Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This week we had our final 'Meet the Teacher' for Reception class. It was lovely to see so many of you. All the information will be posted on Google classroom.

During October, we celebrate **Black History month**. At Our Lady & St Johns' we interweave this throughout our curriculum, and then each class will celebrate a particular aspect this month. This work is linked to either Topic work or PSHE. We have many different activities planned from African music, Sporting Heroes, famous inventors, authors and scientists at different times in history and we will have a special assembly at the end of the month.

Our Mini-Vinnies have been planning their collection of food ready for our Harvest Mass which is now on Tuesday 17th October. See below for further details.

Polite reminder
We are all having to deal with the slow traffic on the A4 at present. Please leave a little earlier than usual to get to school on time. If you are running late please continue to drive and park safely (not on pavements) as we would rather your child was late than you endanger others by parking illegally.
Many thanks for your co-operation.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
2nd October 2023

R: Bianca & Amelia
Yr1: Mikki & Leen
Yr2: Yana & Pharez
Yr3: Albert & Gabriella
Yr4: Emmanuel & Lawrence
Yr5: Nadia & Frankie
Yr6: Olivia & Victoria



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.



Congratulations to the children in St. Patrick's who received the most house points last week.

The children in St Patrick's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in St. Patrick's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this weeks' homework.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	270
St Andrew	225
St George	234
St David	238
St John	206
Overall Winner	St Patrick's

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	N	100	1
1st	6	100	4
2nd	3	99.33	2
3rd	5	98.3	3
4th	4	97.5	1
5th	2	97.93	5
6th	1	95.36	4
7th	R	95	4







Congratulations to Nursery & Year 6 on their 100 % attendance! They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Important Dates

Monday 9th October
6:00 GB meeting

Monday 16th October
3:30-6:30 Parents evening

Tuesday 17th October
- **9:00 Harvest mass—*parents welcome***

Wednesday 18th October
3:30-6:30 Parents evening

Thursday 19th October
- **2:45** Yr2 Celebration service

Friday 20th October
3:00 End of half term

Writers of the month September

R: Sofia P
Yr1: Rebecca
Yr2: Grace
Yr3: Iza
Yr4: Reina
Yr5: Maja
Yr6: Tony



School Councillors

A huge congratulations to the newly appointed School Councillors.

A lot of applications were received from each year group. Thank you to everyone who applied. Each child made a great presentation to their class.

The children then voted on the two children they wanted to represent them at School Council.

Well done to:

Yr3: Laura & Jaxon
Yr4: James & Shalom
Yr5: Max & Julia
Yr6: Olivia & Tony
Plus our Head boy and Head girl: Jayden & Sasha

Miss Ryan & I look forward to working with you this year.

Mrs. Sheehan



Parent helpers

Calling all parents, Grandparents and carers.

If you can spare an hour or two every week (or more) to hear children read, please let your child's class teacher know.

This support is invaluable to both the teachers and the children.

Thank you
Mrs Sheehan

We had our first school council meeting today where we welcomed all the class councillors.

We discussed the different jobs that they will need to apply for, as part of the school council.

The children will also write a person spec introducing themselves— these will be available, alongside their photos, to read in the school foyer.

The Mini Vinnies need your help…

The Mini Vinnie's have been very busy discussing how we, as a school community, can reach out to help others.

They felt it would a good idea to turn their concern into an action and continue to support our local Foodbank. A wonderful way to show our faith in action.

We are asking everyone, if they are able, to donate any of these items:

- **Breakfast Cereal – not porridge**
- **Rice – 500g packets**
- **Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash**
- **UHT Milk – not skimmed**
- **Sweet & Savoury Biscuits**
- **Mayo, Ketchup & Brown Sauce**
- **Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard**
- **Chickpeas & Kidney Beans**
- **Peanut Butter & Jam**
- **Instant Coffee & Drinking Chocolate**
- **Toiletries – *hair shampoo, shower gel, hand soap, shaving foam, razors, deodorant & dental***

The Mini Vinnies will be collecting any items you have:

Parish Centre - Monday 9th October - Friday 13th October

8.20am-8.45am

Thank you very much

'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.'
St. Teresa of Calcutta.'