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OCTOBER '17 NEWSLETTER

Harvest Festival

This will take place on Monday 9th October with Mass at 10.00am and class worships at 10.15am. In the afternoon the children will welcome, entertain and serve tea to residents from River Court and Chase nursing homes. We also welcome **all** grandparents on this afternoon. Please inform the school office if they are able to attend so that we know how many to cater for. This year we would like Year 5 and Year 6 children to donate cakes (homemade if possible) for the afternoon tea. Please bring these into school on Monday morning in a labelled container.

Morning assemblies at 9.15am have been arranged so that parents can see their child's class entertainment as follows:

Wednesday 11th October – Y1, Y5 and Y6 classes

Thursday 12th October - Reception and Y4 classes

Friday 13th October – Y2 and Y3 classes

Please remember that all parents are welcome to the Harvest Mass even if you have a young child who will not be attending but taking part in a class worship or liturgy instead.

A school is collecting for CAFOD this Harvest time. Please send your child to school with a donation, in a named envelope, for CAFOD by Monday 9th October. These will form part of the offertory procession.

Kitchen

Kate, our assistant cook, will be leaving on Friday due to a promotion. We are very sorry to be losing Kate as she is very caring and kind to all the children and has been a valuable member of our school community. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will take place in the Activity Studio daily, from Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October after school at 3.30pm.

Privacy Notice

This can be accessed on our website in the parents section. It contains information about the data we hold and how it is used. We are required to make you aware of this annually.

Mufti day

There will be a Mufti day on Thursday 19th October. The children are allowed to wear their choice of clothes on this day in return for a £1.00 donation towards PFA funds.

Behaviour Policy

I would like to draw this to everyone's attention again at the start of our academic year. A copy can be read on our school website.

Inventory

By the end of this month we hope to have had our electronic signing in system installed. Please note that for any late arrivals, late collections, or for any early collection of children, parents will need to use this new system. Initially we will have staff 'on hand' to help.

Window replacement

I expect by now, many of you will have noticed the new replacement windows at various places throughout the school. We are really pleased that the governors were successful in their bid for money to fund this project. It has made such a difference.

Parents' Consultation Evenings

There will be an early Parents' Evening on *Wednesday 2nd November* and a late Parents' Evening on *Tuesday 1st November*.

Sheets will be available outside classrooms from 3.30pm on Wednesday 18th October. Please sign for an appointment to meet with your child's teacher either on *Wednesday 2nd November* between 3.40pm and 6.30pm or *Tuesday 1st November* between 6.00pm and 9.00pm.

Nursery sheets will also be available in the Nursery cloakroom from Wednesday 18th October.

Staff INSET

I am writing to all parents now to give as much notice as possible. Our child protection training for all staff is due in February and as we now have fifty-four staff it has been difficult to organise this and fit in with the trainer's availability. It has therefore been arranged that this very important and statutory training will take place first thing on the morning of Monday 19th February 2018. This is the day that the children return after half term. On this occasion, school will begin at 11.30am. The gates will be opened at 11.25am and the children will have one lesson before lunch. Children who have a school dinner will have chosen from the menu before half term. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Children's absence from school

On your child's return to school, please remember to send in a letter giving the reason for the absence, even if you have already phoned to notify the school. The early phone call is useful but a letter will help us to authorise the absence with the correct absence code.

PFA

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At the last PFA meeting there was a very disappointing number of parents who attended.

As an expanding school of 437 children we can no longer continue to organise fun events for the children if we do not receive help from a much larger number of parents.

The PFA have organised a disco for Early Years and Key Stage One children next half term and also a Christmas Fayre but we are really struggling to organise any further events due to insufficient volunteers. A separate PFA letter will follow with details of these events.

We take pride in being a community working together for the good of the children, therefore any support or help you can offer will be very much appreciated and will certainly make a difference to our school.

The next PFA meeting is Monday 6th November at 7.30pm. We hope to see more parents there.

Safety

There have been a number of children and parents reported walking through the main vehicular gates when they are opened for cars. This is unsafe and has caused concern amongst the staff.

If you are walking, scooting or cycling to school you must remain on the pavement and enter the school via the pedestrian gate not the main gates which are only for vehicle use.

Can I also remind parents to ensure their child dismounts from their scooter/bike once they arrive at either the main gates or Willow Walk gates. Children should walk with their bike or scooter and park it in one of the shelters. Thank you for your co-operation.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Reception Padua

Luke M who received a certificate for achieving white belt in Kung Fu

Year 1 Lisbon

Teaghan K who achieved Stage 1 of the ASA Learn to Swim award

Year 1 Padua

Layla M who passed a dance exam with distinction

Meabh McC who received a 'star of the day' certificate for Street Dance

Year 2 Lisbon

Marlows J who achieved the 9th KUP in Tae Kwon Do

Amelie S who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award

Year 2 Padua

Dahlia C who passed her ballet exam with distinction

Jaimee-Lee H who received a certificate for being good during a test

Victor J who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award

Odhran K who received a certificate for completing a 5K Fun Run

Year 3 Lisbon

Julia W and Esme BA who received 'Star of the Day' certificates for Street Dance

Noel A who received a medal for coming 2nd in a sports race.

