



HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and enjoying the moments of sunshine that we have had this week.

CATHOLIC LIFE – MESSAGE FROM FR BONIFACE

If your child will be in Year 3 or above next year, and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion in our Parish at Our Lady of the Assumption, please let Fr Boniface know. He would like you to give him your child's name, age and parents' telephone number so that you can be contacted about the first Eucharist programme.

CONGRATULATIONS – STEM ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the past couple of weeks, we have celebrated the impressive STEM achievements that have taken place in school this year. Despite the restrictions we have faced, we have made hugely significant strides in this area. Some of the achievements include:

- Y6 children achieving Industrial Cadets silver award and Bronze CREST awards
- Y6 children winning best robot design trophy at the Lego League tournament
- Y5 children achieving CREST discovery awards
- Children from Reception to Year 3 participating in the Lego League

I have attached a few photos below for you to see some of these celebrations.

Yesterday morning, we celebrated with a great assembly where each of these were showcased and shared via zoom. It was lovely hearing from Mr Smith and the children from each class that had taken part. The excellent behaviour of all pupils and the enthusiasm and celebration of other pupils during the assembly were very impressive.





BIKEABILITY – YEARS 5 AND 6

This week, we have had groups of Year 5 and 6 take part in bikeability each day. This is a scheme run through the local authority where the children learn how to ride their bikes safely and responsibly. It really has been great to see the children take part in these sessions and see their confidence grow as the week has gone on. Well done to all who took part each day.



UNIFORM

When you are purchasing new school uniform or shoes for your children, please ensure that you check the uniform list so that the correct items are purchased. Remember, polo shirts, school jumpers and PE kits are all purchased on ParentPay.

All pupils need to have the correct shoes and PE uniform. Please speak to Miss Doherty if there is an individual concern.

COVID-19

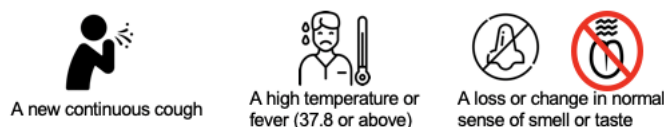
Please remember that the current guidance states that if your child has a high temperature, new persistent cough, or loss of taste or smell, they should stay at home and not come to school. With the increase in numbers from the Delta variant, we have been advised to continue our Covid restrictions right up to the end of term. This means that we will not be changing our routines and procedures on the 19th July. Thank you for your support.

If someone tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test, they **MUST** immediately book a PCR test at a Test Centre.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Symptoms

If anyone in your household begins to show any one of these symptoms, you will need to book a PCR test immediately.



A wider set of symptoms includes, in addition to the above, loss of appetite, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, extreme tiredness, headaches, joint pain, muscle ache, runny nose, sore throat, and sneezing. Tests should be requested for any of three main symptoms accompanied by any of the wider set of symptoms.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember that school closes for all pupils early on **Thursday 22nd July**. This will be one hour earlier than usual so your children will need to be collected between **2pm and 2:15pm** depending on their current end of the day time. Please note that **Year 6 will be dismissed from the Crossfield Entrance at 2:30pm**. Thank you.

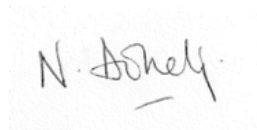
Stay safe everyone, and if you are watching the football on Sunday, enjoy!

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Best Wishes



Miss Nicola Doherty (Headteacher)