



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

On Monday, we would like to welcome parents to the first parent meeting of the academic year. These are really important as they share how your child has settled into their new class, the relationships they have with their peers and teaching staff and also how they are achieving on a new curriculum. If you are unable to attend please ensure you make a separate appointment with your child's teacher.

On Friday, we join the parish celebrating the feast of St Edward. Please join us in church at 9:15am.

Also on Friday, the whole school will enjoy a theatre production of The Wind in the Willows.

**WORD OF THE WEEK:**

**Rosary**

The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times. Find time to pray the Hail Mary or the Rosary this week.



**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

If your child is baptised Catholic and in Year three or above and has not yet received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion there is some information available about the programme which will commence in January for children and families. Forms to enrol on this preparation are available from the sacristy at each church after Mass. **They must be returned by 17th December. Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted. They must be returned to the parish, not school.**



**Y6 TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Reminder to Year 6 parents. Please complete your online application for Secondary. **The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st October 2023. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular.**

| Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40 | EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Monday Breakfast Club          | TB Sport: Basketball (Year 4, 5 and 6)<br>TB Sport Wrap Around Care                | 3:30 - 4:30<br>3.30-5.30  |
| Tuesday Breakfast Club         | Music Tuition<br>TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 1,2 and 3)<br>TB Sport Wrap Around Care | All day<br>3:30 - 4:30<br>3.30-5.30   |
| Wednesday Breakfast Club       | TB Sport: Multi-Sports (Year 1,2 and 3)<br>TB Sport Wrap Around Care               | 3:30 - 4:30<br>3.30-5.30  |
| Thursday Breakfast Club        | TB Sport: Tag Rugby (Year 4, 5 and 6)<br>TB Sport Wrap Around Care                 | 3:30 - 4:30<br>3.30-5.30  |
| Friday Breakfast Club          | No afterschool provision<br>TB Sport Wrap Around Care                              | 3.30-5.30   |

**ATTENDANCE**

A shout out from Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, Whole school attendance last week was a huge 95%!

The winners were YEAR 2 with 99%! Well Done Year 2!

**School Matters!**



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| Week beginning: | School Event   | Assemblies/Services   | After School  |
|-----------------|--|---|---|
| 04.09.23        | 05.09.23/06.09.23: INSET Day<br>06.09.23: School opens to pupils           | 06.09.23 Whole School Assembly  | TB Sport Wrap Around Care begins  |
| 11.09.23        | 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Residential to Hathersage Year 3 and 4 | 13.09.23 Welcome Mass led by Year 6. 9:15am in school<br>14.09.23 Year 6 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter<br>15.09.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm                               | TB Sports Extra Curricular starts   |
| 18.09.23        | 22.09.23: International Day of languages                                   | 18.09.23 Whole School Assembly<br>20.09.23 Choir begins for Year 3 and 4<br>21.09.23 Year 5 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter<br>22.09.23 International Day Assembly 2:30pm       | 18.9.23 Meet the Teacher 3.20-3.45pm<br>19.09.23 Year 6 information evening here at school 6pm<br>20.09.23 Year 6 Open evening at The Becket 6pm and 7.15pm |
| 25.09.23        |  | 25.09.23 Whole School Assembly<br>28.09.23 SEN Coffee Morning 9.30-11am<br>28.09.23 Year 4 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter<br>29.09.23 St Therese of Liseux Feast Day- Assembly |   |
| 02.10.23        | 06.10.23 World Mental Health Day   | 04.10.23 St Francis Feast Day Hub Mass<br>05.10.23 Year 3 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter<br>06.10.23 World Mental Health Day   | Parents Coffee afternoon 2.15pm   |
| 09.10.23        |  | 11.10.23 Harvest Liturgy led by Year 5, 2:30pm<br>12.10.23 Year 2 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter<br>13.10.23 Feast of St Edward Mass in church 9:15am                          | 09.10.23 Teacher – Parents meetings 1:00pm-6:30pm   |
| 16.10.23        |  | 16.10.23 Whole School Assembly<br>19.10.23 Year 1 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter<br>20.10.23 Achiever of the Half Term Awards  |   |
| 23.10.23        | <b>HALF TERM</b>   |   |   |
| 30.10.23        | <b>HALF TERM</b>   |   |   |
| 06.11.23        |  | 06.11.23 Whole School Assembly<br>10.11.23: Remembrance Day 10.40am   |   |
| 13.11.23        |  | 13.11.23 Whole School Assembly<br>17.11.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm   |   |
| 20.11.23        |  | 20.11.23 Whole School Assembly<br>24.11.23 Judaism open afternoon   |   |
| 27.11.23        |  | 27.11.23 Whole School Assembly<br>01.12.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm   |   |
| 04.12.23        | 08.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Fayre                              | 04.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6<br>06.12.23 Advent Reconciliation year 4,5 and 6   |   |
| 11.12.23        |  | 11.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5<br>13.12.23 EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm<br>14.12.23 EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9.30am   |   |
| 18.12.23        | 20.12.23 Christmas dinner and party afternoon                              | 18.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year 1 and 2<br>21.12.23 Achiever of the Half Term Awards 9.15am<br>21.12.23 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4 2pm                     | 22.12.23 INSET DAY  |



## **PARISH NOTICES:**

**Feast of St Edward:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> is the patronal feast of one of our churches and schools, so there will be Mass at Our Lady & St Edward's that day, not at Sacred Heart. Come along at 9.15 for Mass and hang around for a cuppa.

