



OUR NEWS 10/05/19

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"In the Light of Jesus we Love, Listen and Grow"

Dates for your diary

Please see the 18/19 and 19/20 holiday dates on the school website under the parents tab, address above.

2018/2019

Summer Half Term	27th - 31st May
Teacher Training Day school closure	Fri 21st June
Final Parent's Evenings	25th & 26th June
KS2 Performance	2nd & 3rd July
Sport's Day	TBC
Family Picnic	Thurs 11th July 12.15

Birthday Congratulations

A huge "Happy Birthday," goes to everyone who had Birthday celebrations recently.

Mikey (Yr 4)
 Ollie (Nur)
 Harvey (Yr 1)
 Niamh (Yr 2)
 Aaliyah (Yr 1)
 James (Nur)
 Alfie (Yr 5)
 Faith (Rec)
 Alex (Yr 6)
 Marcus (Yr 5)
 Ava (Yr 3)
 Charlie (Rec)



House Projects Updates

St Christopher's house would like to thank you greatly for their red cross clothes and toy appeal. They are so happy to be able to support their charity and all items have been donated.

St Joan of Arc's own clothes day is being organized for the whole school for Friday 24th May. It is a themed day where the children are being encouraged to dress up in the clothes of the person they most want to be in the future. They are being asked for a £1 donation. This "Wear what you Wish," activity is designed to support the "make a wish," foundation. We hope all children will have an outfit to wear.

St Francis's house continue to thank you for the clothes collection for the Air Ambulance. They have a new campaign which is detailed below that involves BADGERS. Please read on.

St Bernadette's have now set up their tub to collect crisps packets which are to be given to a charity supporting premature babies. This is outside the office in the foyer along with the tub for items to go to the food bank. We would love to collect non perishable items along with toiletries. We would appreciate anything you have spare.



This includes Nutella or any other chocolate/nut spreads.

School Nurse

The school nurse will continue to visit on a Monday. Her next visits are scheduled for: Monday **3rd June** and Monday **1st July** Make appointments through the office please.



Lenten Campaigns

We want to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting our Lenten fundraising. We have raised a staggering £805.16 this year which has topped all other years.

Thank you so much for your support.

Routes to Resilience

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Holiday challenge. We have brilliant photos to display of our children having great fun in a variety of places and we would like to share them on a school display. Well done everyone for rising to the challenge.

We currently have a vacancy for a lunch time supervisor. This is advertised on our website and is for 1 hour 15 mins per day, 5 days per week. If you or anyone you know is interested please get in touch with us.

FOHC

A big thank you to the team for organising a brilliant Easter Egg hunt. It was a brilliantly attended event, we are glad so many of you had fun.



New Members of the Holy Cross Family

Recently we have had a large problem on the pitch where badgers (living in the forest area) have been digging large, deep holes. This has caused a health and safety problem as it means the surface is not safe for children to play on.

This has been the main reason we have not set a date for sport's day as we were unsure if we would get it sorted out on time. We have had advice from a local groundsman as well as a badger expert and they have educated us about the problem and what we can do.

The family of badgers (at least 4) have started to come on to the pitch to feed on Leatherjack beetles that are living under the surface.

They have needed to do this because they are short of food and are hungry. The possible reasons for this is that new housing has reduced their feeding area as well as the forest surface becoming dry and compacted.

As they are a protected species we do not want to upset them any further and want to help them. Therefore, we have been advised to feed them. By doing this they will not need to come on to the pitch and cause damage. As this is an environmental campaign pupils from Saint Francis have asked if they can take charge of it and Daisy D would like to tell you more about their plans...

"St Francis' house stands for the environment, animals and nature. Therefore, we are putting together things for the Badger family, such as a Badger Bank. We hope that parents would be willing to donate some things like: dried dog food, tinned sweetcorn, peanuts or peas. St Francis pupils will be feeding the badgers, probably every other day. The plan is that if we do that they will be full and won't need to look for food on the pitch. We don't want to hurt them, we just want to help them.

Please help us help them." Daisy Astwood Cave (Saint Francis House Captain)

