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School Mission Statement

'To inspire, to learn, to love with God'

This half term we are focusing on being:

Attentive and Discerning

What does this mean?

We are **attentive** to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations. Discerning: We are **discerning** when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives

17th June 2022

We have already completed the second week of the final half term of the year- where has the year gone? We have had a very busy couple of weeks since returning after half term and the children continue to impress me with how hard they are working. I have visited all classes this week to observe English lessons and been impressed with the children's hard work and enthusiasm. I enjoyed "eating" Gruffalo soup in Nursery and whilst I was in Reception class some aliens crashed into the classroom. It was all very exciting!

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are following the Read write Inc scheme and making fantastic progress with their reading and writing- well done! Many thanks to all the parents for their continued support working with us to ensure your children achieve the very best they can.

We had a wonderful day last week celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The weather was very kind to us and we were able to hold our street party outside. It was great that the whole school could join together to celebrate this important event. Many thanks to Mrs Daly in the kitchen for providing a lovely jubilee picnic.

Last week the children had opportunities to learn about other faiths and traditions. Years 1 and 2 learnt all about the Hindu festival of Holi and had henna patterns painted on their hands. Year 3 also learnt about Hinduism and Year 4 Judaism. Year 5 learnt all about the Sikh faith and took part in a Sikh wedding and dance. Year 6 learnt all about Islam. Please do look on our Facebook page for more information and pictures of these events.

It was lovely to welcome the parents and families of Reception children to our stay and pray session last week which focussed on Pentecost. It was a beautiful prayerful service. We look forward to Year 1's stay and pray next Wednesday morning (22nd June)

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate Mass on Monday morning with families from Year 3 and parishioners. Year 3 dressed up in their First Holy Communion clothes and led the

Mass beautifully- well done to you all. Father Jeremy told us about his oldest friend (Father Peter) and how Jesus is our friend. He highlighted how important it is to make an effort to get to know Jesus better through prayer and coming to Mass.

On Wednesday night we welcomed the families of our new Reception class for September. Many thanks to our Head boy, Luca and our Head Girl, Alicia who gave a wonderful speech to our new parents and were great ambassadors for our school.

The children in Nursery and Reception are enjoying playing on the new climbing frame which has been installed in their outdoor area. This, along with the new all-purpose surface, has really enhanced the outdoor area for our children. Many thanks to the PTFA and for all your support with fundraising, as the funds raised have enabled us to purchase this new equipment.



We are looking forward to Bishop Stephen visiting our school next Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Year 6 pupils in Church in the evening. Please keep all of the children being confirmed next week in your prayers.

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of Corpus Christi (two Latin words which mean 'the Body of Christ'). In the Gospel we hear the story of the feeding of the 5000. Before Jesus fed the 5000 he looked up to heaven, said the blessing, broke the bread and then shared it. This was a sign of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) which Jesus would establish with his disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus makes the same offer to nourish us today, especially when we receive Holy Communion - a sacred moment, when we receive a gift from heaven - we receive Jesus. This helps us become closer to Jesus and closer to each other - to keep growing in goodness and love. Please try and make every effort to go to Mass this weekend to receive this special gift.

"Let us be united to Jesus, nourished by daily prayer, by listening to the Word of God, and by sharing in the Sacraments." Pope Francis

We have a very busy few weeks ahead- please see dates below.

I hope the sun continues to shine and you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Corbett

Hot Weather

May we remind everyone that children need to have a suitable hat to wear at break times and a water bottle. Please ensure that on hot/sunny days you apply sun cream before your child comes to school. Sun cream should be applied before coming to school. Unless there is a medical reason, children should not bring sunglasses into school.

"What Outstanding Work" Assembly

We congratulate the following children who were recognised at our WOW assembly last week:

Well done on
all your hard
work

Reception	Zoe For practising her sentence writing and believing in herself - Well done Zoe!	Adam For writing sentences independently and becoming more confident when blending!
Class 1	Ava For their lovely Pentecost art work. Well done ☺	Edward
Class 2	Carlo For an excellent start to this half term - showing enthusiasm towards his learning	Macey For her reflection on artwork portraying the symbols of Pentecost.
Class 3	Evie-Briannah For consistent effort across the curriculum. I can always rely on Evie ☺	Mahreen Super fractions and understanding in maths. She is working really hard ☺
Class 4	Olivia For their super work and understanding of time in maths. Great effort girls!	Sofia
Class 5	Jessica For super art work linked to the Jubilee and British Values	Christian For a confident approach to his maths work.
Class 6	Erin Growth in confidence shown in discussions and play practise.	Jessie Her encouraging positive attitude shown towards her peers and staff which allows her to face challenges.



Year 6 present "The Greatest Showman"

Tickets for the year 6 play will be sent home with year 6 pupils. An allocation of 4 per family will be sent for each performance.



Diocesan Pilgrimage

The Diocesan pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 3rd with Bishop David Evans. Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick begins at 4pm. Further details can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/hednesford-2022>

Dates

Monday 20 th June	New reception parent meeting with Mrs Corbett
Tuesday 21 st June	Confirmation at Our Lady of Lourdes - 7pm
Wednesday 22 nd June	Y1 stay and pray Y2 - artist in school Commonwealth workshop
Wednesday 22 nd June - Friday 24 th June	Y6 Cardinal Griffin transition days
Thursday 23 rd June	New reception parent meeting with Mrs Corbett
Saturday 25 th June	Great Wyrley Carnival - Y4/5/6 steel band
Monday 27 th June	PTFA Meeting 2:45pm - all welcome Y5/Y6 Gotta Sing - Prince of Wales Theatre 7pm
Wednesday 29 th June	Y5 Mass - SS Peter and Paul - 9:15am in school - all welcome PTFA picnic and sponsored event - 1:15pm
Thursday 30 th June	Y5 - Cardinal Griffin - Sports Day
Sunday 3 rd July	Diocesan Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Lourdes
Tuesday 5 th July	PTFA Cake Sale - reception class
Wednesday 6 th July	Sports Day Nursery/Reception - 9:30am Y1/Y2 - 10:30am Key Stage 2 - 1:30pm
Thursday 7 th July	Y4 stay and pray Y2 trip to Birches Valley Y6 cluster leavers' Mass
Friday 8 th July	Nursery/Reception trip to Wolseley Centre
Monday 11 th July	Transition Day Nursery closed
Tuesday 12 th July	Y6 play - 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 13 th July	Leavers' Mass - 9:15am followed by refreshments - all welcome School reports sent home
Thursday 14 th July	Y3/Y4 trip to The Think Tank
Tuesday 19 th July	Leavers' Lunch Disco - Rec/KS1 3:15pm-4.15pm. Children can come into school in their party clothes on this day. KS2 4.30pm-6pm Further details to follow nearer the time
Wednesday 20 th July	Leavers' Assembly - 9:15am - all welcome End of term