



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had such a lovely day yesterday celebrating our school Feast Day! In the morning, the children spent time with their prayer buddies, first in the classrooms and then in the hall. The Chaplaincy Team had prepared special prayer stations which each prayer buddy group spent time at. Every child had drawn a self-portrait, so we will be renewing our school family display in the corridor. They also contributed to some fantastic mobiles which are hanging in the hall, showing every prayer buddy group or pair. Then we had a visit from the Ice cream van!

In the afternoon, Father Anthony and Deacon Barry joined us, and we were able to celebrate Mass together. It was lovely to be joined by so many parents and carers – thank you!



Mrs Short is also working on creating a cross for the hall which includes a self-portrait of every child in the school. It is a mammoth task as you can imagine, but will be a lovely momento of our special day, and a reminder that we are all part of the St Walburga's family. We will be sure to send you a picture when it is completed.



The Reception children had a lovely visit to Charminster library on Tuesday. They learnt how the library works, and had a 'Drawing Club' session about their current book – 'The Detective Dog'.

We had a super KS2 sports morning on Tuesday too. Many thanks to Mr Yarrow, Mr Sparks, Mr Prince and the Bronze Abassadors who got to the field very early to set everything up – and an enormous THANK YOU to Mrs Welch who has organised all our sporting celebrations in the last

few weeks. A sterling performance from the staff in the Egg and Spoon race too – Mr Browne was victorious (I think he has been training in secret!).



Qdos uniform sale

The Qdos team will be running a sale in the KS1 reading den from 2.30pm to 3.15pm on Wednesday 10th July, so please pop in if you need anything for September.

Attendance

You should all have received a copy of our new Attendance policy, and a letter explaining the changes in legislation behind this new policy. It is important that you read it carefully, as it includes significant changes to fines for unauthorised absence from September.

Leavers' events

Don't forget that Year 6 parents, carers and families are invited to the Leavers' Mass at the Annunciation on Monday, 15th July at 6.30pm.

We will also be having a celebration disco for them from 6.00pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday, 17th July. We are going to have a tuck shop as usual (always a favourite) but this time we are going cash-free – so you will have to buy tokens in advance if you would like your child to buy sweets. It will be a maximum of 4 x 50p tokens per child (£2.00 in total) and they will be available to purchase on WisePay from today. We will also need parent helpers for this event, so please let us know on the gate or via email if you are able to help out. Many thanks.

School Building Fund

You may remember I asked for your help paying our Diocesan Building Fund invoice in the past. The invoice for the summer term is now in, and it stands at £3900. As I explained before, this fund helps us with all sorts of projects and we have benefitted greatly from it in the past. We have to pay the full amount, regardless of what we receive in contributions from you. If there is any way you can help us out we would be really grateful. A contribution of £30 per child per term covers this cost – if you are not able to commit to this but can help in any way, please do so via WisePay. Many, many thanks.

Mission Statement hero and Stars of the week.

Our Mission Statement hero this week is St Walburga – who is a great example to us all. We try to follow her charism by Welcoming, Serving, Praying and Learning. Well done to all our stars of the week who have been trying so hard to live out our Mission Statement:

Super Role Model: RP:Freya; RJ:Harry; 1JC:Freddie; 1WH:Emmanuel; 2ML:Domonic; 2NW:Ruby; 3BM:Lucas; 3NL:Oscar; 4CY:Abigail; 4CR:Poppy; 5JC: Julia; 5RH:Kathleen; 6KB:Rafa; 6PM:Ollie.

Learning Champions: RP:Kiara; RJ:Kit; 1JC: Layla; 1WH:Sheyn; 2ML:Ava; 2NW: Jack; 3BM: Zak; 3NL:Brooklyn; 4CY:Julian, 4CR:Deysi; 5JC:Sam; 5RH:Mason; 6KB: Tom; 6PM:Elliot.

St Bernadette's are the winners of the housepoint challenge for this term so they can wear mufti next Friday 12th July, with something red, as a treat!

Dates for your diary:

Mon 8 th July	All day	Year 4 Moors Valley
Weds 10 th July	2.30m-3.15pm	Qdos uniform sale-KS1 reading den
Thurs 11 th July	All day	Water Safety day – Mufti Day
Mon 15 th July	6.30pm	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Tue 16 th July	1.45pm	Guitar and violin showcase – more info to follow
Wed 17 th July	6-7pm	Year 6 Disco
Thurs 18 th July	2.30pm	Second hand uniform sale
Friday 19 th July	2.50pm	Last day for children
Mon 2 nd Sept	All day	Staff training day – school closed for children
Tues 3 rd Sept	8.40am	Term starts for children in Years 1- 6

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your family,

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