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Update

Summer is finally here to cheer us up and the term is marching on apace.



Previously, I informed you of the plans for Catholic education in the Nottingham Diocese.

From September 2018, the Catholic schools in North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire will be joining a Catholic Multi Academy Trust along with those in Lincolnshire and Rutland, a total of 16 schools of which 14 are primary and 2 are secondary.

Building news

As you are probably aware, the new building to replace the old mobile classroom is coming along nicely. As well as a fantastic before and after school club, this will be an amazing resource for our school community. We are looking forward to a range of activities taking place.



As you may be aware, the Trust is a Limited Company and carries out various central roles.

For operational reasons, it has been necessary to change the name of the Company with immediate effect. From now onwards, The Northern Lincolnshire Catholic Academy Trust will become the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

On a day to day basis it will be business as usual but in the future we look forward to working collaboratively with our new partners.



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Diary Dates

- Monday 14th May KS2 SATs week
- Friday 18th May Crowning Mary Assembly
- Saturday 19th May 10.30am First Holy Communion
- Tuesday 22nd May Book Fair
- Tuesday 22nd May Y6 visit to Lifewise
- Thursday 24th May Mass for First Holy Communicants
- Friday 25th May Junior choir performs at Scunthorpe Music Festival
- Friday 25th May school closes for half term
- Monday 4th June school reopens
- Thursday 7th June Y4 visit to Lincoln Museum
- Friday 8th June Y6 residential weekend
- Monday 11th June Y1 Phonics screening check week
- Tuesday 12th June F2 visit to Normanby
- Wednesday 13th June Mini Zoo visiting bumblebees
- Wednesday 13th June Y5 taster day at St Bede's
- Thursday 14th June 2pm 6P Mass
- Thursday 14th June 6pm new Foundation Parents' Meeting
- Tuesday 19th June Big Talk Parents Meeting
- Wednesday 20th June Foundation Sports Day
- Thursday 21st June Y6 St Bede's transition Day
- Thursday 21st June 1.30pm KS1 Races

Achievements

The children continue to be very active this term representing the school in a variety of sporting events. Keep up to date with events on Twitter.

Cross Country

Children showed great commitment to weekly training and represented the school well in the Humber Games. Many thanks to Mrs Potter for training the children.

In addition, many children had a fantastic time taking part in the Colour Run which proved to be a vibrant and colourful event!

SATs

We would like to say **WELL DONE** to all our children who recently sat the end of key stage tests. They have all worked so hard and we are very proud of them. Please don't forget that we see our children as more than just test scores though.



Speech and Drama

The Scunthorpe Musical Festival seems like an age ago. As usual it was a joy to see so many children perform. A variety of classes were entered, including verse, Bible reading, drama and mime. The festival allows children to develop skills of confidence and self esteem as well as an appreciation of language and literature.

Primary Dance Showcase

Thanks to Mrs Kelly for preparing the Wake Up Shake Team for a performance at the Baths Hall. They were brilliant! All children displayed excellent attitudes, showing support for all the other teams too. Well done to everyone.



Sports Force

It has been wonderful to see children growing in leadership as part of the led by the Get Ahead Team. They have encouraged others to be active and led a range of lunch time activities. Well done!

Music

This year we wish the Junior choir the best of luck as they take part in the Scunthorpe Music Festival for the first time. May this be the start of more involvement for the school in the future. Thanks to Mrs Cooper for preparing the children so well



Reminders

School uniform

Please ensure that children wear correct uniform, especially shoes. Trainers are for sport only. Although the weather is improving, sandals are not permitted. However, summer uniform may now be worn.

Please remember that only **pink** gingham (checked) dresses may be worn, not striped. Also, don't forget jumpers, cardigans and coats as the weather can be very changeable. When it is sunny, please send a hat too. Sun cream may be sent to school, labelled with your child's name.

Earrings are not permitted at school. If you wish to have

your child's ears pierced, please wait until the summer holidays begin. **Please also refrain from allowing your child to have extreme hair-styles.**

Please respect our uniform code as it reinforces discipline and a sense of belonging.

Attendance

Although I acknowledge that child illness is inevitable, please make every effort to ensure that your child has good attendance. If your child is ill for more than 4 days, please provide details of medication prescribed, for our records. We are not trying to be overbearing, merely fulfilling our responsibilities to monitor attendance. All children should

be striving for 100% attendance.

Leave of absence requests will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

It is an expectation that any visits abroad will be made during school holiday time.

Absence from school results in gaps in learning for children which obviously has a negative effect overall.

Punctuality

Please ensure that your children is in school by 9am. Children who persistently miss the beginning of lessons fall behind in their learning quickly. In addition, they feel very self conscious arriving after everyone else and can feel unsettled for quite some time.

Hometime

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.



Please make sure that your child is aware of 'Stranger Danger' and knows how to keep safe.

Safeguarding

Please ensure that the pedestrian gate is closed behind you when you enter or leave the school grounds during the day. Children's safety is paramount.

Car Parking

As always I ask that you park safely and be aware of pedestrians. Children learn from the example we set. Child safety is paramount and should always be at the forefront when driving around school. In addition please show respect to our neighbours who are often caused distress by inconsiderate parking and behaviour.

Many thanks to parents who are safety conscious when dropping off children by car in the morning.

In addition, please remember that the parking space nearest the school office is for disabled use only, not for convenience .



News



Honouring Mary the Mother of Jesus

We recently enjoyed the assembly led by the Chaplaincy Team to honour the 'Queen of the May'. Thank you to Miss Lamont for guiding the team. Thank you for all the flowers sent to school to help us celebrate this long tradition.



Food bank

We have decided to keep the collection basket in the main entrance area all year round, instead of just during the Lenten period. If you can afford an extra item in your shopping basket occasionally please send it into school and we will take it to the food bank when the basket is full. Tinned vegetables, instant mash, UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, fruit squash, coffee, tea or basic toiletries will all be appreciated. Thank you to those who continue to be so thoughtful.

Recycling

We are now able to be 'green' and raise money for school funds at the same time. We have two collections, in partnership with Terracycle. We collect all brands of non-savoury biscuit wrappers and all brands of cracker wrappers. Please do not buy items especially but send us what you already use. We are also collecting **used** writing instruments and can accept any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot, correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen. Please help us by sending any of these items into school. Many thanks for your support.

Reading Champions

At parents evening we appealed to anyone who would be prepared to give a few minutes a week to help children with reading in school. The challenges of modern life mean that many children these days do not have the opportunity to develop a love of reading outside of school. This leaves some children at a serious disadvantage. You or a family member could really make a difference. Please call at the office if you can help in any way.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children who will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist on 19th May. It is always such a special occasion. Thank you to Mrs Matthews and Miss Lamont who have helped to prepare the children. Please keep them in your prayers.



Communication

Keep up to date with our news and events. It's a great way to share information. Follow us @SAWacademy

We also have a school app which we have recently launched. Search for Saint Augustine Webster in your app store. We hope to be able to make further use of this as more people download it.

