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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th October 2021

The Month of the Rosary



Message From Mrs Coldham (Head of School)

It has been yet another busy week in school and I cannot believe that we break up for half term next week! As well as celebrating Harvest this week, we have witnessed our first school trip today after not being able to organise visits for such a long time. Year 5 and Year 6 have visited Eden Camp and had an amazing time. We look forward to this being the first of many educational visits this year!

Child Supervisory Support Assistant

Due to the retirement of one of our Child Supervisory Support Assistants, we are looking to recruit someone to support the children across lunchtimes. The role is for two hours each day 11.30am-1.30pm, term time only. For further information, please contact the school office on 01482 825625.

Parent Information Meetings and Parents Evening

It was lovely to welcome so many parents back into school this week for our parent information evenings. We would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended and hope that you found the meetings useful.

On Monday 1st November, we will be holding our first parents evening giving you the chance to speak to your child's class teacher about how they have settled into the new school year as well as progress and attainment. Details regarding booking appointments will be shared with you today. We would love to see you all so please book an appointment.

Catholic Life

This week we have celebrated Harvest and have been overwhelmed by the large amount of donations we have received. Thank you all so much for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

School Safety

- Please ensure that children are signed in to Breakfast Club daily. Also, ensure that you follow the Breakfast Club one-way system when dropping your child off.
- For safeguarding reasons, please do not use mobile phones whilst on the school site.
- Children must be able to remove earrings for PE lessons. Plasters cannot be used.

Dates For Your Diary

22nd October	Break up for Half-term	1st December	EYFS and KS1 Panto trip — more information will be made available after the half term
1st November	Return to school	3rd December	FS1 Christmas Play
1st November	Parents Evening	7th December	FS2 Christmas Play
3rd November	Bonfire Night Special Lunch	8th December	KS1 Christmas Play
5th November	Bonfire Night	9th December	Christmas Dinner and Winter Wonderland Disco
11th November	Remembrance Day	10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
12th November	Children in Need	14th December	Christmas Craft Day
24th November	KS2 Panto trip — more information will be made available after the half term	17th December	Break up for Christmas
24th November	Movie Night	4th January	Children return to school

ATTENDANCE

This week's class winners:

Class CB





AROUND THE PHASES

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EYFS

It has been yet another action packed week in Foundation Stage, another week of fun, learning and excitement. We have been working really hard in maths on the number 5, as well as remembering all of the numbers from the previous weeks. We are now becoming experts at counting forwards and backwards. We have been learning about the story of Supertato and what our special superhero powers would be. The children have been excited about writing, using their letter sounds to sound out their superpowers. We have been so impressed with the results! The children have been working in team to make a superhero jet-pack as well as making 'felt faces' for our family wall. Mr Brown has been getting children to help him keep his plants watered and the children have been learning about gardening. In RE, we have been working hard on our new topic, all about Baptism and being made to feel welcome. The children now know how important it is to make somebody feel welcome—such as shaking hands, saying 'Hello', sharing or simply having a good talk to each other. We've read the story of Adam and Eve to the children and we have learned that God created us to help look His creations. We are really pleased with how the children are playing with each other, sharing the equipment and simply enjoying life in Foundation Stage.

Phase 1

This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed starting our new writing topic. We are learning about setting descriptions and our hot task will be based on Hull Fair. The children have talked about their own experiences, watched video clips and have used their senses to think about lots of adjectives. We cannot wait to read their hot tasks next week!

In RE, we have started our new topic of Baptism. We have looked at some of the signs and symbols including the white garment and baptismal candle. Year 2 have re-enacted a baptism and will be visiting church on Monday to learn more about it. Year 1 have talked about what it means to belong to their family and will be visiting church on Tuesday 2nd November.

In Maths, Year 1 have been working on reading and writing numbers. Year 2 have been practising partitioning and comparing numbers using base 10. Don't forget to login into Numbots over the weekend. We can't wait to hand out certificates!



Phase 2 In Science the children have been learning about states of matter. We had great fun hypothesising which piece of chocolate would melt the fastest, depending on water temperature and about the different types of variables.

In RE we began our new topic; Baptism/Confirmation-Belonging. It would give the children confidence if, at home they could discuss their own Baptism and look at their photographs and their baptismal gifts.

In Art the children sketched and then painted their self-portraits thinking about using colour to show emotion as Frida Kahlo did.

In Topic we have been learning about mountains. The children used Chromebooks to research different mountain ranges to find out as much as they can and then they began work on building their own model of their group's mountain range, very busy but super fun lesson!



Phase 3

What a wonderful end to the week with a long awaited school trip to Eden camp. The children were perfect representatives of our school and had a superb time. We enjoyed visiting the different huts and learning all about the war. The German U boat hut was definitely our favourite.

This week in art, we have been using mod roc to create our own Anderson shelters—it was messy work but we are so pleased with the end results.

In English we have been creating some autumnal themed poetry. We explored conkers, pine cones, leaves and pumpkins create useful vocabulary banks before creating our acrostic poems.

