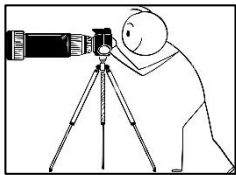


"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

**Newsletter 4: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Dear Parents

I hope that you have all had a good week. We have been very busy in school! I would like to thank all of the Y6 parents who have attended the information meeting about the forthcoming residential at Alton Castle in school on Wednesday evening. Thank you so much for your support.



**School Photographer – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:**

We will have a professional photographer in school on Monday. If your child has any siblings who do not attend Holy Name then you are welcome to bring them into school at **8.30am** to be photographed together. Individual photographs and photos of groups of siblings who attend Holy Name will take place in school during the day.

**Welcome Prayer Service for Reception Parents and Grandparents – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October:**

All parents, grandparents, family members and parishioners are warmly invited to join us for a very special prayer service in the school hall at **2.30pm** on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** to welcome you all to our school and parish community. Please come along if you are able to – you are all very welcome!

**Democracy Day Results:**



Today we held our annual democracy day in school. This morning all of our classes completed an activity to explore the fundamental British Value of **'Democracy'**. The children explored what it means to live in a democratic country and that in a democratic country everyone has a voice. Children also learned that the British Value of Democracy is linked to the Catholic Social Teaching Principle (CST) of **Subsidiarity**. This means that we ensure that everyone in society has a voice. To find out more about Catholic Social Teaching click [HERE](#)



We have held elections for School Councillors (Y2-Y6), Spiritual Councillors (Y1-Y6) and House Captains. Thank you to all children who wrote a speech and put themselves forward as a candidate.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected by our pupils to represent them on the School Council, Spiritual Council or as House Captains for this school year. We are looking forward to the improvements and contributions they will make to our school during the next 12 months!

All badges and certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in school next **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at **9.15am**.

	<b>School Councillors</b>	<b>Spiritual Councillors</b>
<b>Y6</b>	Niamh and Isla	Robbie and Zylon
<b>Y5</b>	Naomi and Zachary	Connor B and Jessica
<b>Y4</b>	Dilawar and Symora	Haysus and Esther
<b>Y3</b>	Alexa and Arlo	Ruby and Oscar
<b>Y2</b>	Leah and Emmanuel	Edward and Calia
<b>Y1</b>		Cara and Jax

	<b>House Captains</b>
<b>Campion</b>	Tabitha and Evie
<b>Clitherow</b>	Ava and Lilly
<b>Fisher</b>	Perfect and Ethan
<b>More</b>	Olivia and Archie

### **Celebration Assembly on Friday mornings:**

We are delighted to invite all parents to join us for our celebration assemblies 'Gifts from God' in the school hall on Friday mornings starting from next **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Our assembly begins at **9.05am**. If your child has been named in the congratulations letter from the previous week then your child will receive their certificate in the following week's assembly, so any children who have been named in today's congratulations letter will be receiving their certificates in next week's assembly.

### **Rosary Challenge:**

October is the month of the Rosary. This October we would like to invite your child to take part in a Rosary challenge. To take part your child should pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. Please begin each decade of the Rosary by carefully listening to a scripture passage (please follow the links below). Then, pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary (ten times) and finish with the Glory Be. As you pray please try to remember the words from scripture and pay attention to how God speaks and moves in your heart.



[The Joyful Mysteries](#)

[The Luminous Mysteries](#)

[The Sorrowful Mysteries](#)

[The Glorious Mysteries](#)

To complete the challenge your child will need to complete a Rosary challenge log sheet which they can collect from Miss Edmunds. Please encourage your child to hand in any completed challenge logs to Miss Edmunds by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** to receive a certificate.

### **Harvest Mass - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October:**

We will be collecting donations of pre-packed and tinned food to present to the Great Barr Food Bank as part of our harvest almsgiving. Please send in any suitable produce in preparation for our **Harvest Mass** at **9.15am** on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Please remember that **all parents and family members are invited to join us** for this special celebration. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### **Homework & Useful Information:**

Please visit the school website to view information regarding your child's homework arrangements, P.E. days and curriculum information. Please take a look by clicking '[Curriculum and Gallery](#)' on the school website then clicking your child's year group.

