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

Newsletter 3: Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents

Congratulations to all of the pupils who received their attendance certificates and badges in assembly this morning especially the pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the whole school year last year – a fantastic achievement!

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.

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



St Vincent
de Paul Society

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Turning Concern into Action

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 27th 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 23rd** and **Wednesday 25th 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.**

Homework & Useful Information:

This week we updated the school website with 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 (Reception – 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.

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 25 th September	Y2 Archery Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday 26 th September	Y3 & Y4 Archery club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday 27 th September	Y6 residential trip meeting for parents in the school hall at 5.30pm
Thursday 28 th September	Y4 Swimming (AM) KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Monday 2 nd October	School photographer taking individual photographs
Wednesday 18 th – Friday 20 th October	Y6 Residential at Alton Castle
Monday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening 3.35 – 6.00pm in school hall
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents' Evening 3.35 – 6.00pm in school hall
Friday 27 th October	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Staff Training Day
Half Term Break:	Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

Term Dates 2023-24:

We will be closed for a training day on **Friday 27th October**. The children's last day in school this half term will be Thursday 26th October.

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

Happy birthday to:

Zylon F (Y6), Dylan R (Y5) and Reggie S (Y1) who all have a special day to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

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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:

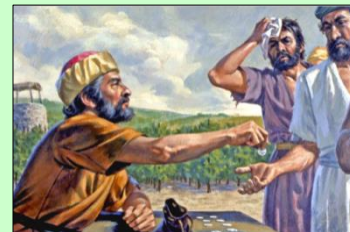
Saturday 12.30pm

Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us a story about some workers who all receive the same wages, even though some worked all day and some just worked for an hour. Does that sound right to you? Let's think some more about this today.



Can you think of a time when you felt you deserved more than you were given? When you felt something was unfair? How did it make you feel?

Who do you think the landowner in the story is supposed to be? What is Jesus trying to tell us?

Jesus is showing us that God's idea of fairness (sometimes we use the word justice), is different to ours. God's fairness is about making sure that every single person gets what they need, no matter what their situation.

God is generous in giving us what we need – God created a world with enough for absolutely everyone.

But do you think everyone in our world does have enough food and water? Why/why not? Do you think this is fair? Do you think this is what God wants?

We can be generous with what we have, like the landowner in the story, sharing what we have with others.

And we can try to make a change to our world so that it is a fairer place for all people to live.

Our Mission:

What will you do this week to try to help make sure that all people around the world get their fair share of the things that God has given for us all?

Prayer:

Living Lord, we give thanks for your generosity and love.
Help us to take no more than we need,
to share all that we have
and to work together for change
so that the world becomes a fairer place for all to live in.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy