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#### **WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a super summer holiday and managed to find the sun, rest, relax and enjoy some family time together! On behalf of all the staff thank you for all the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. Your kind words of thanks were very much appreciated by all members of staff after another different year. Hopefully this year will be more settled.

Welcome to our new Nursery and Reception pupils as well as children who have joined us in Key Stage 1 and 2. I hope everyone settles in quickly and is looking forward to a great year ahead. Welcome to Miss Whitmore, Mrs Gallivan, Miss Hussain, Mrs Carter and Miss Carroll who join our teaching staff and Miss Philbin and Miss Callaghan who are joining us for the year as teacher training students.

Last week flew by so quickly! I am pleased to say that all the children have happily settled in to their new classes and are working hard. Thank you to all parents who are supporting our staggered drop off and pick up times by being so punctual. If you are collecting more than one child please ensure younger children wait with you after being dismissed, there shouldn't be any children playing on the play equipment unsupervised.

This week year 1 and 2 continue with Forest School sessions, children must be dressed in appropriate clothing as they may get dirty or wet. Mrs Harrison and Mrs Nicholson will still take the children out in the rain!! On Wednesday, Year 4 and 5 begin their choir sessions with Greg from St Barnabas Cathedral. If any child in key Stage 2 is interested in being a member of the Cathedral choir please visit www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com for further information. Children in Year 5 begin Dare on Thursday, it is a ten-week programme where they will learn about keeping safe online, alcohol and drug mis-use and gang and knife crime. Please ensure if you haven't already returned your consent form you do as soon as possible.

#### **Y6 TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Year 6 pupils have now received their application packs for secondary school. Should you wish to make an on-line application but do not have access to the internet, we are happy to help you do this in school, please make an appointment. The closing date for applications is Sunday 31st October 2021. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular.

## Y6 INFORMATION EVENING MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 6PM.

We are holding a meeting for Year 6 parents on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in school to go through Year 6 expectations, SATs, secondary transfer arrangements and information about a residential to The Briars. A representative from each family should attend the meeting.

## Y6 OPEN EVENING AT THE BECKET WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER

The Becket School are delighted to announce that their annual Year 6 Open Evening will be held on Wednesday 22nd September. This year the evening will consist of a tour around school which will be needed to be booked online in advance. This will last for half an hour and afterwards there will be staff available in the hall to answer any questions you have. Please visit The Becket School website for further information.

## WORD OF THE WEEK:

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This week we're going to focus on what it means to belong. We sometimes forget that being connected to the Catholic Church means we're part of something incredible.

Think this week about what you belong to. How does it feel to belong to something special and what effect does it have on your life?

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45- 8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	Pax et Bonum
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 1,2 and 3I)	All day 3:30 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Multi-Sports (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:30 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Tag Rugby ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniform at the beginning of the new school year. Uniforms are an important reminder that they belong to a community and they should all wear it with pride. However, we have a small number of children who are wearing the incorrect uniform. All children should wear sensible black shoes; this does not include, plimsolls, trainers or boots. All children should also have a warm, waterproof coat as they go out to play in all weather. This does not include a denim jacket. PE kit is a red t-shirt and black shorts. In cold weather, children can wear plain black joggers and hoodie but must not include logos or brand names. All long hair must be tied back using white, blue or black bobbles.