Please remember that homework has now started which means that our children should be completing their daily reading and online homework:

- Reading books (Y1– Y3)
- Reading Plus (online for Y4, 5 & 6)
- Spelling Shed homework (online)
- Number facts homework (online)

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are missing any login information.

Pupils are welcome to use the library at breaktime or lunchtime if they have missed any homework.

#### **Number Fact of the Week:**

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12 x 12.

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$5 \times 3 = 15$$

or

$$3 \times 5 = 15$$



### **Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:**

Just like last year, our reading challenges are up and running! It is a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link accessible on your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links: [Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

All of these books will support your child's love of reading and further enhance their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading.

**The first raffle will take place at the end of October!  
All children should aim to have entered at least once by then. Good luck!**

### **Early Help Police Constable – Meet and Greet for Parents at Holy Name:**

PC Asma Begum, Early Help Police Constable for our local area, will be in school next **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** from **2.30pm** to meet with any parents who would like to discuss any issues with her. Please complete this online form if you would like to 'drop in' to help us to let us know how many of you may want to meet with her. Thank you.

### **MEET & GREET FORM**

### **PTA AGM – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30pm:**

Holy Name Parent & Teacher Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting **online** on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** at **6.30pm**. All parents are invited to attend to review the actions of the PTA during the 2022-23 school year and plan for the coming year. We will email a joining link to all parents with next week's newsletter.

### **Parent Consultation Appointments:**

We have sent an email to all parents today outlining how to book your child's parents evening. Booking is available from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at **7.00pm**.

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. 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.**

### **Masses this Half Term:**

All **parents and parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y4 and Y5</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Mass: Whole school in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>NO SCHOOL MASS</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Infants'</b> mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>

### **Diary Dates:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	School photographer taking individual photographs <b>Y2 Archery Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Archery club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Y4 Swimming (AM)</b> <b>Reception</b> Welcome Prayer Service (in the school hall) at <b>2.30pm</b> <b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Celebration Assembly in the school hall at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents welcome) Early Help Police Officer 'meet and greet' session at <b>2.30pm</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Teacher Association AGM online at <b>6.30pm</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Mass: Whole school in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>

Date:	Information:
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
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>PTA Monster Disco</b> <b>5.00 – 6.00pm:</b> Reception, Y1, Y2 <b>6.30 – 7.30pm:</b> Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
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 a training day on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. The children's last day in school this half term will be **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**.

2023-24	Term starts:	Half Term Holiday:	Term Ends:
<b>Autumn</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	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:

Alicja J (Y4), Ruby H (Y3) and Darian B (Y1) who all have a special day to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

Mr A.G. Neenan

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us a story about a man who had two sons and he asked them both to go out and work in the vineyard.

What did the sons say? The first son said he would not go. But what happened next? He changed his mind and went as his father had asked him. The second son said he would go. But what happened next? He did not go out to the vineyard.

Jesus asks a question about this story. Which one of the two sons did what his father asked him to do? The first son or the second son? The first son went and did what his father asked, even though at first he did not want to.

Can you think of a time when someone asked you to do something? Did you do it? Or did you just say you would do it?

How did you feel afterwards? And how do you think the person who asked for your help felt?

What will you do the next time someone asks you for help? How will you help other people in the coming week?

Why do you think Jesus tells this story? What is he trying to teach us?

The man in the story is God. And we are all God's children. So Jesus is trying to tell us that we should listen to what God asks of us and then go and do what is asked.

### **Our Catholic Mission:**

It is not enough just to say that we will follow God in our lives. We actually have to go and do what is asked. We have to live our lives as God wants us to.

How do you think we can do that today? God asks us to take care of the world and the people in it and it is up to us how we answer.

### **Prayer:**

Loving God,  
help us to work together to build a brighter world,  
where each of us can become the best person we can be.

Let us learn from communities around the world, who are working hard to grow their way out of poverty.

We pray we may share generously all you have given us.

Amen.

