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Autumn issue 1

Onwards and Upwards!

Welcome back! As Autumn gathers pace, the Summer seems so long ago. The children are settling into the new school year very well.

Ofsted

As you are aware we were inspected at the end of last year but we had to wait until this term for the final letter from the Inspector (available on the school website). The letter confirms that the school continues to be good and makes many positive comments. It assures me that, "The actions taken by you and your senior and middle leaders have placed the school in a strong position to secure further improvements." I have received let-

ters of congratulation from Peter Thorpe, Assistant Director of Education for North Lincolnshire and also Peter Giorgio, Director of Education for the Diocese of Nottingham. Continued progress would not be possible without the support of staff and parents. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone.

Jubilee

We also look forward to our school's Golden Jubilee this year. We hope to mark this in a range of ways, culminating in Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick next Summer Term. We are currently gathering photos, artefacts and information to celebrate our school's history. Please let us know if you can contribute to this.

What's new?

Welcome

Last year we said goodbye to Mrs Haloran and Mrs Wilks. We hope they will be very happy in their new adventures.

We extend a warm welcome to new staff Miss Dunkerley and Miss Morrisroe who

have joined us this year. Mrs Rayner also joins us in a new permanent role in Foundation. I hope they will be very happy working at our school.

Also, I would like to welcome all the new starters and their fami-

lies in Foundation and throughout the school. I hope that they will be very happy with us.

New website

An exciting new website is currently under development. Watch this space.

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Term Dates

- ☺ School closes for half term 21st October
- ☺ School reopens 31st Oct
- ☺ School closes for Christmas 16th December
- ☺ School opens for Spring term 4th January
- ☺ School closes for half term 17th February
- ☺ School reopens 27th February
- ☺ School closes for Easter 7th April
- ☺ School opens for Summer term 25th April
- ☺ School closed for May Day 1st May
- ☺ School closes for half term 26th May
- ☺ School reopens 5th June
- ☺ School closes for Summer 21st July

Sports Award

We have also been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award. Well done Mrs Wilks and Mr Brook.

Harvest Festival

We will be having two festival celebrations on Friday 21st October to enable us to invite parents. The times are below.

Any kind donations of tinned or packet food will be very welcome. Donations will be given to the Forge to provide meals for the poor and homeless in Scunthorpe, a worthy cause. Please give generously.

We look forward to seeing you.

1.30pm - Dragonflies, 1MB, 2C, 3B, 4L, 5H, 6D

2.30pm - Ladybirds, 1P, 2A, 3W, 4W, 5D, 6P



Class assemblies

You are welcome to attend your child's class assembly which starts at 9.10am

27.09.16 4W

28.09.16 2C

15.11.16 3B

16.11.16 1P

Masses

You are welcome to attend class Masses which start at 2pm

05.10.16 6D

16.11.16 4L

16.09.16 10am Whole school Mass for the new year

29.09.16 10am KS2 Mass at Holy Souls

01.11.16 10am Whole school Mass for All Souls

07.12.16 10am Whole school Advent Mass

Year 6 Visit to the Briars

On 7th October our Year 6 children travelled to the Diocesan Youth Centre in Crich, Derbyshire for the weekend. The Briars team made everyone welcome regardless of faith background. The weekend was an opportunity for prayer, reflection on the theme of friendship, games and team building activities. The Briars

team members made the experience relevant, memorable and spiritually uplifting for all. The school subsidises this visit so that all children can enjoy this experience which also helps to prepare for the year ahead. Many thanks to all the staff who gave up their weekend to enable this to happen.



Parents' Evening

Parents Evening will take place on 20th October from 4pm until 8pm.

Online appointment booking is now available. Teachers will talk about how children have settled and answer any questions about your child's school experience. Appointments are usually quite short at this



Meet the teacher!

meeting as it is the beginning of the year.

More serious issues may need to be dealt with separately.

Reminders

At the risk of sounding like we are repeating ourselves, there are some issues that must be emphasized to ensure the safety and well being of children in our care.

School uniform

Please ensure that children wear correct uniform, especially shoes. Polo shirts are not school uniform. Nail polish, tattoos, extreme hairstyles or large hair decorations have never been permitted. Furthermore, children should not wear

jewellery, **especially earrings**. It is disappointing to see children who have recently had their ears pierced. Earrings also pose a serious health and safety risk. Any children arriving at school wearing earrings will be asked to remove them.

