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Dear Parents,

Newsletter 4 2016-17



Welcome back to school in this new year and I hope you have all enjoyed a restful holiday. Many parents have expressed their appreciation of the additional time after Christmas.....and the staff certainly enjoyed it! The children have come back refreshed and keen to settle down to work quickly after all the festivities. On behalf of all staff may I thank you for your generosity with Christmas gifts and cards to us all; it was very much appreciated.

Good News: Congratulations to some of our key stage 1 children who won all three placed prizes in the recent Knights of St Columba nativity scene painting competition.

First Prize of £20 is awarded to Natalie Worsley Yr 2. Natalie will be awarded a KSC Certificate of Achievement and her painting will be forwarded to the KSC Province for further judging in the next round. Second Prize of £15 is awarded to Alice Healey Yr 1. Alice will be awarded a KSC Certificate of Achievement. Third Prize of £10 awarded to Sophia Christie Yr 1. Sophia will be awarded a KSC Certificate of Achievement. Highly Commended: Lily Christie HRISTIE Age 4 - regrettably Lily was not eligible to enter on age grounds, 'but Lily wished to enter along with her sister Sophia'. The KSC Council 320 have specially awarded £5 to Lily for her achievement.

Curriculum: We will be holding information evenings for parents of Year 2 and Year 6 children this term on KS1 and KS2 SATs and for Year 1 parents on the Phonics screening test. Dates are below.

Parents' Consultation Evenings: it has been decided to change the second round of consultation evenings to the spring term instead of the summer term. Dates are below. You will receive your child's mid-year summary report by half-term and so it will be an opportunity to review your child's progress and 'next steps for learning' with the classteacher.

Appointments: May I remind key stage 2 parents that should you have a particular concern that you need to discuss with the classteacher, please make an appointment through the school office rather than going directly to the classroom without a prior appointment.

Office: May I remind you that our school office is a very busy place and Mrs Flint and Mrs Dell have a full workload. We have recently had parents asking them to do things in relation to their child's social arrangements; sending out class lists; arranging playdates with other parents; supplying email or contact details of parents in the class etc. Their responsibilities relate to school business and it is not appropriate for them to be spending time on these tasks. It is also inappropriate for them to give out other parents' contact details. May I politely ask you to refrain from such requests. Thank you.



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Nursery Lunch Club: Having reviewed the Nursery lunch club provision and uptake it has been decided that to ensure appropriate supervision we can accommodate 6 children every day and so parents must book their children into lunch club a week in advance and not just inform staff on the day. There are some children who have already pre-booked for this term and their places are secured. For those who use the lunch club on an irregular, ad hoc basis or who have not already booked sessions then, please discuss your request with Mrs Robins who will be able to advise you if and when there is availability.

Bad Weather: Just a reminder to those parents and staff who have not yet signed themselves up to the Herts CC school closure alert system that you may want to do so, bearing in mind that we may have snow this winter. To do so, visit

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

We do also use our own school text messaging system but when sending messages to large numbers the texts often take a long time to reach recipients so it is worth signing up to the other system.

Nursery entry 2017: The application process for Nursery for 2017 will open on Monday February 6th until Friday 17th March. Parents who have children born between September 2013 and August 2014 should be making their applications initially through www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions to register their choices. If applying to St Adrian's or any other voluntary aided school parents will also be required to submit a school supplementary information form; a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and a priest's certificate of catholic practice.



Unfortunately I have already received a complaint this term from a local resident in Watling View about a parent parking across their drive. I have been given details of the particular car involved. Once again I would like to remind all parents to show consideration when parking as well as respect for the safety of children and other adults.

PTA Events: The KS2 Disco is the next event on Friday, January 20th. Tickets will be available from class reps. Please come along and show your support for all the hard work that goes into raising money to provide additional resources for our children.

I look forward to seeing you at our events and celebrations this term.

Yours sincerely,

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Diary of events for Spring Term 2017:

January

Weds 9 th	Children return
Fri 13 th	Fr Tim signing forms
Mon 16 th	Mass St Adrian's 9.15
Fri 20 th	SHARING FRIDAY Junior Disco 6.00-8.00pm
Tues 24 th	Y1 Phonics meeting for parents 6.00pm
Fri 27 th	Book Fair sale for Nursery (other classes the following week) Y6 cake sale

February:

Weds 1 st	Y4 attend parish mass at 9.00am
Fri 3 rd	SHARING FRIDAY
Mon 6 th	Ten Ten Religious Education Theatre Company day
Weds 8 th	e-Safety workshop day
Fri 10 th	F Stage cake sale Mid-year summary report Reception-Yr6
Mon-Fri 13-17th	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 20 th	Year 6 SATs meeting for parent 3.30pm
Weds 22 nd	Consultation evening 5.00-7.30pm
Thurs 23 rd	Consultation evening 5.00-7.30pm

March:

Weds 1 st	Ash Wednesday Mass at St Bart's 9.00am
Thurs 2 nd	World book day
Fri 3 rd	School Curriculum day – English Y1 Cake sale
Fri 10 th	Y1 Class assembly Sharing Friday
Weds 15 th	Y3 attend parish mass at 9.00am
Sat 18 th	Netball Tournament
Thurs 23 rd	Mothers' day assembly 9.10 am All welcome
Fri 24 th	Y2 Cake sale Sharing Friday
Weds 29 th	Y5 Alban Arena concert
Thurs 30 th	Lenten Liturgy 9.100am All welcome
Fri 31 st	Term ends.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN TUESDAY APRIL 18th 2017



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