

Newsletter

We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord



"These have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God"

John 20:31

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 21.05.21

Compassionate

and

Loving

Pentecost Sunday

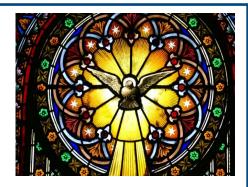
This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost and this gives us an opportunity to reflect on the power of the Holy Spirit. We can take time to consider how open we are to this power and how we can use it's strength to help us to do good both in our local community and throughout the world.

This is an excellent opportunity to reflect on our own behaviour towards other people, particularly when we are on our school site and close to children.

I ask all parents and carers to exercise self control and to be role models of patience, kindness and calmness, especially in the presence of children.



Hearts on Fire – dovetailing faith and prayer this Pentecost



Visit the below link to read an article by Canon Chris Thomas, explaining how the Spirit was always part of Jesus' life, and after the Ascension and Pentecost, how the Spirit became animator of the early Church.

https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/pentecost/hearts-on-fire/



Dates for your Diary

Friday 28th May

2.00pm - Break up for May Half-Term

Monday 7th June

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

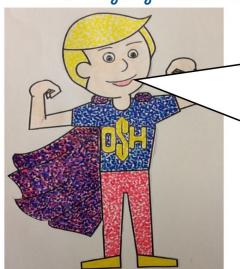
Tuesday 8th June

8.55am - Children return to school

Wednesday 21st July

3.15pm - Break up for Summer holiday

Online sagety hero says...



Remember there are age restrictions on Social Media sites for a reason.

Do you know what Social Media sites your child is using?

Make sure you know!

#socialmedia
#keepyourchildsage



Sports Star of the Week



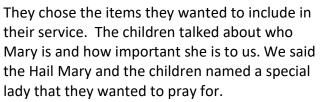
This week's Sports Star of the Week is Jacob N in Reception for good concentration and effort all lesson.



Class Report - Early Years



We used the Godly Play Box today for our Collective Worship. The children took their time and created their own prayer service in honour of Mary Our Mother.







Drinks and Biscuits!



Where – your own classroom When – Monday 24^{th} – Friday 28^{th} May at break time (or until we run out)

How much? 50p for a drink and two biscuits

Science Superstars

This half term, in Year 3, we have been looking at 'Light'. We have explored reflection, refraction, light sources and this week shadows.

We really enjoyed getting outside and creating shadow puppets in possibly the only bit of sunshine we have had all week.

Well done Year 3.











Please follow the link below and complete the form for the chance to win our school £5000 worth of book tokens!

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools

Excellent Work

This week's excellent work comes from Amelia E in Year 4. Well done Amelia!

Above the sleeping city, smog rapidly engulfed the imposing towers of London. Spires pierced the aggressive, polluted sky as the flowing River Thames miserably lost its colour and smelt revolting.

Along the cobbled streets, horse-drawn carriages rapidly rattled through the hectic, bustling crowds. Desperate vendors eagerly shouted their lunges out, trying to get attention from the commotion filled markets.

Down a narrow, cobbled alley was a dilapidated gas lamp flickering next to the long, razor-sharp fences. In the dreary, depressing weather strolling strangers peacefully passed by the bleak house.

Inside the bleak house, next to the antique, ancient fireplace sits a washed out, plush sitting chair which has lost its colour over the years. The old, burning, crackling fire was drowning out the sound of footsteps from the calm strolling strangers passing by outside. On the dusty shelf sits old-fashioned, bulky books, as the ticking, wobbly clock hangs on the thick, firm wall. Next to the silky, red, velvet curtains Holmes sits in his simple, basic chair as he waits in anticipation for a new case to come through.



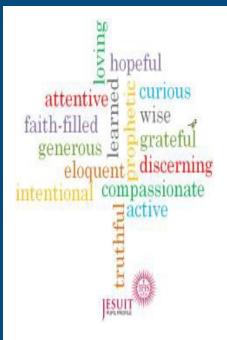




21st May - Cultural Diversity Day

The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development aims to encourage people to 'live together better'.





STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Jacob N

in Reception

and Conal S

in Year 5

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Tennessee D NN

Jax-Ray R Reception

Chloe H Year 1

James H Year 2

Lacey-Rai N Year 3

Aidan H Year 4

Tianna C Year 5

Ellisiya-Rose H Year 6

For being Compassionate and Loving.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 99.3%



Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week was Nursery, Year 1, 2 & 6.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Leon McG, Tianna C and Aisha McN.



Pentecost Sunday

Generous Lord, you give us your gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us to be inspired like the apostles to go out and do good work in your name.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear about the Holy Spirit. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and this gave them the courage to go out and tell everyone about Jesus.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

The disciples were scared of people they thought would hurt them and so they were hiding away. But when Jesus came they rejoiced, and he gave them a very special gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Suddenly the room that the disciples were sitting in was filled with the sound of a strong wind. Then the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. They went outside to tell people about Jesus and everyone could understand them – even people from far away who spoke a different language!

The Holy Spirit can be a difficult idea to understand. We can't see it, like we can see each other. It is like the wind. We can't see the wind, but we can certainly feel it on a windy day. We can see the leaves moving in the trees because of the wind, or a kite flying high in a sky. The wind can be very strong and powerful.

Just like the wind, we can see the effects of the Holy Spirit. It can work through us when we are kind to our family and friends, when we think about other people around the world, and when we work for people who are in need.

The Holy Spirit can also give us courage to speak out, just like the disciples in Sunday's reading.



What will you do this week to show the effects of the Holy Spirit in your life?

God of hope, send your Spirit and fill us with courage and hope of a world where all people have the chance to live free from poverty. Amen.



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