



ADOREMUS - 'Let us adore'

In assembly this term we have been learning about adoration of the blessed sacrament as part of the Eucharistic congress held in Liverpool recently. The Diocese have charged all of us to renew our Eucharistic faith during this year. Fr Carlos brought up the monstrance from the church and explained what happens during the adoration of the blessed sacrament and he will be leading adoration for Years 3-6 on Friday 19th October.

START OF TERM MASS

Fr Carlos celebrated our start of term mass last week and commissioned our new chaplaincy team who will work with all the pupils and staff to develop our Catholic life at the school. The standard of application for this role was once again very high and all the boys and girls in year 6 who applied should be proud of their applications and the effort they put into them. The chaplaincy members first task is to choose patron saints for our school houses...lots of options to choose from.

MASSES AT CHURCH

Many thanks for all the parent support walking the children down to celebrate Mass with the parish so far this term. We really appreciate your help in making this happen.

Mr CELANO VISIT

Mr Celano recently met with our Year 5 and 6 pupils prior to the St Mary's open day to give the children an opportunity to learn a little bit more about our sister school, Catholic secondary education and answer any questions from our pupils. Mr Celano thought our children were fantastic!

PARKING

Since the start of term the school have received numerous complaints from residents of Wentworth Drive and other local roads about parents parking over driveways, on kerbs around corners reducing visibility with little regard for those who live there. The Police informed us that they will be monitoring the situation and patrolling drop off times to ensure the safety of all. Objections to our new building project are continually being raised by local residents which could have influence on our upcoming building project. Please do consider the opportunities to park and walk to school which do not involve the immediate streets around the school. Please do consider the safety of all when parking at the start and end of the school day.

KS1 and KS2 INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thank you for the positive feedback given following these sessions over the last couple of weeks. We hope that they gave you a chance not only to meet your class teacher, but answer questions you had regarding the structure of your child's new class and what they will be doing. The presentations given by the teachers will be on the website soon.

ENTERPRISE WEEK

Next week classes from Reception to Year 6 will be off timetable and participating in our charity enterprise week. The pupils learn so much during this week and it is a great opportunity to be involved in real maths and real literacy for a purpose. Each class has been given a budget of up to £100 and the staff and pupils are keen to see who makes the most profit from that investment. Friday 12th is the enterprise week sale; a letter has already gone out about this. In previous events, we have run very low on stock by

halfway through the day, so it will be a learning opportunity for the children about stock levels and supply and demand if there is little to sell after school! All profits made from the enterprise week are going to the Across charity, which is a charity created specifically to provide transport and support to enable those with special care needs to go on pilgrimages to Lourdes. Currently Fr Carlos is with them on a pilgrimage with the parish.

GREAT NEWS- LETTER FROM HERTS FOR LEARNING

This term we were delighted to receive a letter of commendation from the director of education services in the local authority for our fantastic standards and progress at the end of KS2. We were one of only eleven schools whose pupils achieved or exceeded 85% age related expectations and 30% greater depth in all SATs subject areas and whose progress from KS1 was high.

SCHOOL PHOTOS- INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLINGS

Friday 5th October is our photo day in the school hall... extra special washing of the face and brushing of the hair in the morning!

SCHOOL DISCO

EYFS/KS1 disco:

Children will be able to get changed for the disco in their classrooms at 3:30. They will then need to be collected and taken to the hall via the doors from the playground to pay for and enter the disco.

Children will be collected at 4:45.

KS2 disco:

Children are collected from school as normal. The disco commences at 5.00pm.

Children will be collected at 6.15pm

Parents do not need to stay for the disco.

Please note that the disco is only for pupils who attend St Joseph's School

DIARY DATES ON THE WEBSITE

The list of diary dates we sent out at the start of term is on the website as a pdf. Go to: About Us/ Term Dates and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

AUTHOR VISIT

On Tuesday 25th September, children in Years 2 and 5 were delighted to welcome bestselling children's author, Pippa Goodhart to our school. Pippa writes the very popular Winnie the Witch series (under the pseudonym Laura Owens) and the You Choose books. The children sat enraptured as Pippa shared her stories with the children and how she is inspired to write from everyday objects. I am sure Pippa's visit will prove an inspiration to us all. With thanks to our School Association who funded this visit.

100 CLUB WINNERS

The winners for the first draw for the new school year for the 100 Club are:

First prize - £25 - Mrs Zuzana Standish

Second prize - £15 - Mrs Leanne Daly

Third prize - £10 - Miss Heather Cannon

DINNER MONEY FOR JUNIORS

Please note: Dinner money must be paid in advance. School meal prices are £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week. You may pay any amount of your choice to keep your balance in credit. Please pay online using the School Gateway system. All you need to do to activate an account is download the school gateway from your app store or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com and click new user.

You will receive a message with a PIN number and you can use this to log in. Please be sure the school office has your up to date email and mobile phone number.

MILK ORDER

Milk is available to all age groups through the school. If you would like your child to receive mid-morning milk please just visit www.coolmilk.com to register and place your order.

Communication you may have missed sent via schoolcomms:

Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception/Yr1/Yr2)

School Association Events

Flu Immunisation

School Association 100 Club

Class Information Letters

Sports Clubs: Netball Year 5-6/Multi-sports Year 4-6

Reception Screening

Free School Meals – Year 3 and above

Bags2School – Textile collection

School Association Quiz Night

Music Lessons – Year 2 and above

Enterprise Week