Year 3 Padua

Julia P who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award
Renato H and Laurence M who achieved their yellow belt in Kung Fu
Julia P who achieved L2 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award
Nicola P who received a medal for winning a dancing competition
Ellie P who won first place in a golf competition
Ronny A who received two certificates and a medal from WFC for winning a tournament

Year 4 Lisbon

Maylene M who received a certificate for attendance and achievement at her Sunday school throughout the year. She also achieved Stage 1 of the ASA Learn to Swim Award
Mia I who achieved Stage 8 of the ASA Aquatic skills award. She also received a water safety certificate for synchronised swimming.

Year 4 Padua

Robo U who received 'trainer of the week' trophy
Luca S who received two football medals for 'player of the day' and 'penalty king'

Year 5 Lisbon

Iona E who won a 1st place trophy, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals in an Irish Dance Feis

Year 5 Padua

Ruo U who received two football trophies. One for winning a tournament and the other for 'player of the season'.
Mia H who won a trophy from Evergreen FC for winning the U10 girls tournament.

Year 6

Alannah R who completed the 'Race for Life' fun run
Kelly O who received a medal and T-shirt for completing a memory walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

I would also like to congratulate the following children for completing the Library Summer Reading Challenge and receiving a certificate and medal. I was really pleased to see that far greater numbers of children took part this year. Well done all of you.

Reception Lisbon – Melisha G, Denzel BA

Reception Padua – Veronica J, Emily S, Theo D

Year 1 Lisbon – Emmanuel A, Michelle B, Oscar M, Safia P, Teaghan K

Year 1 Padua – Edwin C, Jeremy O, Marcelina L, Aadav MP

Year 2 Lisbon – Luka G, Liya B, Ruairidh McL, Amelie S

Year 2 Padua – Victor J, Sammy B, Odhran K, Maria S, Olivia D, Aleksija WP

Year 3 Lisbon – Esme BA, Lilianna M, Noel A, Ethan K, Anthony M, Andres SB

Year 3 Padua – Lord K, Jesse K, Ellie P, Ronny A, Daniel S, Deborah D, Hannah J, Elpida DF

Year 4 Lisbon – Lena G, Mia I

Year 4 Padua – Erin L, Robo U

Year 5 Lisbon – Edris G, Shaun C, Angel B, Jessica W

Year 5 Padua – Amber B, Samuel D, Ruo U, Alex G, Graeanne P, Imogen P

Year 6 – Eva R, Ana M, Kelly O, Silvia SB

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 2 nd Oct	Speakers from CAFOD to talk to all the children in assemblies Book Fair – daily this week after school in the Activity Studio
Thurs 5 th Oct	Y5 Padua visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum
Fri 6 th Oct	Y5 Lisbon visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum Y6 deanery sports tournament at St Michael's school
Mon 9 th Oct	Harvest Festival Mass – KS2 classes, 10.00am. All parents welcome Harvest entertainment 1.30pm for grandparents only
Tues 10 th Oct	Multi Skills Festival for Y1 classes
Wed 11 th Oct	Harvest assembly – Y1, Y5 and Y6 classes - parents welcome at 9.15am Reception parents' meeting at 7.30pm
Thurs 12 th Oct	Harvest assembly – Reception and Y4 classes - parents welcome at 9.15am Nursery parents meeting at 7.30pm
Fri 13 th Oct	Harvest assembly – Y2 and Y3 classes - parents welcome at 9.15am.
Tues 17 th Oct	Y5 Hockey Tournament at Fullerians Y6 Deanery Schools' 'One World' festival at St Michael's School
Thurs 19 th Oct	PFA Mufti day School closes for half term at 3.30pm as tomorrow is an INSET day
Fri 20 th Oct	Staff INSET for all deanery schools. School closed.
Mon 23rd-27th Oct	Half term – school closed
Mon 30 th Oct	School resumes
Wed 1 st Nov	All Saints Feast day. Mass at 10.00am. All parents welcome
Mon 6 th Nov	Nasal flu vaccinations for children in Rec to Y4 classes PFA meeting at 7.30pm at school. All parents welcome
Tues 7 th Nov	Y5 cross country competition at Fullerians Late parents' meeting 6.00-9.00pm for all classes
Wed 8 th Nov	Early parents' evening 3.40 to 6.30pm. All classes (No Irish Dancing club tonight)
Fri 10 th Nov	PFA EYFS and KS1 Disco 3.45 – 5.30pm
Sun 12 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Tues 14 th Nov	Y1 Padua – advent retreat session Y6 Basketball competition at Queens' school Y2 Padua advent retreat session
Wed 15 th Nov	EYFS charity day for Children in Need (details to follow)
Thurs 16 th Nov	Y6 visit to Bletchley Park Y2 Lisbon advent retreat session Y1 Lisbon advent retreat session
Fri 17 th Nov	Y3 Lisbon 'Jesse Tree' advent retreat session at St Bede's

Mon 20 th Nov	Y3 Padua 'Jesse Tree' advent retreat session at St Bede's
Thurs 23 rd Nov	Y4 speed stacking competition
Fri 24 th Nov	Occasional day. School closed
Mon 27th-1st Dec	Y5 and Y6 On Road, cycle training week
Fri 8 th Dec	PFA Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.00pm