a positive impression in the short time he has been at our school and we will be sad to see him leave but wish him all the best for the future. With Mr Clark's departure and the change in role for Mrs Nicholson, we welcome Miss Thompson and Miss Jackson on a permanent basis. Both bring experience and expertise so they will be great additions to the staff.

In addition to our curriculum, our children benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities from sport to cultural visits. As with everything else at the moment, the cost of these trips continues to rise. As much as possible, school has always subsidised the cost of trips along with the help of donations from the PTFA, however the pressure on school budgets now makes this so much harder. Now more than ever, PTFA fundraising events are essential if we are to be able to keep the costs down. Our PTFA is made up of a small group

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of incredible people who volunteer their time to help organise events such as movie nights, the school disco and Christmas and Summer Fairs. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact school and a member of the PTFA will be in touch. Our Summer Fair will take place on Friday 7th July so it would be great if we had some additional volunteers to help set up and run stalls on the day. Again, please contact Mrs Whittaker if you are able to help and you are very welcome to attend a PTFA meeting in school on Monday 19th June at 9.00am.

On Thursday 22nd June, children in Years 1 to 6 will spend the day at the Cathedral for a day of retreat entitled 'Saints in the Making'. Canon Paul has planned the day so, knowing the brilliant work he previously did leading the Youth Mission Team, I have no doubt that the children will enjoy the day and find it very rewarding.

As a school, one of our key priorities is to promote and develop pupils' reading ability and a lifelong love of reading as it opens up so many learning opportunities. The home-school reading partnership is a crucial part of developing pupils' love of reading. With this in mind, I would like to invite you to a reading information session on Wednesday 28th June at 9.00am in the school hall. Mr Clark will explain our approach to reading in school and how you can support this. You will have the opportunity to see some sample materials of texts and comprehension exercises used in various year groups and to see the standard of texts and questions your child will be working with by the end of primary school.

Finally, I am delighted to share with you the wonderful news that Mr Robbins is now a very proud father of Finley, a baby boy. Huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Robbins!

Have a great weekend, may God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

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