



# Newsletter Summer Term 2021

Welcome back from what we hope was a very restful and fun break, made even better by the lovely sunshine that we had.

## Warm Weather

The weather this past week has been very warm with lots of sunshine. We are hopeful that this will continue and the forecast seems to suggest that we will have some continued warm weather coming up. For this reason, please make sure that your child has sun cream applied before they come to school and that they have a sun hat for protection on warm days. Please also make sure that your child brings a water bottle with them each day that is filled at home. This will be topped up by staff throughout the day should your child need more water.



## Academy Update

As you know, our school, like all Catholic Schools in our Diocese, will be converting to an academy. The academy order has been granted for our school and we are still on schedule to convert to the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust on 1st October 2021.

## Election Day - School Open



Before the holidays we were informed that the school would be used again as a polling station on Thursday 24th June for the Local Election for Parish Council. Thankfully, due to some easing of restrictions since the last election in May, we are very grateful to the Parish for allowing the presbytery to be used as the polling station rather than the school. The school will therefore be open on Thursday 24th June 2021.

Once again, our sincere thanks go to our Parish family for making this possible.

## Staffing Update

We have a few changes to staffing from September. Mr Merrington, who is currently teaching in Year 6, will be leaving us in July and we thank him for his work and wish him luck for the future.

We have appointed 2 new members of staff who will be joining us from September, Mr Hubbard and Miss Croxford, who both have such a lot to offer to our school. The children played a big part in the interview process for both members of staff and commented particularly on their happy and smiley personalities and their interest in sport and making school life fun.

We look forward to welcoming our new staff members to the team in September.

## The Year of St. Joseph

This month, on our journey through the year of St. Joseph, we look particularly at St. Joseph as 'beloved', a much and dearly loved father and protector.

### Prayer that Pope Francis has written for the Year of St Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



It would be nice to chat with your children about who their 'beloved' family and friends are and what this theme means to them.

## Covid19

Can I please remind everyone that the Covid 19 virus continues to be around us and impacting on our school and wider community on a daily basis. It is easier, now vaccines have been rolled out to many, to become a little complacent and relaxed around the rules of social distancing, masks and handwashing; however, I ask that we all continue to work together to ensure that these things are followed rigorously enabling us to keep all of our school family, and wider community as safe as possible.



### Therefore, whilst on the school site please remember to:

- Keep your distance from those not in your household/ bubble
- Wear a mask at all times when dropping off and collecting your child unless exempt
- Exit the school site as soon as drop off or collection has taken place

## Absence

Please ring school on the first morning of your child's absence to inform us of the reason for absence.

**Please also note if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode has taken place.**

## Earrings

Can parents please ensure, that all earrings are removed from your child's ears before coming to school. We have seen a rise in children attending school wearing earrings and they can cause nasty accidents in school if not removed.

## Sports Day and School Events

We are waiting to hear whether the government 'road map' will go ahead as planned. We continue to remain positive and hopeful that we can arrange a Sports Day, along with other school events for the children, whilst keeping everyone safe. Keep an eye out for announcements and as soon as we know more, we will let you know.



## PE Kits

Please refer to the grid below to see when your child needs to come to school dressed for PE or outdoor learning.

Year Group	DAYS TO COME DRESSED FOR PE	
Reception	Thursday (Outdoor Learning)	Friday
Year 1	Monday	Friday
Year 2	Thursday (Outdoor Learning)	Friday
Year 3	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Monday	Thursday (Outdoor Learning)
Year 5	Monday	Friday
Year 6	Monday	Friday

## Euro 2021

**On Friday 18th of June** (the day of the Scotland v England match), to truly enter into 'the spirit of the game', we are having a whole school themed day to celebrate Euro 2021. On this day, we would like the children to come into school dressed in football strips, PE kits or colours from the Scotland and England teams strips (red, white and blue). We hope that this will be a fun and exciting day for the children which they all deserve.



## Design a canopy competition

Our Year 2 children recently took part in a design a canopy competition, as part of Art Week, to be in with the chance of winning a personalised canopy for our school grounds. We are thrilled to share that Euan in Year 2, was chosen as a finalist for the competition— we are all very proud of him and are sure that you will join with us to congratulate him on his achievements.



## ParentPay

Can I please remind all parents to check their ParentPay account for outstanding payments on school meals and breakfast club. It is essential that accounts are kept in credit for these services to be delivered. Please contact Mrs Ashton if anyone wishes to discuss this matter privately.

To our school leaver parents; please ensure payments are up-to-date before your child leaves Our Lady of Lourdes to enable payments to be processed.

## Important Dates

Break up for Summer holiday	Tuesday 20th July
Return to school in September	<b>Monday 6th September</b>

## School Holidays for the 2021/22 Academic Year

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021	Monday 6 September 2021
Autumn half-term 2021	Thursday 21 October 2021	Monday 1 November 2021
Christmas 2021	Friday 17 December 2021	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Spring half-term 2022	Friday 18 February 2022	Monday 28 February 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8 April 2022	Tuesday 26 April 2022
May Day 2022	Friday 29 April 2022	Tuesday 3 May 2022
Summer half-term 2022	Friday 27 May 2022	Monday 6 June 2022
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 July 2022	TBC

### **School will be closed on the following days for staff training:**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.