



4th October 2023

We have had a very busy and positive start to the school new year and are looking forward to further upcoming opportunities for parents to be involved in school in the coming weeks. The details of which are in this newsletter.

Catholic Life

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. We are grateful for the support provided to school by the Legion of Mary who visit school during October to lead the children in Rosary sessions.



One of our key focuses in school this year is Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic social teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of Church leaders, and influenced by grassroots movements. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. There are seven Catholic Social principles and we will be focusing on a specific one of these principles each month with the children to help deepen their understanding of it and so that we can see these principles lived out in daily school life. In September we focused on 'Community and the Common Good' while in October we will move our focus to 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We are developing further information on this initiative to be sent home to parents in the near future.

Polite reminders:

Mass will be celebrated in school by Father McKenzie on Thursday 5th October at 10am. All welcome.

A meeting will take place in school for parents of children who will be making their First Holy Communion at 5pm on Tuesday 10th October.

Bring your parent to school day!

All next week we will be holding a series of 'Bring your parent to school sessions. Parents will have the opportunity to spend time in their child's class (or hall) with their children while they learn. Next weeks sessions will have a focus on English, Reading, Writing and phonics and we are planning a further session later in the year focusing on maths. All children will have the opportunity to bring their parents into the classroom to experience how they learn Literacy through activity based learning. We are hoping for a great turnout and we hope that parents will be able to learn a few new strategies that they can use at home. All sessions will be from 9:00am until 10:00am (approximately) and will take place on the days listed below:

Nursery	Monday 9 th October
Class 1	Tuesday 10 th October

Class 3	Monday 9 th October
Class 4	Thursday 12 th October
Class 5	Friday 13 th October

We hope to see you there!

Parent Teacher Meetings

Advance notice: Parent teacher meetings will take place between 3:30 and 6pm on Tuesday 7th November and Wednesday 15th November. Further information on how to book these sessions will be sent home in due course.



SEND Workshop

Following the success of our summer term SEN workshop, we invite all parents of children with SEN to attend a parental workshop with Mr Tiplady and Mrs Curtis at 9:00 on Tuesday 19th October. The theme for this event is the referral process to outside agencies when children require additional external support. We understand the SEN system can be difficult to manage and want to help make this process easier for parents navigating it.



My Child at School

Many thanks for your ongoing patience with the new school app 'My child at School' (MCAS). We are gradually working through the initial teething problems and we are confident the new system will be getting further embedded as we move through the autumn term. When we communicate with parents, we will be using My Child at School as well as existing methods (email, Facebook etc) so I encourage anyone who has still not downloaded the app to contact school as soon as possible. The parents evening appointments (later this half term will need to be booked through MCAS so it is vital you have access to it.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 5 th October	Whole School Mass – 10am
Thursday 5 th October (and subsequent Thursdays in October)	Legion of Mary Rosary Group
Friday 6 th October	National Poetry Day
Tuesday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 10 th October at 5pm	First Holy communion Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 11 th October	After School Football Tournament
Friday 13 th October	Times Table Rock Star Day -Children to come to school dressed as rock stars fir a day of times tables fun!
Thursday 19 th October	Children finish for Half Term
Friday 20 th October	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 1 st November	All Saints Day
Thursday 2 nd November	All Souls Day
Thursday 2 nd November at 1:30pm and Friday 10 th November at 9:15am	Open Event for new parents
Tues 7 th and Wed 15 th November	Parent Teacher Meetings
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Monday 20 th November	School Photographer
Thursday 30 th November	Whole School Pantomime trip to Gala Theatre
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Fayre
Week Beginning 11 th December	Christmas Performances
Week Beginning 18 th December	Christmas Parties
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Movie Night
Thursday 21 st December	Whole School Advent Mass – 10am
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day
Friday 22 nd December	Finish for Christmas holidays.