Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear parents,

I am blessed by how welcome I have been made to feel this week by yourselves and your wonderful children. Today's Mass was beautiful and the Gospel message of love is clearly evident at Our Lady and St John's. It has been a great start back to the Autumn Term and even the rainy weather has not dampened our spirits in school.

We also welcome our new families in Nursery, Reception and across the school to Our Lady and St John's School. The Reception and Nursery children have settled in so well to their new classrooms and we are so proud of them.

Please take note of the dates in the Newsletter and the Meet the Teacher meetings where you will found out more about the exciting year your child will have.

We have our postponed Summer Fete on the 20th September which I am really looking forward to. Please support the fete in anyway you can and you will receive more information about this next week.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Kelliher

Important Dates

Monday 8th September
- **Yr5 Residential trip**

Wednesday 10th September
- **Y5 Residential trip return**

Monday 15th September
8:50 Yr4 Meet the teacher meeting

Tuesday 16th September
8:50 Yr2 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 17th September
8:50 Yr3 Meet the teacher meeting

Friday 19th September
8:50 Yr6 Meet the teacher/Transfer to secondary school information/residential meeting

Saturday 20th September
- **Summer fete**

Monday 22nd September
- **Book fair all week**

Monday 22nd September
- **Yr6 Height & weight checks**

Monday 22nd September
8:50 Yr5 Meet the teacher meeting

Tuesday 23rd September
8:50 Yr1 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 24th September
8:50 Reception Meet the teacher meeting

Friday 27th September
- **Languages Day**

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 Cunningham 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 Cunningham 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 are in the process of writing letters of application for various roles for the new academic year. In their letters of application the children should share their ideas for the role they are applying for and why they think they are suitable candidates. The children need to submit a letter to Mrs Kelliher, Mrs Sheehan & Mrs Mc Mahon by **Wednesday 10th September.**

There are several roles which the children can choose to apply for:

- **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

We Need Mini Vinnies

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents'
Children in years 4-6 are invited to send in a letter of application to become a Mini Vinnie. Our previous 'Mini Vinnies' group has helped with various activities in school and as a result have made a big difference to the lives of others and the Catholic life of the school.

This group will help children to put their faith into action, by giving support to people in their community, meeting them face to face and trying to help them in any way that they can. Their motto is turning concern into action.
This is an important responsibility and we will continue to be a part of a National and International Society that helps those less fortunate than ourselves.
I will coordinate the group and give help and practical advice. We will have a brief meeting on a regular basis, where we will gather, pray together and, talk about those around them who need our help and think of ways they can help. As Mini Vinnies, they will embrace the 3 key points to 'see', 'think' and 'do'.
If your child is interested, please send their letter of application into school (addressed to me) by **Friday 18th September**, stating why they want to join the group and what difference they think they can make. Successful applicants will be notified before the half term.
I very much look forward in continuing to support this group as well as working alongside the children.
'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.' St. Teresa of Calcutta.'
Kind Regards,
Ms Tanya Grimshaw