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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 Newsletter**

The weather has definitely turned autumnal this week and our lunchtime routines were tested by the rain in the middle of the week, but the children were very sensible. Thank you to parents who had to wait in the rain for us to dismiss your children safely; it went better than we had anticipated and I hope you were able to see that we got your children to you as quickly as possible. We will be praying for dry weather from 3pm each weekday from now on.

Our Gospel theme this week has been fairness and selflessness, and lots of our pupils have shown excellent generous-spirited behaviour towards one another. We had a visit from a local authority consultant this week who praised the behaviour systems of St Ethelbert’s and how well the children have returned to school. In our Trust, we have the highest attendance of the primary schools, so well done to all our families for making sure the children are accessing their education. Of course, if your child is not well, they must not come to school.

**Messages from class teachers**

From today, class teachers will leave a short message on Seesaw each Friday afternoon for parents to give some brief information about what the children have been learning, and what has gone well in the class during the week. We appreciate that parents are finding it hard not to be able to come on site and get a feel for how their child’s day has gone so we hope that this will be an effective way to communicate with you. Parents can leave a short message on Seesaw, and have the class email address to use if needed. Most information about organisational issues such as PE days and homework has already been sent out, so any messages should be about individual issues. If there is an urgent issue, please contact the school office. Class teachers will check their class email at the start, middle and end of the week.

**Work for isolating pupils**

If your child has to self-isolate for a fixed period of time because your family have been contacted by Track and Trace or because someone in the household is showing symptoms, please contact the school office. We will arrange for class work to be set on Seesaw for the period of self-isolation. Your child should check Seesaw in the morning and complete the tasks or work set. It will be either the work that is being set in class, or a closely matched task. We are not expecting parents to be teachers, but you will be able to see what is being covered in class.

If a whole year group or class has to be sent home to isolate, live teaching on Teams for Years 2-6 will start on day 2 of the isolation which is why we need consent for a Teams account to be set up for your child. Please return your consent as soon as possible. **At the moment we only have about 50% of the consent forms back.**

**Parent Consultations**

These will be held remotely on Wednesday 14th October from 3.30pm to 7.00pm and Friday 16th October from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Information was sent home today informing parents how to book appointments.

**Urgent – the consultations will be held via Microsoft Teams using your child’s Teams email address. This is for all children from Reception up to Year 6. In order for us to be able to set up an appointment, parents need to complete the parental consent for their child’s Teams account. Please return the consent to school by email as requested.**

**Celebration Assembly**

In this weeks Celebration Assembly the following certificates were awarded:

**Scarlett 1M - for settling in well and persevering in learning your numbers to 20.**

**Kasey 1I - for persevering in his handwriting during Literacy.**

**Harper 2S - for persevering with her writing.**

**N’Riyah 2M - for working hard in all of her lessons and being a great role model!**

**Jeremiah 3P - for having a positive attitude towards his learning by persevering when he finds things challenging.**

**Kacper 3F - for persevering with his mental maths problems.**

**Adhya 4W- for carrying out countless acts of kindness, without expecting anything in return. She is the definition of selfless.**

**Kacper 4C- for being wonderfully behaved, engaged and enthusiastic about his learning. He is an excellent role model for the other children.**

**Bianca 5E- for always being ready to learn and offer support to her peers, being ready to take on any challenge she faces and for always persevering when things are tricky. An absolute star!**

**Ephraim 5M- for sharing lots of ideas during class discussions.**

**Sianna 6G- for showing resilience and determination to solve long division questions.  Well done! You are beginning to master long division 🙂**

**Licia 6G- for settling back into school really well.  I am so impressed with the presentation of your work. Keep it up!**

**Kezia 6M- for being an excellent role model at all times and using her talents to support others with their learning.**

**Nikolas 6M- for his incredible poster about the Maya number system and for finishing the day on outstanding yesterday.**

**Csenge 6D- for trying hard in every lesson and persevering when it gets difficult**

**Secondary Admissions - reminder**

The application process for secondary school admissions for our current Year 6 pupils for September 2021 opens 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 Borough Council website.

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

If you wish for 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**

* **Nursery pupils start.**
* **Please make sure your child has a coat if the cooler weather continues.**

**Photos:**

Your child will have their individual photo taken on Wednesday 7th October.

**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)** |
| **Friday** | **Gymnastics (1-3)** |

**Moray Drive**

A very small number of parents are still parking over driveways. Please show consideration to our neighbours by parking away from their houses and walking your children to the gate.

**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**