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Spring 2 Newsletter 2022

Dear Parent/Guardians,

The children have had a fabulous half term as they have definitely been conducting themselves with a spring in their step and been producing some brilliant school work. Thank you for attending the parent/guardian consultation meetings recently, staff relish the chance to talk to you professionally about how well your children are working academically, socially and emotionally.

Catholic Life and RE



Our Reception Children led the school at the start of Holy Week by re-enacting the events of Palm Sunday. The children acted out how Jesus rode a donkey to Jerusalem and how the people of Jerusalem waved and laid palm branches on the road in front of Jesus shouting 'Hosanna' as they welcomed His arrival. Thank you to the children for a super re-enactment alongside super singing.





As a school community, we have been supporting the work of CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development), in the fight against malnutrition by taking part in the 'Walk Against Hunger' Campaign this week. Each class had been set a challenge and throughout the week, they walked at a set time with their classmates thinking of children and their families in parts of our world who do not have access to nutritious food.

The children have managed to walk a whopping collective total of 548.5km this week! This is the equivalent of walking from Weymouth to Amsterdam. A super effort by all- well done. If you would still like to give to CAFOD the link is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-augustines-walk-against-hunger>

Curriculum



Year 1 have had a very busy half term. In maths this week, to finish off the unit on measurement, the children have enjoyed working in groups to explore and solve some different maths problems. The children have also enjoyed learning about London over this half term and will be making travel brochures all about London which they will take home to share with parents and carers. Year 1 had their final Geography Club session this week where they went on an Easter egg hunt and plotted where they found the Easter eggs on a map. Of course the children enjoyed some chocolate prizes afterwards!

Year 2 have been finding out about explorers of the world from Captain Cook to the voyage of the Titanic. This half term, the children focused their learning on Australia. The children explored

Australian fables, found out about the climate in Australia and looked at the human and physical features of Sydney Harbour. The Year 2 children finished their topic with an 'Australia Day', creating Anzac biscuits and taking part in the Australian favourites- Rugby and Cricket! Thank you Mr Whyte for making the day so special.



Year 3 have had a wonderful term as they have been exploring Italy and learning all there is to know about it. The children made pizzas and chose ingredients based upon the food that is grown in Italy. They also thought about food hygiene and how they could safely make their pizzas. The children focused their Geography skills on map work as they used maps to locate the different countries of Europe, places in Italy and key landmarks.

In addition to Italy, the children have been learning all about the Romans, which they have found very interesting and exciting. Yesterday, the children had an amazing morning with Callumus Julianus Tatrium-a Roman Soldier! They spent the first part of the visit getting hands on with some artefacts and asking Callumus lots of questions about Roman Britain. The children got to try on a helmet, hold a sword, write on a Roman tablet, hold coins and find out how much they could earn being in the Roman army. They also revelled in the opportunity to have a look at some amazing Roman ceramics and pots which had some very intricate detailed designs on, and also see how the Romans ate with special cutlery.

For the second part of the session, the children went out onto the field to use some Roman shields to create different battle formations. The children thoroughly enjoyed recreating the famous testudo with their shields. They then got to re-enact a battle between the Barbarians and the Romans putting their amazing formations into action to protect themselves and each other. Thank you to Callumus from Dorchester Roman Tours for such a wonderful experience and to FOSA for supplementing this wonderful experience.



Sport

St. Augustine's has been well represented at recent sporting events. Miss. Lane has been busy organising participation in a variety of fixtures and is looking forward to more forthcoming fixtures (see dates).



Well done to our Y5/6 football team (above) who played extremely well in their first ever friendly football match against Southill. Despite a loss, the children should be extremely pleased with themselves as they demonstrated grit determination and an excellent sporting attitude. I am sure next time that there will be a few more goals in the back of the net!



Our cross-country team (above) were absolutely fantastic running either 1000m or 1500m depending on their age-group at a festival held at Budmouth. They too conducted themselves extremely well, demonstrating great sporting prowess and really did shine both whilst they were running, but also when they were cheering each other on! A super effort children- well done.



Our excellent netball team (above) continued their smiles to Budmouth, again representing the school beautifully in a tournament. With some fabulous dodging and excellent passing, Miss Lane has high hopes for this wonderful team in some forthcoming fixtures. Well done girls!