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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
30.08.21	31.08.21: Health and Safety Day 01.09.21: INSET Day 02.09.21: School opens to pupils	02.09.21 Welcome back Assembly	
06.09.21	Well Being Week	06.09.21 Whole School Assembly 10.09.21 Mass led by Year 6	
13.09.21		13.09.21 Whole School Assembly 15.09.21 Choir begins for Year 4 and 5 16.09.21 Year 6 retreat afternoon 17.09.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
20.09.21	24.09.21: International Day	20.09.20 Whole School Assembly 23.09.21 Year 5 Retreat afternoon 24.09.21: International Day Assembly 2:30pm	20.09.21 Year 6 Information Meeting at The Becket
27.09.21	01.10.21 INSET DAY (School closed to all pupils)	27.09.21 Whole School Assembly 30.09.21 St Therese of Liseux House Retreat afternoon	
04.10.21		04.10.21 St Francis Hub Mass 08.10.21 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams	
11.10.21	$11^{\text{th}} - 13^{\text{th}}$ Residential to Hathersage Year 3 and 4	11.10.21 Whole School Assembly 15.10.20 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	
18.10.21	HALF TERM		
25.10.21	HALF TERM		
01.11.21		01.11.21 Whole School Assembly 02.11.21 All Souls Day Liturgy 05.11.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
081.11.21	08.11.21 Parish Mass Year 1 & 6 9:10am	09.11.21 Whole School Assembly 11.11.21: Remembrance Day Liturgy 12.11.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
15.11.21	15.11.21: Parish Mass Year 2 & 5 9:10am	15.11.21 Whole School Assembly 19.11.21 Judaism Celebration	
22.11.21	23.11.21: Parish Mass Year 3 & 4 9:10am	22.11.20 Whole School Assembly 26.11.20 Advent Mass	
29.11.21		2911.21 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 03.12.21: Celebration Assembly	
06.12.21	10.12.21: Christmas jumper day	06.12.21 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 06.12.21 Advent Reconciliation Year 4 -6	
13.12.21	13.12.21: Foundation Nativity 10am 14.12.21: Foundation Nativity1:30pm 16.12.21: Christmas Dinner	17.12.21 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 4 and 5	

## **PUPIL VOICE**

Year 6 led us beautifully in our first school mass of this Academic year. They chose the gospel of the prodigal son to plan mass around and picked three key themes: welcoming, love and forgiveness for everyone to live out this year. Year 4 -6 went across to church and mass was livestreamed back to school, parishioners and families at home. We look forward to all gathering together in church very soon.



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## **PARISH NOTICES:**

Our new Community Centre will be a great resource for all our parishes and the local community to use. The formal opening is on Friday 24th September, 9am Mass in Sacred Heart Church – celebrated by Bishop Patrick followed by him formally opening and blessing the new centre. Refreshments will be served throughout the morning for people to enjoy and have a nosy around the new centre. Then on Friday evening 7pm – social evening with a buffet, drinks, music, entertainment, quiz ...... do try to come along. Sign up at the back of church so we can estimate for catering for the evening We continue the move over this Wednesday 15th September from 10am onwards, many hands make light work.

<u>Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?</u> Thinking about becoming a member of the church through baptism or confirmation as an adult? We have an enquiry evening for anyone interested on Monday 4th October 7 – 8 at Our Lady & St Edward's (NG3 2LG). Just come along to learn more or contact Pauline Baptist at <u>adultformsholse@gmail.com</u>

<u>Eucharistic Ministers Meeting</u>: we had a really good attendance - thank you for coming – it was good to meet up. Further information will be given out when we have assessed the forms.

Welcomer Appeal: The role of the welcomer sets the tone for the community's celebration. The quality of the welcome reflects the life of the community. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Diane in the office. She has a 'Top Tips' for Welcomers which she can send out and will be able to pair you up with someone who is experienced at Welcoming. Why not ask your family to help as a team? All the churches require 'welcomers' and it would be good to get this going as soon as possible. Thank you. Piety Stall Helper at Sacred Heart – Could you help out with selling religious items and cards after the Sunday Mass? We require another one or two people to help Lesley – have a word with her, or Fr Joe, if you could take this on.

<u>Parish Office</u>; this has now moved into the new community Centre at Sacred Heart. Thank you to those who came and helped with the move. Unfortunately, Virgin Media have been less than helpful and have left us for over a week with no internet or phone line. Despite daily calls to them, Virgin Media will not come out for several more days. For urgent matters only, Fr Joe can be contacted on his mobile; 07967 825278. Emails may not be responded to as promptly as usual.

<u>This week:</u> Wednesday 15th, 10am onwards – continued move into the new community centre at Sacred Heart.

<u>Wednesday Word is back!</u> A great resource for you to accompany children at home with the Gospel reading:

https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/jesus?pid=MTA101634&v=36.17

<u>Live Simply:</u> OLSE are holding a parish meeting on Wednesday 15th September at 7pm in The Old Friary Parish Rooms. <u>Meditation Group:</u> is taking a break – next meeting 23rd Sept.

<u>Scripture Group</u>: will be resuming in person on 30th September – more details on time and place to follow.

<u>School Masses</u>; This coming week, we have Mass to open the school year at St Augustine's and Sacred Heart. Both these Masses are in school, and unfortunately, schools are still not allowed to have lots of visitors come in, so these Masses will not be open to families and parishioners. In the future, we will be able to come together and school and parish, but just not at the moment.

