



## May 2022 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Catholic Children's Society - Yellow Day**

We were delighted to raise **£458.62** for the Catholic Children's Society during our Yellow Day earlier this term. I would like to thank everyone for wearing their yellow clothes to support this charity day and also all the children and parents who helped create Easter hats and Easter gardens – they were fantastic!

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee – help needed**

On **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special day of activities planned. After school we would like to invite families to stay for a picnic on the school grounds. There will be refreshments, a tombola and a raffle. We really need lots of parents to help with these. Each class will have a sign-up sheet for parents to offer to help with one of these activities. Without parents help we will be unable to have any of these activities. Tables will be outside on the playgrounds on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May with sheets where you can sign up to help – even for a very short time. Many hands make light work!

### **Building Updates**

We are very pleased that the electronic gates have now been completed at our Willow Walk entrance. The next project that our Governors have been actively working on is for new canopies to be installed in the Early Years building. The canopy across the outside learning area of Reception Lisbon will be newly installed after the old one has been dismantled and there will also be a new canopy at the front of the building where the Nursery entrance is. We anticipate that this work will take place during the summer holidays. The company for the new trim trails are completing their final measurements this week, this work will also commence in the summer holidays so there will not be any disruption to the children's play area during term time.

### **Reminder of Staff Training Day – school closure**

On **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** there will be a training day for staff to implement a new systematic synthetic phonics teaching programme. This training is vital for staff and the training requires a whole day. Therefore, school will be closed for all children. The school will reopen for children on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Walk to School Week – 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May**

St. Anthony's will be joining thousands of children across the UK to take to their feet for Living Streets 'Walk to School Week' on **16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> May**. Families are encouraged to walk, cycle, scoot or 'park and stride' for the whole week to see the big differences that come from small steps, from healthier and happier children to fewer cars outside the school gates. Children will be able to log their journeys on their classroom wall chart with stickers. If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Late Collections**

Can parents please ensure children are collected promptly at the end of the school day and at the end of any After School Clubs. Staff are hugely affected by late collections as it has an impact on meetings/training or their own family commitments.

### **Attendance Update**

The whole school attendance has been **93.7%** from 2<sup>nd</sup> September until 13<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately, this is still below the **96%** minimum target set by the Government. Class attendance can be seen below.

Nursery	88%	
	<b>Lisbon</b>	<b>Padua</b>
Reception	91%	90%
Year 1	94%	95%
Year 2	94%	94%
Year 3	94%	94%
Year 4	95%	96%
Year 5	96%	95%
Year 6	94%	93%

A particular well done to **Year 4 Padua and Year 5 Lisbon** who achieved the highest class attendance during this time.

### Sports Days

Below is a list of the dates for the Sports Days for all classes. We have included reserve dates in case of cancellation due to bad weather. Parents are welcome to spectate at these events. If there is bad weather parents will be notified as soon as possible via email.

<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Nursery Sports Morning
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Lisbon</b> classes -Rec, Y1 and Y2 Sports Morning 10-12pm Lisbon classes – Y3,4,5 and 6 Sports afternoon 1.30-3.30pm
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Padua</b> classes -Rec, Y1 and Y2 Sports Morning 10-12pm Lisbon classes – Y3,4,5 and 6 Sports afternoon 1.30-3.30pm
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reserve date for Lisbon classes – same timings as above.
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reserve date for Nursery sports morning
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reserve date for Padua classes- same timings as above

### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

See above for Sports Day dates and Upper Key Stage Two production date.

16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 parents Isle of Wight meeting 7.30pm.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery meeting for parents - 5pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Mufti Day – children to bring in a tombola prize for Jubilee afternoon: Nursery / Rec – Box of chocolates Y1 and Y2 – Box/ Tin of biscuits Y3 and Y4 – Box/tin of sweets Y5 and Y6 – Bottle of wine
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day (see above).
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School finishes for half term. Y1-Y6 2.30pm finish. Reception classes 2.25pm finish.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Photograph
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Cassiobury Farm Assembly for Y4 classes
13 <sup>th</sup> June – 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	St Anthony of Padua Feast Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Dogs Trust assemblies and workshops for all classes Year 2 Padua to visit Pizza Express

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Corpus Christi
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y2 Lisbon to visit Pizza Express. Year 3, 4 and 5 Lisbon disco. 5.30 pm to 7.30pm.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	New to reception Parents meeting 9.15am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 and Y4 Holy Communion Mass 2.30pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 classes visit Bucks County Museum – Roald Dahl exhibition Y1 classes take part in a Singing Festival at The Clarendon Muse, Watford School of Music
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul Year 4 visit to Cassiobury Farm Year 3, 4 and 5 Padua disco. 5.30 pm to 7.30pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery visit Bekonscot Model Village
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	School closed – staff training day.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Coffee morning 11am- 12pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception classes Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm – 3.25pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Padua visit Hudnall Park
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 children's disco 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' mass for Y6 children and parents -2pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' assembly for Y6 children and parents -9.15am School finishes for summer Y1-Y6 2.30pm finish. Reception classes 2.25pm finish.

## **Congratulations**

Our congratulations go to the following children:

### **Nursery**

Alex C was awarded a British Proficiency Award for pre-school 1<sup>st</sup> badge.

### **Year 1 Lisbon**

Evelyn G achieved the Learn to Swim Stage 1 Award.

Leo M was also awarded Level 6 of the Gymnastic Proficiency Awards.

### **Year 1 Padua**

Evelyn A-T was awarded a certificate from Barracudas for Minnow of the Week as she is 'polite and kind'.

Elisha A was awarded a yellow belt certificate for martial arts.

Freya K achieved the Learn to Swim Stage 1 Award.

### **Year 2 Lisbon**

Hannah M achieved the Water Skills Level 2 Award.

### **Year 2 Padua**

Chanelle B achieved the Learn to Swim Stage 2 Award.

### **Year 3 Padua**

Lutho F achieved the Learn to Swim Stage 4 Award.

Noah O was awarded an Aylesbury United U8's football tournament trophy.

Dara H was awarded a medal from Power League for winning a tournament.

### **Year 4 Lisbon**

Emma Z was awarded a certificate for taking part in the Beginners First Concert at Watford School of Music.

Sophie A was awarded the 6<sup>th</sup> KUP Taekwondo grade promotion certificate.

Joy C achieved the Learn to Swim Stage 2 Award.

### **Year 5 Lisbon**

Kiki F was awarded two gold medals for the beam and bars by the Watford Gym Club.

Shreya T and Kiki F were the Y5 L K'nex Challenge winners for building a moving bridge.

### **Year 5 Padua**

Natalia S and Mariana T-R were the Y5 P K'nex Challenge winners for building a moving bridge.

### **Year 6 Lisbon**

Kasia B passed with merit Grade 3 Piano Practical at The Watford School of Music and also passed with distinction a Grade 3 Level 1 award for Musical Theatre.

Carolina C passed with merit a Grade 3 Level 1 award for Musical Theatre.

### **Year 6 Padua**

Teigen C has been retained by Luton Town FC Academy for the next season. This is Teigen's 4<sup>th</sup> contract now.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**God bless and take care,**

*Elaine Harrold*

