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**St. Ethelbert’s Catholic**

**Primary School and Nursery**

***‘Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus’***

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“The glory of God is a human being fully alive!”

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Friday 9th October 2020

**Friday Newsletter**

This week has been Catholic Schools week and the children have been sharing prayers and reflections that have been echoed across our Diocese. To be part of a faith community is a very special thing, and in these uncertain times, I hope that you and your children have been able to draw strength through prayer and faith. Thank you for your donations towards the non-uniform day, we will be purchasing new bibles for the classrooms so the children have good quality resources to use in RE lessons and class worship, and to start collecting for an outdoor prayer area.

**Parent Consultations**

You will now have your email address and passcode for the parent consultation meeting on either Wednesday or Friday next week. Staff have worked hard to get this new way of communicating set up, and we have been able to provide support for parents who have requested it. If you do not have your code, or are not sure what to do, please contact the office at the start of next week; do not leave it until the day of your appointment.

I must ask that parents ‘join’ their Teams meeting on time as teachers will not be able to overrun, and your meeting will finish at the allotted time so the next meeting can begin. This is a new way of us working with parents, but I am confident that you will find this an effective way of communicating about your child’s learning. I will collect feedback from a representative group of parents after the consultations to ensure that what we are providing is meeting your needs.

**Friday 16th October**

School closes to pupils on Friday afternoon. The staggered pick up times are as follows. Siblings leave with the youngest family member as usual.

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| **Year group** | **Time** | **Location** |
| Reception | 12.30pm | Front gate |
| Year 1 | 12.40pm | Front gate |
| Year 2 | 12.50pm | Front gate |
| Year 3 | 1.00pm | Front gate |
| Year 4 | 12.40pm | Back gate |
| Year 5 | 12.50pm | Back gate |
| Year 6 | 1.00pm | Back gate |

**Celebration Assembly**

This week in Celebration Assembly the following certificates were awarded:

**1M - Lena, for being a good role model and always willing to help.**

**1I- Scarlett, for always making good choices in class and being a role model for her peers.**

**2M - Chloe-Paige, for being a kind and caring member of 2M.**

**2S – Abigail, for creating a poster for the Olympics in History.**

**3P - Michalina, for always having a positive attitude to her learning.**

**3F – Maya, for being an excellent reading leader, monitoring the classes books and ensuring they all are changed.**

**4W -Karol, for actively participating in our Catholic Schools Week discussions in class and being a light for us, not just this week, but always.**

**4C for working hard in their tests this week and having such a positive start to Year 4. I am so proud of you all.**

**5E – Oritse, for reaching outstanding 10 days in a row!! Absolutely amazing.**

**5M -Chloe for always persevering with tasks, even when she finds them difficult.
6M – Matthew, for being confident to share his wealth of knowledge in science.**

**6G –Wiktor, for continuously trying hard in all of his lessons and contributing to class discussions. Well done!**

**6D – Daniel, for trying really hard after being off school - particularly in maths and reading. Well done Daniel!**

**Secondary Admissions - reminder**

The application process for secondary school admissions for our current Year 6 pupils for September 2021 opened on **Saturday 12th September 2020** and closes on **Saturday 31st October 2020**. Parents can enter their applications through the online portal using the link below. All information is on the Slough BC website.

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions.aspx>

If you wish your child to sit the 11+ test for grammar school entry, it is essential that you read the information on the council website carefully, and in good time. **Parents must enter their children themselves; the primary schools do not do this.**

Please read the admission criteria for each secondary school carefully, if you apply for schools where you do not meet the criteria, your child is unlikely to be awarded a place. For St Joseph’s High School, a priest’s reference is required.

**Reminders for next week**

* **Wednesday 14th October/Friday 16th October - Parent consultations**
* **Friday 16th October - Nursery closed**
* **Friday 16th October - School closed to pupils in the afternoon**

**Clubs next week**

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| **Day**  | **Club** |
| **Monday**  | **Football Training****Girls only Football (4-6)** |
| **Tuesday** | **Multi-skills (4-6)** |
| **Wednesday** | **Multi-skills (1-3)****Dance (1-3)** |
| **Thursday** | **Athletics (4-6)** |

**Welfare Reminder**

If you have any welfare concerns, please contact the school office to speak to Ms Brennan in confidence.

**Please do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in your household, is showing symptoms of coronavirus.**

**Safeguarding Reminder**

Our school staff member with responsibility for safeguarding is:

**Miss Kerry Slattery, Safeguarding and Pupil Wellbeing Officer**

If you wish to speak to Miss Slattery, please make an appointment via the school office.

God Bless

**St Ethelbert, pray for us**

**Mrs Maynard**

**Headteacher**