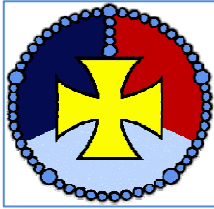


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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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Value this month is Honesty



Please can you send your child to school with a coat.



It is now much colder and I may decide not to let your child out at playtime if they do not have a coat.

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Day Appeal.



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful half term and it was good to see such a full turn out at the Parent consultations this week. I hope you have had clear information about how your child has settled into their new class and some areas that your child should be focussing upon this year.

Year 6 returned from their residential visit to Alton Castle and I had the pleasure of spending the three days with them. I had a really enjoyable trip and saw excitement, perseverance, resilience and sheer enjoyment across the faces of these young people. Alton Castle provides a truly spiritual experience with opportunities for reflection and prayer interwoven with challenging activities. I saw children flourish in this different environment and I saw some children struggle with the basics of looking after themselves. Developing independence is difficult but I urge Parents to encourage and even demand that their children should do the basics for themselves by then end of Primary school. Ask yourselves these questions: Does your child help clear the table? Can you child get dressed without being reminded what to wear? And so on..Think about how you can help your child to be independent for living.

Book Week

This regular event takes place from 20th to 25th November. It is an ideal time to choose Christmas presents for your children, friends and family. Scholastic give a large quantity of free book vouchers to the school, The more you buy the more we receive. Thank you.

Sports Reports

Our Year 5/6 Footballers have started their season with one loss, 4-0 to Giles Brooke but a fabulous win against Broughton Fields 2-0. In October children took part in the Cross Country event with some excellent results. A special mention must go to Sadie Whiteland who finished 6th out of over 100 competitors and Hope Nurse in Year 4 who was placed 40th competing against Year 5 pupils. Well done everyone!

International Evening

This annual event is on Thursday 20th November at 6 pm. Please bring a plate of food and enjoy good company. If you can play music then bring that along too. Traditionally I have tried to vary my dress and wear national dress from countries that represent our families. If anyone want s to dress me for the evening I am open to suggestions. I have represented India and Africa so please get in touch if you can help.

NSPCC Maths Test Fundraiser


The big Maths Test took place today and I am sure your children had a lot of fun practising to get as many answers right as they can. Please send your sponsor money by 14th November. Thank you.

For the next half term the Chaplaincy Team have decided to support DEC charity which will send monies to Ebola stricken nations. Classes will organise their own events and activities. If you want to find out more how our money can help click on this link.

<http://www.dec.org.uk/>

Internet and Mobile Devices Safety Talk

If you are considering buying your child a mobile phone, laptop or tablet for Christmas and feel a little confused about how to keep your child safe whilst using these new technologies, then the following parent session would be very useful to you. We have arranged for a member of the Milton Keynes Safety Centre to provide an evening talk on Monday 8th December, 6.30-8.00pm, to help parents to understand key issues surrounding parenting in the digital age, including social networking, publishing and tagging photos, sexting, gaming, cyber-bullying etc. There will be key information on how to help your child to stay safe online. The talk is not suitable for children but we hope to offer free childcare if required. More details to follow.

Wed 19 th Nov 2.50 in the Chapel	 Lion class collective worship- led by the children. Parents and Carers of Lion class welcome.
Thursday 20 th November 6pm in the School hall.	Parents Association International Evening Come along/ Bring some Food of your country and share together an evening. If you can play music all the better!
Thursday 20 th November- Tuesday 25 th November	Book Week- Buy books for your children. Visit the Book shop in the Library after school. Letetr to follow.
Mon 24 th November	Year 3 Cadbury World Trip
Thurs 4 th Dec at 2.15	Acorns L/Saplings L Christmas Nativity
Fri 5 th Dec at 9.30	Acorns B/Saplings B Christmas Nativity- please note changed time from 9.15 to 9.30 We have found it difficult to get the youngest children ready on time in the past.
Mon 8 th Dec 6.30-8.00	Internet and Mobile Devices Safety Talk in the school Hall.
Wed 10 th Dec 2 pm	Starfish/Dolphin Christmas Nativity
Thurs 11 th Dec 2pm	Seahorse/Turtle Christmas Nativity
Friday 12 th and Monday 15 th Dec- all day	Christmas Shop- Parents Association organise a school shop for your child to buy a present for a family member. They need lots of help wrapping presents!
Wed 17 th Dec 6 pm in the School Hall	Year 5 and 6 Carols and Readings
Thurs 18 th Dec	TBC- Visit to a care home or repeat performance for the community
Friday 19 th Dec <u>2.30 pm</u>	Open Classrooms- Last part of the afternoon to collect early and see your child's work before breaking for Christmas.

The diary on the school website also has these dates. http://www.stbernadettesschool.com/calendar_full.htm

Starting School September 2015

If your child is due to start school in September 2015 please remember that applications need to be made by 5pm on Thursday 15th January. This is an on-line application: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Please remember that if your child is in our Nursery they must still apply to start school in Reception using this on-line process.