



## Do Everything with Love (1 Corinthians 16:14)

May Newsletter 2021

### Update from Mrs Christopher



In school, we have been talking about the virtue of Faith and our mission this term is to 'live out our Faith'. We listened to the story of Jesus' disciple Thomas who could not believe that Jesus was alive without seeing it for himself. Faith is not always easy and many of us question our faith. We welcome this questioning of Faith with the children, as it is a way of deepening our understanding and respecting other views and opinions. Jesus' response to his disciple Thomas was:

'You believe because you have seen, blessed are those who believe without seeing'. In the Annunciation story, Mary believed that God was going to be with her no matter what happened, she put her whole trust in him without any doubt- she had faith. For the children we invite them to live out our school and Gospel values focusing on one of these values each week. For example, this week the value is 'support' so we are thinking how we can live out the faith by supporting each other.

The month of May is a special time for Catholics to honour and show respect to a truly great woman – Mary, the mother of Jesus, who had faith and trust in God. A "May Crowning" is a traditional Roman Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May. We usually have a May procession service with the whole school processing with flowers to place by the grotto at the back of the Church. This year, we are asking that the children bring some flowers whenever they can throughout the month of May so that we can surround the statue of Mary with colour and beauty for this month as a sign of our respect and thanks for her important role in the life of Jesus.

Mrs Christopher

(Marian Prayers for different occasions and intentions are listed on the following website:  
<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/marian-prayers.html>)

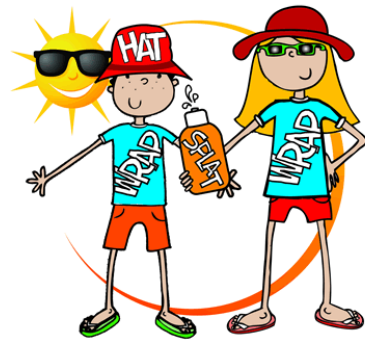


## Healthy Schools

With the expected improvement in the weather, longer days and more chances to exercise outside, it is a great opportunity to talk about healthy living in school. We will be working with the children this term to promote healthy living including the importance of a healthy diet and the benefits of exercise. There are lots of great resources out around including the 'change for life' website. Please help your child to become aware of healthy food choices. An example could be in explaining why you choose appropriate food for their lunch box each day. More ideas can be found on the link below - a variety of advice on healthy living, recipes and activities you can do at home .

[www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life)

Please also ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle to help keep them hydrated and to wear a hat on sunny days. We also advise you to apply sun screen before your child comes to school so that they will be protected from UV rays when playing outside.



## PTFA Revival



Thank you to those of you who have been in touch about resurrecting our PTFA. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm. It is difficult to find a time to suit all but I hope most of you will be able to join even for a short time.

If anyone else would like to join us, please email the office for the zoom details.

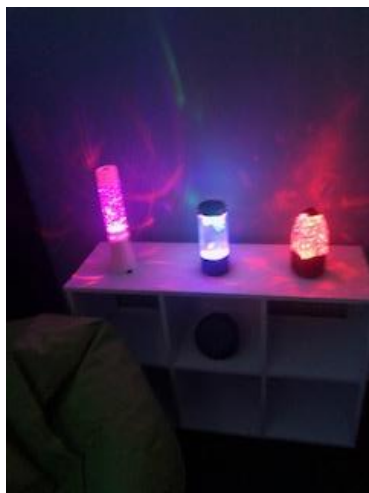
## Thank you for your donations



Thank you to those of you who have donated bags of compost and flowers to brighten up our school. The children love planting these and watching them flourish. It reminds us all of the awe and wonder of our beautiful world.

## School improvement News

Over the last term, we have created a sensory room for the children to use when they need it using school funds and partial funds from the community chest donation. We have also extended the padded surfacing on the playground area to make it safer for the children in wet weather. We are also awaiting the erecting of our well-being shelter, wholly funded by the recent Community Chest donation. We also would like to get new shingle tiles on the original shelter – if you know of anyone who would be able to help with this job, please let us know as it can be difficult to find people with this expertise. Here are some photos of our new developments.



### Last month's Reading Champions – 200 signatures

Y1 - Indie

Y6 – Jonny



Both children have now chosen a book that the school will buy as a well done for this achievement. They will now champion 'best read' recommendations for their classes.

### Upcoming Dates

25/5/21 - Class & individual photos

7/6/21 - INSET DAY - no children in school

29/6/21 St Peter & St Paul Feast day

30/6/21 Sports day for Years 4 & 6 a.m. and Reception class p.m.

1/7/21 Sports day for Years 3 & 5 a.m. and Years 1&2 p.m.

Please note we will await Government roadmap outcomes and our Trust's advice before making final decisions on school trips and parents attendance at sports days.

### ECO WARRIORS & ECO COMMITTEE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Well done to our Year 5 Eco warriors! They have been busy this month creating their first newsletter (attached and on the website) as well as interviewing for school committee representatives. We are pleased to tell you that the committee members they've chosen from each class are:

Reception: **Stanley & Eve**

Year 1: **Noah & Belle**

Year 2: **Brooke & Caitlin**

Year 3: **Ava-Mae & Pet**

Year 4: **Charlie & Hannah**

Year 6: **Henry & Maisie Belle**



## Urgent safety Message!!!



Please, please, please be responsible when driving and parking at the school for drop off and pick ups. We have had two incidents this week: one car was hit by another and the other car drove away; a car mounted the pavement because neither driver would let the other past, as young children were walking on the pavement. In a car, it is almost impossible to see little children nearby so adults need to be extra vigilant- cars should not mount the pavement precisely for this reason.

Please remember that child pedestrians are one of the most vulnerable road users. In the last national records, there was an average of 1 death and 37 seriously injured children per week with 58% of these occurring at school drop off & pick up times.

We urge you to reflect on how you drive at these times – impatience and inconsideration will jeopardise our children's safety BUT graciousness and tolerance will help keep our children as safe as possible.



Eco tip for the month:

Turn off the lights & switch off plugs when not in use.

Save the power! Help our earth!