<u>Education Sunday</u>; this weekend, we welcome Frances Moore to speak at St Augustine's and Caroline Hornsby to Sacred Heart. Both are starting as headteachers at the parish primary schools and will come and introduce themselves to the parish communities.

Education Sunday: Did you know that Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales? This year the focus of Education Sunday is to thank all those who work in Catholic schools for their hard work and dedication over what has been a very challenging 18 months. Over the last eighteen months we have seen an upheaval affecting everyone in our society, the like of which has not been witnessed since the end of the Second World War, but has given us a chance to reflect on the fragility and preciousness of human life, on human solidarity, and the capacity to show love and support to our neighbours. Like many other front-line workers, teachers, school leaders, and support staff have exemplified this love throughout the pandemic, going above and beyond to support the young people in their care. On Education Sunday, we offer prayers of thanksgiving for all who work in our Catholic schools and colleges, and to express our gratitude for their outstanding dedication and professionalism, especially during the pandemic. Throughout the challenges they have faced in two national lockdowns, two sets of exams, and a return to schooling, the staff of our schools have exemplified what it means to follow the command of Jesus to love our neighbour. So.... a huge THANK YOU to all who work in our

schools and prayers and best wishes for the new school year.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. There will be a Second collection at all Masses.

<u>Thank you –</u> for coming along to our Picnic and Rounders and cricket Match – Diane's Outlaws won the matches against Joe's Rockets, but she did have more players!!

Thank you to those who organised and came to the Mass on the Grass. It was a lovely celebration and get-together.

Thank you to helpers for coming along to move the office over to the new building – all ran smoothly but we have had no phone lines or internet for a few days – apologies.



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### **MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATES**

Thank you for returning OV4 forms. If you haven't completed those yet please do so as soon as possible. It is important we have two people who we can contact in case of an emergency. We will use this information to update our records on file and it is your responsibility to notify school of any changes including telephone numbers and addresses.

Please would parents who have been given an asthma letter return it immediately if their child is to be kept on the asthma register. Also please ensure an in-date inhaler is provided for keeping in school at all times. Please inform us if they no longer need keeping on the register.

Only PRESCRIPTION medicines may be administered by school staff and should be handed to staff for the appropriate form to be filled in.

# <u>CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY</u> <u>FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</u> <u>AT 2:30PM</u>

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDRNE BELOW WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THEIR TEACHER TO BE IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK. NURSERY: Anna P & Laura Milczarek RECEPTION: Victoria & Rebecca YEAR ONE: Lilly & Daniel YEAR TWO: Valerie & Pacem YEAR TWO: Valerie & Pacem YEAR THREE: Natan & Zuzanna YEAR FOUR: Olivier & Andzelika YEAR FIVE: Emilia O & Freddie YEAR SIX: Johnny & Nicola

THIS HALF TERM, THESE ASSEMBLIES WILL TAKE PLACE VIRTUALLY AND WE WILL INVITE PARENTS OF THOSE CHOSEN CHILDREN TO ATTEND. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING

### MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

# MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

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Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September St John Chrysostom	<b>9am (OLSE)</b> 9:30am (SH)	MASS Betty Porter RIP Opening Mass of the school year
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10AM (SA)	MASS Margaret Dillon RIP
Wednesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	<b>9am (OLSE)</b> 9am (SH)	MASS Evelyn Doherty – healing Henry & Mary Bates RIP (wedding anniv)
Thursday 16th September Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9:30am (SA)	MASS Opening Mass of the school year
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September St Robert Bellarmine	9am (SH) 9am (OLSE)	MASS Robert Brian Cain RIP Breslin family RIP; Anthony, Susan, John, Anthony.
Saturday 18th September	6.30 pm	VIGIL MASS Fr Joe is covering Mass in a local prison. Special intention S & C
Sunday 19th September 25th Sunday of the year. Home Mission Sunday	8.45am (St Christophers) 9.30am (OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA)	MASS For the spread of the Gospel People of the parish Intentions of Pope Francis Cecilia Moore RIP
	11.30am (OLSE)	Betty Porter RIP

# INSET DAYS ADVENT TERM

We have arranged for an INSET day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October School will be closed for pupils on these days.

