



OUR NEWS 06/09/19

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

Dates for your diary

Please see the 19/20

holiday dates on the school website under the parents tab, address above.

2019/2020

New School Year Mass	Mon 16th Sep @ 10am in church
School photos	Tues 10th Sep
Mass for the new school year	Mon 16th Sep @ 10am in church
Sports Day	Tues 17th Sep: Yrs 1 & 2 10am Yrs 3-6 1pm start
Half term break	Mon 14th - Fri 18th October
Parents Evening	Tues 29th & Wed 30th Oct 3.30 - 5.30
Feast of All Saints Mass	Fri 1st Nov @ 10am in Church
Crib Assembly	Mon 2nd Dec @ 2.30pm in school
Keystage 1 Nativity Play	9th & 10th December
Christmas Craft Fair	Fri 13th Dec @ 5pm in school
Closed for Christmas	Mon 23rd Dec - Mon 6th Jan (Pupils return on Tues 7th Jan)

Birthday Congratulations

A huge "Happy Birthday," goes to everyone who had Birthday celebrations during the holidays. We hope you had a great day. Since we have come back the following children have had celebrations:



Xanthie (Yr3)
Reuben (Yr1)
Kodi (Yr3)



This includes Nutella or any other chocolate/nut spreads.



House Teams

This year our House teams will continue to support causes and charities. We will be electing new Heads of houses in the next few days and they will be meeting to discuss what they want their focus to be over the year. We look forward to sharing this with you and know that you will support their efforts. For our new families the houses are named after the saints; St Bernadette, St Joan of Arc, St Christopher and St Francis. All children are put into a house and we hope they will tell you about their activities.

School Nurse

Unfortunately we have been advised that there has been a recruitment crisis within the nursing service and therefore there are not enough staff to be able to provide the school drop in sessions now or in the near future. However, we have been advised that referrals can still be made to the service by schools but there will be a waiting list for referrals based on need and risk. We will let you know if and when we receive further information.

Physical activity at School

This year we have again increased the number of opportunities for our pupils to take part in a sport. All pupils will have two sessions of PE per week led by school staff and Sports Stars. Within curriculum time Year 3 and Year 6 will have swimming with opportunities for those who have not yet achieved their 25m to have additional tuition. Additional to the curriculum children will have the opportunity to learn the basic skills of archery during our morning drop off club. Later in the term this will change to Fencing. Teachers will continue to provide some free after school clubs such as; hockey, running, craft, homework and games.

Please remember that your child can get an active start to the day by being part of the Walk to School group. Staff are at the Whitwick Fryer carpark each morning from 8.30am. Nursery and reception children need to be accompanied by a parent. This is a free service and helps reduce the number of cars on Parsonwood Hill as well as getting the children active.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

This September Aldi has launched their new school promotion. This gives 20 schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. It also enables all schools that collect enough stickers to enter the competition to receive a school sport's kit. We need 300 stickers in total and these are given with every £30 spent in store. We would greatly appreciate your help with this and have the poster up in the Key stage 1 corridor where pupils can place their stickers. If you would like more information you can find it at; getseteatfresh.co.uk/kiforschools

Positions of responsibility

Every year the staff vote for a Head boy and Head Girl team. The team this year is made of Lucy Tebbett as Head girl and Alice Powney as her Deputy. For the boys Isaac Berill is Head boy and Tomas Jackson is his Deputy. Other pupils have been awarded prefect roles as well as Ambassador roles. Pupils have been allocated as Heads of Houses and others have taken up the role of the Chaplaincy team and Gecko minders. Our Year 6 pupils work very hard and are excellent at supporting other younger pupils. We wish them every success throughout the year.

School Pets

Our school family has again grown with the hens taking up residency in the far corner of the Lottery garden. We would like to thank Ken and Ian from Maple garden services for constructing their pen free of charge. We would also like to thank all of our parents who looked after the hens throughout the summer; cleaning and feeding them and providing entertainment for them.

School Uniform

Can I remind parents to ensure that all items of uniform, including shoes and trainers are named so that we can return them to the rightful owners during the school day. Many items go missing when children change for PE and it can be very frustrating when several T-Shirts go missing and are not to be found in lost property. Please ensure that children have plimsolls and trainers in school at all times as PE lessons are both indoors and outdoors. PE uniform is black shorts and a white T-Shirt and both boys and girls are expected to wear black shoes and **NOT trainers**.