PSHE and Friendships

Winston (our friendship Owl) has found himself some new helpers. Newly appointed Year 5 children (Winston Helpers), are helping other children who appear to not have anyone to play with, or children who may be feeling sad, or children who may just want a friendly chat during playtimes.

Our Winston Helpers are: Tegan, Harry, Eilidh, Alex and Riley. They have their own day to monitor the bench and have already proved that they are worthy candidates for this role. Thank you children for being excellent friendship ambassadors.



School Council

The school councillors have been working hard alongside Mrs. Harding to support elements of the Laudato Si. The children have been meeting to discuss how we as a school can help improve the environment. More recently the children planted plants around the school to attract mini-habitats and support eco-systems. Next term, they will be focusing on how we, as a school, can reduce our plastic consumption.



Staffing

It gives me great pleasure to welcome new members of staff to our teaching team for September 2022, namely:

Miss. Howard
Miss. Warwick
Mr. Pask

It is likely that the children will see these new staff members around school next term, most definitely for Transition Day on Tuesday 5th July.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 25 th April	Children return to school after the Easter Holidays (8.40am)
Monday 25 th April	Summer Term Afterschool Clubs commence
Thursday 28 th April	Whole School Easter Mass, Year 5 leading in the school hall at 2pm
Thursday 28 th April	Y3/4 Football tournament at Budmouth, leaving at lunchtime
Friday 29 th April	Y5/6 Football (friendly) home match against Chickerell at 3.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd May	Parent drop-in session with Charlotte Kinghorn (Family Worker), 8.30-9.30am
Tuesday 3 rd May	Y5/6 Netball tournament at Budmouth, leaving at lunchtime
Wednesday 4 th May	Year 2 Class Assembly, in the school hall at 2.40pm
Thursday 5 th May	Y5/6 Netball (friendly) match against Southill away, leaving at 3pm
Monday 9 th - 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 12 th May	Y5/6 Football (friendly) match against St. Johns at 3.30pm
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 3 Class Assembly, in the school hall at 2.40pm
Wednesday 18 th May	Y5/6 Tag-rugby festival at Budmouth, leaving at lunchtime
Monday 23 rd - 25 th May	Year 5 Leeson House Residential Trip
Tuesday 24 th May	May Retreat Day
Wednesday 25 th May	Year 4 Class Assembly, in the school hall at 2.40pm
Friday 27 th May	Break-up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 6 th June	INSET day
Tuesday 7 th June	Children return to school after half term (8.40am)
Tuesday 7 th -10 th June	Year 1 Phonics check administered
Tuesday 7 th June	Parent drop-in session with Charlotte Kinghorn (Family Worker), 8.30-9.30am
Wednesday 8 th June	Y3/4 Cross Country festival at Budmouth, leaving at lunchtime
Wednesday 15 th June	Year 5 Class Assembly, in the school hall at 2.40pm
Wednesday 15 th -17 th June	Year 4 Minstead Residential Trip
Sunday 19 th June	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's at 10am
Monday 20 th - 22 nd June	Year 6 Barton Hall Residential Trip
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 3 First Holy Communion School Mass, in the school hall at 2.40pm
Sunday 26 th June	School Mass at St. Joseph's Church, 10am
Monday 27 th June	Class photographs
Monday 27 th June	Y5/6 Football tournament at Budmouth, leaving at lunchtime
Wednesday 29 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 30 th June	Reserve date for Sports Day

Tuesday 5 th July	Parent drop-in session with Charlotte Kinghorn (Family Worker), 8.30-9.30am
Tuesday 5 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 6 th July	Y5/6 Sailing
Thursday 7 th & 8 th July	Life Bus visiting
Monday 11 th - 15 th July	Last week of after-school clubs
Tuesday 12 th July	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 13 th -15 th July	Year 6 at Primary College
Friday 15 th July	School Disco (FOSA event)
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass, 2pm in the school hall
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, 2pm in the school hall
Thursday 21 st July	Break-up for the summer holidays at 2.15pm

Please be advised that it is likely there will be additional dates added to these dates.

I would like to thank staff for what has been, once again, a difficult term in terms of staffing to cover absences. The children are blessed to have such wonderful hard working staff who keep the children at the centre of everything that they do. Thank you Staff.

Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely Easter and manage to enjoy the two-week break with some fine weather! I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 25th April.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Emma Berry
(Headteacher)