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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

## Newsletter 2: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents

We had a wonderful whole school Service of Commitment this morning which was celebrated by Father Jibu. We asked for God's blessing that we may all work to fulfil God's mission together as a community during this school year. Thank you so much to all of our parents who joined for this special prayer service. Thank you also to Miss Edmunds, our Religious Education Leader, for preparing this special celebration.

I hope that you are all now back in the routine of school and I also hope that everyone has settled in well and made a great start to the term: especially our new Nursery and Reception pupils and their families.

Please remember that school is closed to all pupils on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** for staff training.

Please read the information below from the Holy Name St Vincent de Paul society who would really like to help any of our families who may be in need.



### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Staff Training Days:**

School will be closed to all pupils on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**.

There is also a staff training day taking place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**.

#### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – HOLY NAME PARISH – HELP FOR FAMILIES:**

The St Vincent de Paul society in the parish of Holy Name have asked for this information to be shared with our families:

The aim of our society is to seek and find those in need and provide them with practical support and friendship in a spirit of justice, while tackling the causes of poverty. The help we give **is not limited to Catholic families** - poverty, loneliness and the need to share problems are as urgent and relevant to all communities in Great Barr just as they are in the rest of the country.

The help we can give covers all aspects of daily life. We have been providing families within the parish with foodbags every fortnight for the past three years and we can provide access to the local foodbank if that is required. We are able to help parents, and guardians, **with the purchase of school uniforms** and associated items such as **shoes and P.E. Kit**. When the weather turns cold, we can also help to provide winter coats. Families have also been provided a family with bedding, electrical white goods such as washing machines and energy bills.

**Firstly, everything we do is confidential and is not shared with others.** Secondly, we do not give anyone money, all purchases are made by ourselves on behalf of our beneficiaries. Thirdly, we cannot help everybody consequently it is necessary for us to be able to talk face to face to those requiring help so that we can build a relationship with them for when further help may be needed.



To access this help, please contact the Parish Office, and leave your name and contact telephone number and ask for the SVP to contact you. The SVP will then take it from there:

**Parish Office: 0121 357 1351      holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk**

**Asthma Information Forms:**

Please return the record forms which have been sent home if your child has asthma. If you need another form (or you now need one for your child) then please ask at the school office.

**Y6 Parents' Meeting - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm:**

Y6 parents are invited to join us in the school hall to share the arrangements for the Y6 residential and an overview of the activities that the children will experience at Alton Castle. We look forward to welcoming you. This meeting is only for parents.

**Parent Consultation Appointments:**

This term's parent consultation meetings will be taking place **in the school hall** on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** between **3.30pm** and **5.45pm**. Our classrooms will be open for you to view your child's work. We will write to all parents with further details, including appointment times, at the end of September. Please remember that these meetings are for **parents and teachers only**: there is no provision for children to be supervised at school. **We therefore ask you NOT to bring children back into school on these evenings.**

**Y1 – Y6 Homework:**

This will begin from the week starting **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. We will email all Y1-Y6 parents on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Y3 – 6 Reading Bookmarks:**

Last year, the school council asked pupils if they wanted to continue to receive stickers on their bookmarks for reading each week. The children have voted to no longer have reading bookmarks in Key Stage Two. Therefore, these will not be updated with stickers when pupils read going forwards.

Stickers will still be placed on pupil's bookmarks in Reception – Y2 so that pupils can work towards a prize book when they have completed their first bookmark.

**Attendance Assembly - 100% Attenders:**

Congratulations to all of the pupils listed below who will be receiving their attendance certificates and badges in assembly next **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9.05am**. All of these pupils achieved 100% attendance last term – a fantastic achievement!

	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1
<b>Whole Year</b>	Olivia B Tabitha O	Kacper C Maisie P	Andreea C Monroe E Dylan H Daniel O	Lena C Oscar P		Leo D Oscar E Litheeshan N
<b>Summer Term</b>	Olivia B Charlotte D Zylon F Jasleen K Ava M Tabitha O Martha T	Kacper C Savanna M Chelse May O'S Linh P Maisie P	Andreea C Monroe E Chrisler F Rose H Dylan H Symora N Daniel O Dilawar S	Alexa B Deon B Lena C Isla F Arlo L Eve M Charlie M Ethan M Oscar P Olivia T	Abraham A-Q Ailbe F Liam L Eddie MCN Alex M Arthur R Millie S Alanis W-M	Cara B Brooke B Olivia CdS Leo D Oscar E Evan L Litheeshan N Javaughn N Valentine Q Ben T Alena W-M

**Diary Dates:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Staff Training Day</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Archery club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>Y4 Swimming (AM)</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Attendance Certificates Assembly in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome)</b>

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Y6 residential trip meeting for parents in the school hall at 5.30pm</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	School photographer taking individual photographs
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y6 Residential at Alton Castle</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents' Evening <b>3.35 – 6.00pm</b> in school hall
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening <b>3.35 – 6.00pm</b> in school hall
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Staff Training Day</b>
<b>Half Term Break:</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>

**Term Dates 2023-24:**

We will be closed for training days on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** and **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**.

2023-24	Term starts:	Half Term Holiday:	Term Ends:
<b>Autumn</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September for pupils</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b>Spring</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>Summer</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

**Happy birthday to:**

Ethan S (Y6), Max S, Monroe E, Cruz R (Y4), Jaxon H (Y3), Henry G (Y1), Marcel K, Enzo M (Reception) who all have a special day to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

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Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

**Mass at Holy Name Church:**

**Saturday 12.30pm**

**Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35



In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus talks about forgiveness – about how God is always ready to forgive us if we say sorry. And about how we should try to forgive others if they say sorry to us.

Can you think of a time when you have been forgiven? How did you feel?

Can you think of a time when someone has said sorry and said that they would not do it again, and you found it hard to forgive? Why was it hard? How did you feel?

Can you think of a time when someone has said sorry and tried to change and you did forgive them? How did you feel then?

How can we help other people to see that what they are doing is wrong and that they need to make a change?

### **Our Catholic Mission:**

This week let's try our best to make a change in the way we treat other people, to say sorry when we have done something wrong, and to forgive and help others make a change in the way they behave.

### **Prayer:**

God of love, you forgive us when we go wrong.

Encourage us to try again to be better and helps us to share your forgiveness with others.

Guide us to do what is right and to make this world a fairer place for all who live in it.

Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*