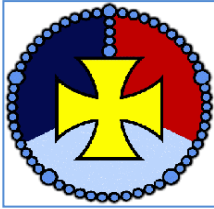


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Loving, serving and growing together with Jesus

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Value this month is Love



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. We have a busy run down to Christmas with many events and activities for the children.

Alton Castle

Year 6 had a fabulous few days at Alton castle. They behaved very well and were a credit to the school. I know this will prepare them well for the busy year ahead. Please encourage your Year 6 child to really focus now on the work that is ahead of them. It is essential that they get into good homework habits in preparation for secondary school.

Buildings Update

You will have noticed that the new small hall extension is progressing very slowly. There have been some hold ups but I am assured that work should progress smoothly from now on. They are now behind so unfortunately we will now not have the hall in time for Christmas. Expected date is now end of January.

International Evening

This annual event is on Thursday 19th November at 6 pm. Please bring a plate of food and enjoy good company. If you can play musical instruments then bring them along too. It is a popular event and a lovely time is had by all. If you are unsure about coming then please do talk to your child's class teacher and find out more.



Deanery Mass

The Chaplaincy Team represented the school at the Deanery Mass in Dunstable. They met the Bishop and sang with all the diocesan Catholic schools. It was a super opportunity to strengthen catholic community ties.

Monkey Maths Information Evening

We have developed a fun approach to the teaching of maths for our younger children. The children learn and consolidate concepts by teaching the monkey puppet who attends the session. IT really engages the children and they develop the ability to explain and use language. Come along and find out more on Wednesday 18th November at 6 pm. It is a strategy you can use at home to support the learning of maths.

Before and After School Club

Thank you for your patience as we bring in IT payment systems. It has been a little challenging but we now have Mrs Rockell who is really keeping on top of all the bookings. The club is very popular now and often full. We cannot take more than 40 children because any more would spoil the experience for everyone. Important: You will need to ensure that you book in advance as places will not exceed 40.

Please register and use Agora as the preferred booking system and then you will see 'on line' that you have a booking. Those using vouchers need to ensure that Mrs Rockell knows your requirements for the coming weeks.

Use the booking forms to guarantee a place.

Signing in Late

If you are running late in the morning you must sign your child into school. Please do not just drop off and expect your child to do this. Come into the school office area and use the signing in screen.

Sports Reports

- Year 5/6 boys played two league matches. They battled hard and showed great team work but unfortunately lost both games 2-1.
- Boys and girls in Years 4-6 entered the annual cross country championships, We had some strong finishers with a 10th place out of 120. Well done to Cameron Cook in Meteor class.
- Lunchtime clubs are now in full swing, led by our Sports Assistant, Mr Marchant. They have had tag rugby, basketball and handball.

Parent Information Session- Monkey Maths Foundation and Year 1	Wednesday 18 th November 6 pm
International Evening- bring and share a plate of food from your home country.	Thursday 19 th November 6 pm
	
Acorns (pm) and Saplings L Class Nativity Play	Thursday 3 rd December 2.15 pm
Acorns (am) and Saplings B Class Nativity Play	Friday 4 th December 9.30 am
Christmas Fair in the school	Saturday 5th December 12-3 pm
Christmas Shop- opportunity for your child to buy a gift for you for Christmas. The PA will need lots of help. More details to follow in the PA newsletters.	Friday 11 th and Monday 14 th
Starfish and Dolphin Class Nativity Play	Wednesday 9 th December 2 pm
Seahorse and Turtle Class Nativity Play	Thursday 10 th December 2 pm
Year 5 and 6 Carols and Readings	Thursday 17 th December 9.30 am and 6 pm (Now all on one day)
Last Day of Term The school will close at 2.30	Friday 18 th December 2.30

New Sports Club after school in the Hall



Dodgeball Club

Years 3-6

Wednesdays 6.30-7.30

Run by Mr Marchant

£3.50 a week

Send in your booking form or call the office for more information.