



17.11.2023

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion next summer, information about the preparation sessions will be sent out shortly. This year the preparation classes for the children will take place here, after school, in the new year. There will be a ***First Holy Communion meeting in school at 5pm on Monday 8th January*** for us to share the programme with you. The ***Mass of Enrolment will take place on Sunday 28th January 2024 at 9:15am*** at St Wilfrid's Church in the centre of Northwich. A parent or guardian will need to attend both events.

Weather

At the moment the weather is very unpredictable. Please ensure that your child(ren) bring coats to school every day.

Kindness Week 13th – 17th November

The week began with an assembly focus about Kindness. The children then worked on various projects in their classes over the course of the week. We came together on Friday for a celebration of the week. Some of the posters Y6S created to go up around school are shown at the end of this letter. They are for the 'hidden helpers' at school so show them we appreciate what they do for us.

Parking

We still have a few parents who do not follow our parking rules and come down to the front of school at the end of each day. This is frustrating for school staff who try to ensure that there are enough spaces for blue badge holders to park. It is also frustrating for the majority of parents who park off site or pay for parking each day. It just isn't fair and shows a lack of respect.

This week I have noticed parents parking on the hashed roundabout. This is very dangerous as walking to a car parked there with children is hazardous as our blue badge holders may be reversing and taxis from Greenbank School are trying to exit.

We also have a handful of parents who are routinely a few minutes late each day in order to bypass the car park, which has cars exiting when they arrive. They then come down to the front and park. If your child(ren) is/are not collected before the side gate shuts, they will be taken to Night Owls half hour line and you will be charged.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who follow our parking guidelines.

Link Governors

All our wonderful governors are linked to a particular curriculum subject or two. Mrs Morrissey and Mrs O'Hara are Link Governors for RE and this term will be spending time popping into RE lessons. Mr Billington, our Music Link Governor has been in school today to meet our Music Coordinator.

St Nicholas Music Festival

What a treat this was! Our Year 5 children supported by Mrs Hughes, Mrs Simeone, Miss Davies and myself made their way over to the High School in the afternoon for rehearsals and a tea provided by St Nicholas. St Bede's and St Luke's were also there.

We enjoyed orchestral and choir pieces from the talented young people and adults at St Nicholas and it was wonderful to see so many past pupils taking part. Each primary school had the opportunity to sing two songs and our Year 5 were simply AMAZING! I was told by Mrs Hughes who coordinated the music that I was in for a treat and I certainly got one. What a fabulous experience for all involved.

The children performed their songs again in assembly this morning and the other children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Care UK

I received the following email this week from Care UK. Given the short turnaround for donations, we were blown away by your generosity.

Subject: FW: Donation of stationery

Hi

We just wanted to say a massive thank you from everyone at Care UK Charity to your lovely pupils for their thought and generosity in donating some fantastic new stationery items for the children in Ukraine. The items are due to leave at the end of November so that the children have them in time for Christmas. Please pass on our thanks to everyone at the school. Your generosity is appreciated and will definitely cheer the Ukrainian children up.

Kind regards,

Sue Astbury- Group Retail Manager

Reception Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to our Reception families who have helped to fill two shoeboxes to be sent to children in need. What a practical way to show our care for others.

PTFA Bottle Disco

Next Thursday, 23rd November we are having a bottle disco in school 5:30pm – 7pm. It is usually a highlight of the pupils' social calendar! Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair as the entry fee and there will be sweets and drinks on sale for cash. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this event.

Reception and KS1 children will need an adult to supervise them. KS2 can be dropped off and picked up if they are happy to be left. Please hand any glass bottles to an adult.

Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your generosity which together with the skills of our Y6 sales team meant that we sold all the items we were given. We have just been told that you raised £236.78 which is amazing!

Nativities

We will share times of performances and ticket prices next week.

God Bless,

Justine McEniff

Headteacher

