Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear parents,

Welcome Back!
It has been absolutely lovely to welcome everyone back to school and see our classrooms and corridors filled with the excitement of children eager to learn and catch up with their friends.

Everyone has settled into the new school year so well and they all look very smart. A very special welcome to our new Reception children, who have made an amazing start on their very first day!

Please take a note of the dates for our **Meet the Teacher** meetings. These are a great opportunity to find out more about what your children will be learning this year and how you can support them at home.

We also welcome Mr Kevin Barry our new site manager who has worked really hard over the summer to get the school ready. Mrs Tracey has joined us and she is looking forward to welcoming the Nursery children on Monday.

Finally, a big **good luck to Year 5**, who are heading off to Kingswood on Monday! We hope they have a fantastic time and enjoy every moment of their adventure.
Here's to a wonderful year ahead**. Mrs Kelliher**

Important Dates

Monday 7th September
- Nursery begins
- Yr5 Residential trip

Wednesday 9th September
- Swimming begins for Year 4
- Y5 Residential trip return

Friday 11th September
- 9am Y1-6 Beginning of term Mass — parents welcome

Monday 14th September
8:50 Yr4 Meet the teacher meeting

Tuesday 15th September
8:50 Yr1 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 16th September
8:50 Yr3 Meet the teacher meeting

Friday 18th September
8:50 Yr6 Meet the teacher/Transfer to secondary school information/residential meeting

Monday 21st September
- **Book fair all week**
- **8:50** Yr5 Meet the teacher meeting
- Yr6 Height & weight checks

Tuesday 22nd September
8:50 Yr2 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 23rd September
8:50 Reception Reading & Phonics Workshop

Friday 25th September
- **Languages Day**

Wednesday 30th September
8:50 Y1 Reading & Phonics Workshop

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer: Mrs Kelliher or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Kelliher to seek further advice.

We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.

Year 6 roles and responsibilities

Year 6 pupils have written letters of application for various roles for the new academic year. In their letters of application the children have shared their ideas for the role they are applying for and why they think they are suitable candidates. We are waiting on the badges to arrive and then we will announce Y6's roles and responsibilities.

The roles which the children have apply for are:

- **Head girl and Head boy**
- **Deputy Head girl and Deputy Head boy**
- **House Captains – St Andrew, St David, St George, St John and St Patrick**
- **Sports Leaders**
- **Prefects**

Curriculum Meetings

The Curriculum meetings for each class will take place over the next couple of weeks. This will enable you to see your child's classroom, meet your child's new teacher and hear about the curriculum they will be following.

Please see diary dates for timings.

All information will be uploaded to Google Classroom.

Housepoints

House points will resume this term.
Children are allocated a House when they begin in Reception.

Our Houses are St David, St George, St Andrew, St John and St Patrick. Please ask your child which House they are in.

Children may receive house points for lots of different reasons.

Each week at our celebration assembly we announce the House with the most house points. The House that wins will receive 15minutes of Golden time in Key Stage 1 or a Homework pass in Key Stage 2 **(usually given on the Friday of that week.)**

Each half term the House with the most house points for that half term will be allowed to come into school in their own clothes
(they need to wear an item of clothing showing the colour of their house)

The winning House will be announced each week in the newsletter.

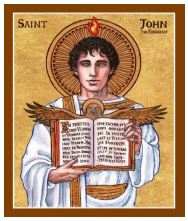
Wishing Year 5 a wonderful time on their residential trip at Kingswood

RE and Catholic Life News

As we begin the year together, we have been reminding ourselves of our school mission:

"We live, learn and love with Jesus."

These words are at the heart of all that we do. In our classrooms, the children have been reflecting on what it means to live, learn and love with Jesus each day. In the way we treat one another, in the way we care for those around us, and in the way we use our gifts and talents to make a difference.

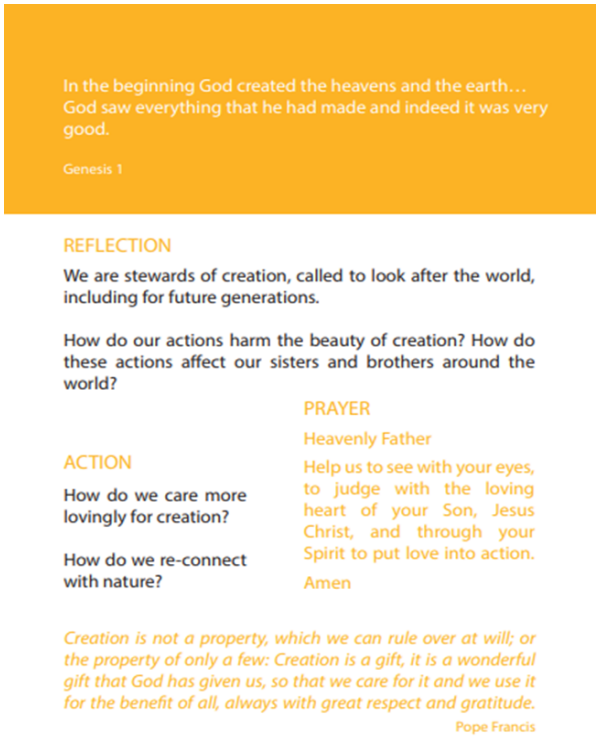


We have also begun to think about our school's patron saint, St John the Evangelist, reflecting on his life, his faith and his close relationship with Jesus. St John reminds us of the importance of love, compassion and sharing the Good News with others.

Our first Celebration of the Word gathering of the year was led by Mrs Kelliher, who introduced our focus on Catholic Social Teaching: Care for Creation. The children were encouraged to think about the beautiful world God has entrusted to us and, importantly, about our responsibility to care for it. Through prayer and reflection, we considered the small things we can each do to look after our common home and show gratitude for God's creation. The world is God's gift to us, and we are responsible for caring for it. We are called to protect the Earth and use its resources wisely.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15)





It has been a lovely way to begin our year: remembering who we are, whose example we follow, and how we can put our faith into action. We look forward to seeing our children continue to live, learn and love with Jesus throughout the year ahead.