**Prisoners Sunday:** today is the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families. This is an opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts and prayers to the needs of prisoners and their families and those who work to support our brothers and sisters affected by the criminal justice system (especially our own Deacon Anthony- thank you).

**Clothes swap:** This Sunday afternoon 8th October, 2pm in Sacred Heart Parish Centre, join us for the Live Simply clothes swap & cake - back by popular demand! Bring up to 6 items of no-longer wanted, wearable quality clothes (men's / women's / children's) as close to 2pm as possible and enjoy home-made cakes while the clothes are displayed. Then 'shop' for up to as many items as you donated! Entry is free, any voluntary cash donations to CAFOD/ Emmanuel House and clothes will go to Sharewear.

**Jubilee Year 2025:** Pope Francis has asked the Church to look again at some of the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Nottingham Deanery is hosting a series of talks, open to all, and presented by specialists in each Constitution: the second talk will be by **Father Richard Ounsworth, on Wednesday 18th October, at Sacred Heart Community Centre, Carlton NG4 1FP, speaking about Dei Verbum, the constitution about scripture at 7 pm – refreshments provided. The evening is hosted by Frs Simon Gillespie and Liam Carpenter.**

**Sacrament of Confirmation;** we have received a date from Bishop's House for the next celebration of Confirmation in Holy Family Parish. It will be on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and will be open for young people who are currently in Year 9 or above in secondary school. Forms to apply to be part of the programme are at the back of church, to be returned by the 17<sup>th</sup> December, details of the programme to be confirmed.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation;** forms are now available at church for parents to complete to enrol children on the preparation for these sacraments. This is open to children who are currently in year 3 or above in school and are baptised Catholic. The forms must be returned by the 17<sup>th</sup> December. Forms received after this date will not be accepted.

**Your schools need you!!** All of our parish primary schools are looking for more Foundation Governors to join the governing body. This is an essential and very rewarding role, supporting the headteacher in ensuring that the school provides the best Catholic education for our children. Full details, training and support is given. Speak to Fr Joe or drop him and email if you are interested in learning more.

**Congratulations to Sr Liz of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace,** based in St Joseph's Convent next to Sacred Heart. On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> she makes her first profession of vows after two years of initial discernment and formation. She will make her vows during Mass at a gathering of the sisters in Nottingham. Please pray for her as she takes this next step along the journey as a Sister of St Joseph of Peace.



**Red Missio boxes:** If you have a Missio Box, could you please bring it in for emptying for week ended 27th /28th October. If you do not have a box and would like one, there are spare boxes available at the back of the church or please ask for one. Alternatively, should you prefer to arrange a standing order there are forms available at the back of the church, even the smallest donation helps. Our coordinators are Jenny Baptist (SH) and Bernadeta Gabb (SA). Could you help out at OLSE?

**CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal – our Harvest Collection will be at Masses next Sunday.**

**Live Simply:** Sharewear Clothing Scheme on Southglade Business Park NG5, provide clothing to people in economic difficulty. They are currently really in need of men's clothing. If you are able to bring any items between 1 and 4pm to Sacred Heart parish centre this afternoon (Sun 8th), these can be taken with any leftovers from the clothes swap. Otherwise please contact Sharewear directly or email: [livesimply.holyfamily@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:livesimply.holyfamily@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

### **Coming Up:**

**October; month of Our Lady.** We will have a Rosary Prayer Group that meet each Wednesday during the month as a '**Neighbourhood Rosary**'.

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7pm Our Lady & St Edward's (Day Chapel)
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7pm St Augustine's Church (Lady Chapel)

Come along and be part of this beautifully reflective and meditative prayer. Light refreshments served after prayer each evening.

- **Taizé evening:** Our Lady & St Edward's Church at 6 pm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. More details next week.

### **Baptism Course:**

our next course for those who would like their child baptising is on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**, 10 am – 12 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. To register please complete a form available from church and return it to church or the office. A reminder that 1 parent and 1 God parent must be Catholic. We do encourage Godparents to attend the course.



### **WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY**

On Friday, everyone in school was invited to wear yellow to remind us that our mind, our thoughts and our feelings are important.

When we feel physically poorly, we rest or talk to a doctor, it is important to know we must do the same when we have feelings that make us feel uncomfortable.

We started the day with a whole school assembly talking about the different feelings we have and how everyone feels these albeit at different times. We thought about the different things that might make us feel different emotions eg happy / excited /upset / worried / angry. We shared different ways we manage these emotions as well as who we may turn to for support.

We also had a cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Trust. Thank you to all the parents who donated cakes and to all the children who bought money to buy cakes. A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for the parent's coffee afternoon. In total, we raised £295.50, all of which will go to Macmillan Cancer Trust.

**Please look on Twitter @olseacademy at the photos.**



### **Harvest Liturgy led by Year 5 – Wednesday 11th October at 2.30pm**

We warmly invite you to this year's Harvest Liturgy.

Each year, we work to help our local St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) by collecting food and cleaning items to give out to families in need. We have put together a list of items that are needed and have given two options to each class. This will enable SVP to make up food parcels and redistribute to those in need locally.

**Nursery – Bags of pasta or packet of biscuits**

**Reception – tuna or rice**

**Year One – Washing up liquid or rice pudding**

**Year Two – Custard or breakfast cereal**

**Year Three – Hand soap or tinned fruit**

**Year Four – Evaporated milk or stewed steak**

**Year Five – Tinned ham or tinned tomatoes,**

**beans, spaghetti, sweetcorn**

**Year Six – Jars of jam or pasta sauce**

**We thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to welcoming you to our Liturgy.**

