



7.6.2024

Dear Parents,

The last half term of the year is always a busy yet joyful one.

### **NSPCC Childhood Day**

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause today. The children enjoyed their activities and learning more about the work of the NSPCC. I will let you know how much was raised next week.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

### **Other Faiths Week**

This week we have been learning about Islam. The children have learnt a lot and will be showcasing their work to other classes early next week.

### **Sports Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – The gate will open at 9am**

On Friday morning we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports morning. The forecast at the moment is for a showery morning. Please ensure your child(ren) have a hat and suncream on as well as a water bottle.

All children are to come into school wearing their PE kit.

**\*\*\* PLEASE PARK RESPONSIBLY, OFF SITE \*\*\***

Parking at the front of school should be for Blue Badge holders only. Please do not park in front of the car park gates or block any parents dropping off at Pre School. Access for emergency vehicles for all schools on the campus MUST be maintained.

If you make your way around the back of school through the single gate by the hall and on to the field by the single gate. Please keep young children under control as cars may be moving in the car park.

When on the field the Reception and KS1 activities will be centred around the track lanes and some seating will be provided. Please keep this seating for those with mobility issues or parents with very young children. Reception and KS1 parents are asked to stay on the side of the tracks with the chairs. This way the staff have a clear view of all the children.

The KS2 activities are mostly within the golden mile path. Children will move from activity to activity. Feel free to follow the activities but ***PLEASE STAY ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE GOLDEN MILE PATH.*** This path will be used for a long distance run so please ensure you are at least a metre back from the edge. Last year some parents ignored this request and it confused the children when they were moving between activities.

For safeguarding reasons there will be **no access to the playground or school** during the Sports Morning for any family members.

Not all children in school have permission for their photograph to be taken. Please ensure that if you take a photograph of your child and other children are in it, you have their parent's permission to take the photograph. Please do not upload any photographs of other people's children on to any social media site.

There are a lot of young trees around the edge of the field behind the wooden posts, where the grass is long. Please do not let young children run in this area as the trees are immature and are easily damaged.

### **Children's Liturgy at St Wilfrid's Church**

Each week on Sunday at the 9:15am Mass at St Wilfrid's Church there is a Children's Liturgy group. Bring your child along, they will be most welcome.

<https://www.stjohnvianney.co.uk/mass-times/>

### **School Trips**

On Wednesday, our Reception class went to Thurstaston Beach on the Wirral. They had a fantastic day being pirates and looking for treasure. The children delighted in making sandcastles, finding crabs and walking the plank of the pirate ship!

School trips take a lot of planning including extensive risk assessments and the staff put a lot of effort into arranging these outings. I am very appreciative of the time our staff take so that the children have these wonderful opportunities. Thanks also to the office staff who sort out all the transport quotes, permissions and money.

### **Laptops**

This week we have received the news that we will need to replace all the staff and pupil laptops early next year as they will not support Windows 11. We have had a quote which I am sure you can imagine is a lot of money. School budgets are tight and so if any of our families know of any local firms that have community schemes that could help us, please get in touch with the office. It might be that you know of a grant we could apply for or a fund that would help with the cost.

### **First Holy Communion**

Please keep our Year 4 children making their First Holy Communion tomorrow in your prayers.

### **General Election**

I came across the link below quite by chance this week whilst looking for another resource. It is a short, 3 minute video from Cardinal Vincent Nichols about the importance of everyone's vote. It is all about using your vote to help "families flourish." It is not party political and there is more information on each of the themes should you want it. It also gives useful questions to ask candidates should they knock on your door.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless. Justine McEniff, Headteacher