



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

18th June 2021

Dear Parents,

There have been two exciting highlights this week – the annual Reception trip to Whipsnade Zoo and the Health and Well-being day yesterday.


The children had a wonderful time at Whipsnade Zoo. Although they didn't see the bears they were looking for (I think the less said about that the better), they did see lots of very exciting animals. From what I have heard, the two highlights were the flamingos and a close encounter with a tiger. The children listened and answered questions about the jungle themed story. They all decided we should have the chimps play equipment installed in our playground. Toffee bear was looked after by everyone and also enjoyed the trip.

Yesterday was also a big day as it was our annual Health and Well-being Day. As the world gets busier and we all spend more time online even in our down time, it is really important to remember to find ways to relax and look after our mental and physical health. The children took part in all sorts of activities including yoga, art activities, music, games etc. We were also organising a walk but unfortunately the weather wasn't too kind. However, if you ask the children the bit they enjoyed the most was the hot dogs at lunch which they ate with their classes. It does show how important food is for people and I would encourage everyone to take the time to eat together as a family as much as possible.

Finally, I wanted to congratulate Alex and George who qualified for the finals of a Net Zero competition run by Atkins Engineering company. There were 30 schools involved. They had to come up with an idea about how to make your school or home carbon neutral and produce a presentation, poster or video. This is an amazing achievement and I would like to wish them the best of luck in the final where they will get to present the idea to a panel of judges.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Hold 



Summer Term – Planned Events

Following the announcement on Monday regarding the delay of stage 4 of the lockdown easing, we have had to think about the planned events in school. We are very lucky to have staff who are so keen that we provide as many opportunities for the children as possible and keep things as normal as possible. So here is a brief plan:

Mass celebrated by the Bishop – 1st July – We invited the Bishop in to celebrate Mass which we are offering for Mrs King as she is retiring. We are moving this to an outdoor Mass on the Paddock. This will be for children, staff and a limited number of guests invited by Mrs King. Unfortunately, the Diocese are discouraging schools from inviting parents in for Mass. If it rains on the day, we will have to scale back the celebration and have it in Our Lady's Church with one or two classes. Let's pray for nice weather.

Year 6 Production – Pirates of the Currybean – 5th and 6th July - These performances can go ahead. School children are exempt from the limits to group singing. We will have to limit the numbers in the audience so families will be allowed one ticket for each evening.

Sports Day – 9th July - Once again this can go ahead but we just need to limit the number of adults. One adult for each child will be able to support. On the day you will be able to collect a ticket on the school playground and then come across to the paddock.

Reception Nativity – 12th July 9.30am - I did promise that we would do this in July if we could as it is a once in a lifetime event. I am delighted that we can go ahead in the same way as the Year 6 production. Each family will be able to have one person in the audience.

Leavers Mass – date to be confirmed but will be in the last week. This will be for Year 6 and their parents only and will be held outside again. As it is only one class and it is outside, I think it should be ok for their parents to celebrate with us. Once again if it is going to rain, we will have to have it in Our Lady's church and may have to limit it to one parent from each family.

Copperkins Lane

I believe Copperkins Lane is going to be closed between 9.30am and 3.30pm from Monday for 10 days. I'm not sure how much of it is closed but it might be worth considering when you are planning your journey to school next week. It will no doubt add to the traffic outside of school so please leave enough time for your journey. The traffic lights should be moving further up the road next week which might ease things coming up from Chesham.

Safeguarding

The Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership oversees safeguarding in Buckinghamshire. This covers all services and not just schools. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure children are safe and as Father Bailey used to say "It takes a village to raise a child." If you ever have a concern about a child in this school you can always let me know, but if you have a concern about a child outside of this school you can report it through the following website:

[Home - Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership \(buckssafeguarding.org.uk\)](http://buckssafeguarding.org.uk)

The link to report a concern is at the bottom of the page.



Good News Certificates

Last week's good news certificates went to the following children:

Year 1	Jude & Sean
Year 2	Hannah & Ivor
Year 3	Freya, Xavier & Matilda
Year 4	Lucy & Esther
Year 5	Charlie & Mary
Year 6	Aidan & Maisie

Well done everyone.

Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

Words Read	
Year 5	4,958,463 words
Year 6	4,074,935 words
Year 4	3,036,591 words
Year 3	2,520,543 words

Children who are reading above their target and have scored above 85% in the quizzes:

Year 3

Ellie
Matilda
Kome
Lena
Stella
Sabrina
Harry
Luna

Year 4

Harry
Wiktor
Finlay
Lily

Louis
Lucy
Cliff
Thomas
Alex
Esther

Year 5

Mylee
Buddy
Abigail
Ruby
Jessica
Zara
Florence
Valeria

Year 6

Sarah
Olivia
Maria
Gabriel
Louis
Malachi
Kimberly
Aidan S
Aoife
Lucy