



9th September 2022

OUR QUEEN



The sad news filtered in yesterday that our Queen sadly passed away, aged 96. The Queen was an inspiration for many. We will all have our own memories and thoughts about her. May she now rest in peace.

There will be a **BOOK OF CONDOLENCES** in the school office where we would encourage all of our school family to add their comments, thoughts and prayers.

Worship and Liturgy

God loves all people equally and invites everyone to share in his kingdom today! This Sunday's Gospel we learn how Jesus tells us three stories to show us how God cares for us, loves us and forgives us all. It is easy sometimes to forget that God watches over us. Perhaps this week, you can try to do what is right and to share God's love for everyone with all the people that you meet, particularly those people who seem lonely or sad.

What can you do to share God's love?



The relics of St Bernadette

On Friday, our Year 6 class took part in a special welcoming liturgy for the arrival of the relics of St Bernadette. The children behaved impeccably and were a

credit to the school. We are all very proud of you!

The arrival of Father Appollos

As a school community we are pleased to welcome the arrival of Father Appollos to St Joseph's Catholic Church. Father Appollos has already made himself one of the school family and enjoyed visiting all the children. We are all very much looking forward to working with Father Appollos.

Mr Dyson's Update

Having not seen the children for six weeks, it is incredible how much they grow! The children have come back looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and have settled brilliantly in their new classrooms. We have welcomed new staff members this week too. Mr Moore, Mrs Bemand, Mr Mackenzie and Mrs Notman have all joined our St. Joseph's family and have had a busy week getting to know children, staff and parents. It is great to have them with us.

This week we have hosted parent welcome meetings for year 6 and year 3. Next week parents are welcome to join us in years 1, 2, 4 and 5 to meet the teacher and find out more about the year ahead.

There was some positive news from the government yesterday regarding the 'Energy Price Guarantee'.

Typical UK households will pay no more than £2,500 a year on their energy bill for the next two years from Saturday 1 October, saving the average household £1,000 a year based on current energy prices from October. This comes in addition to the announced £400 energy bills discount for all households and together they will bring costs close to where the energy price cap stands today.

If any families are struggling, please come and see Mrs Acres who can help signpost you to various support networks.

Permission Letters

We will be sending out new permission forms. We want to celebrate all aspects of school life on our social media feeds and our website. We will not post images of your child without your permission.

Policies



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We have launched our new behaviour and relationship policy this week with the children and I will put the slideshow I shared on clasdojo for you to see too. The policy will be published on our website once the final tweaks have been made.

We have also looked at our homework policy and made some amendments to this also. As good as the electronic and digital world is, sometimes it can be restrictive.

Junior Phoenix Choir

Based at St. Peter's church in Wyndham Square, the choir are looking for new recruits. It restarts on Monday 12th September commencing at 6pm. Rehearsals last 60-75 minutes. There is no cost and music is provided.

Parents are permitted & encouraged to attend. Drink facilities are available for parents to have tea

/ coffee etc. Please pop along if you are interested - we have some amazing singers.

PE kit

The schoolwear shop in town will be stocking our PE t-shirts which are blue with a white logo. I have been informed that the order has gone in and they should be available next week.

It has been really excellent to see everyone back. I am excited about the year ahead!

God Bless,

Mr M Dyson



Dates for your diaries

- Monday 12th September - Y5 Parents Welcome Meeting
- Tuesday 13th September - Y2 Parents Welcome Meeting
- Wednesday 14th September - Y1 Parents Welcome Meeting
- Thursday 15th September - Y4 Parents Welcome Meeting
- Tuesday 18th October - Parents Evenings
- Wednesday 19th October - Parents Evenings
- Thursday 20th October - Individual photographs
- Friday 21st October - Harvest Mass at the Cathedral Church
- Monday 31st October - Non-Pupil Day
- Tuesday 1st November - Children back to school

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