Packed lunches

Great care is taken in the planning and preparation of school lunches and we ask parents to do the same when providing packed lunches. There are

many children in school with severe allergies and therefore nuts or nut products are forbidden. In the interests of healthy eating, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted in packed lunches. Crisps and cakes may be included as 'sometimes' foods. Please try to provide a balanced meal.



Healthy attitudes!

Arriving at school and leaving

Home time

Parents of children in Foundation or KS1 must authorise adults to collect their children, Any changes in arrangements must be put in writing. Parents of children in KS2 must inform the school in writing if they wish their child to walk home by himself / herself.

Car Parking

As always I ask that you park safely and courteously, respecting our neighbours and being aware of pedestrians. Children learn from the example we set. Disabled access is available via the drive but **not between 8.45am & 9.15am and 3.15pm & 3.45pm**. This is to ensure the safety of children walking along Baildon Road.



Bikes and Scooters

If your child brings a bike or scooter to school please remind them to walk it through the playground to avoid accidents. This will ensure the safety of small children in the playground at busy times.

A Plea for Co-operation

Parents of children in Key Stage 2 can help their children to achieve a sense of independence by leaving as soon as they have seen their child into the playground.

Parents of children in KS1 can help by backing away from the class line so as not to crowd the children. Small children often feel overwhelmed when surrounded by adults and this can affect how they start the school day.

At home time, Foundation staff are finding it increasingly difficult to dismiss children to their parents due to the crowding around the gates. Please stand well back so that children can locate their parents and staff can ensure that they are collected safely.

Stranger Danger

In the light of several recent incidents, the children have been spoken to about keeping safe out of school. As children grow older it is right that they develop a sense of independence and learn how to assess risk. Please continue to reinforce messages about keeping safe, especially if they walk to or from school unaccompanied. Encourage your child to walk with friends to avoid being alone, make sure they walk an agreed route and make sure they know what to do if approached by a stranger. We don't wish to terrify children but their safety is paramount.

First Holy Communion

Parents of children in Year 3 or above who wish to receive first Holy Communion in May 2017 may collect an enrolment form from Father Eddy at Holy Souls Church. There will be a meeting at Holy Souls on 3rd November at 7.30pm. The enrolment Mass will be on 20th November.



Church visits

Our visits to Holy Souls to celebrate Mass have been extremely joyous occasions and we would love to continue on a termly basis. The benefits of these visits are many and foster a real sense of belonging to our Church family. I understand that many parents have had misgivings but rest assured we plan carefully to ensure the safety of the children.

Charity

Thank you so much for the fantastic support given to our MacMillan Coffee afternoon. An amazing **£700** was raised! So many of our families have been affected by cancer which makes this cause so meaningful to us. We will continue to support a range of good causes during the Autumn term as we usually do. This is a very real way we can help children to understand the needs of others. We will be raising money for the Forge, the shoebox appeal, the Poppy appeal, Children in Need and Haven of Hope. Further details will be given as appropriate. Please support us whenever you can.

Holy Souls

Mercy in action

Father Eddy has asked me to share that North Lincolnshire Council's Fostering Team are holding an information event for anyone wishing to learn more about fostering an unaccompanied asylum seeking child. This will take place on Saturday, the 22nd October from 1pm to 3pm at the Learning and Development Centre, Enderby Rd, Scunthorpe DN17 2JL.

Christmas



Dates for the Christmas concerts are as follows:

6th December 10am —Bumblebees (morning & beginning of the week) & Dragonflies

8th December 2.15pm—Bumblebees (afternoon & end of the week) & Ladybirds

13th December 2.15pm —KS1

This year we are pleased to announce that we will be holding a **Christmas Market** on 2nd December. A range of fantastic locally produced items will be available to buy. A great opportunity for Christmas shopping! If you would like to hire a table to sell items, please contact school. There will also be a prize draw and refreshments.

Pantomime

This year's pantomime at the Plowright Theatre is Cinderella. As usual the school has reserved a performance on 20th December at 7pm. Tickets cost £9. Please contact the school office to reserve tickets with your payment.

