



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school! On Wednesday, Year 2 went to Beaulieu as part of their learning about changes in transport through history. Albie in 2ML writes: 'There was a big play area with a hidden pathway though the trees. My favourite part in the museum was seeing the Penny Farthing bicycle.' Paisley in 2NW writes: 'My favourite thing was seeing Mr Bean's car. I liked the colours and I sometimes watch it on the TV'. Rafa writes: 'I loved seeing the Bluebird and learning how fast it was.' It sounds like they all had a 'Beaulieu-ful day! Thanks very much to the Year 2 staff for organising this event.



Important information regarding trip volunteers

We are, of course, very grateful to the parents and carers who volunteer to help us on school trips – we would be unlikely to be able to go on these exciting and rewarding experiences if we did not get your help. However, we have noticed that some parents are asking the volunteers to take photos of the children on the trip, or keep them updated as the trip unfolds. Our mobile phone policy, which was shared with all parents, and our safeguarding procedures, mean that this cannot happen – parents on trips cannot take or share photos of the children. Equally, all messages about the trip, including return times, need to come via the school office. If you are on a trip, you must not update parents via WhatsApp groups or any other social media. We will do this via Groupcall. We cannot allow parents to have photographs of children on their phones, and on a day out where our priority is clearly the children's well being and safety, we do not have time to monitor who is taking a photo of who and sending it where! Therefore, we will be asking all volunteers to sign an agreement that they will not use their phones to take photos before leaving the school site. I hope you understand this, and ask that you do not ask volunteers to send you photos or updates during the trip. Many thanks.

Year 1 Liturgies

Just a reminder that parents and carers are invited to join their children for liturgies in Year 1 next week – 1JC's liturgy is on Monday, 29th April at 2.15pm; and 1WH's liturgy is on Tuesday 30th April at 2.15pm. Joining together in prayer is at the heart of our Mission Statement and it is always lovely when you can join us for these prayerful occasions.

Class Photographs

On Wednesday 8th May the photographer is coming into school to take class photos. Your child should come into school in uniform on that day, even if it is their usual PE day. It doesn't matter if it is summer or winter uniform but please make sure they look smart!

Year 6 Residential

On Wednesday, 1st May at 5.30pm, Year 6 parents and carers are invited to an information evening about the Residential trip which is taking place in the week after half term. This is an important meeting, where information will be shared about the activities, and what the children should (and should not!) bring with them. We will be asking for a £1.00 contribution per child, which should be made on WisePay – it's open now if you want to pay your contribution. **Children should not attend this meeting.**

CAFOD Fundraising

Thank you so much to all of you who donated to our Big Lent Walk fundraiser – I am pleased to tell you that the final total is £2040. Well done to all the children who worked so hard to raise this money to help others in our global community.

Vacancies

We are really keen to appoint some new staff for our breakfast and after-school club, and as Midday supervisors. We are happy to appoint part time staff if you feel that you, or someone you know, could do a couple of days a week. Please see our website for further details:

<https://stwalburgasprimary.secure-primariesite.net/staff-vacancies/>

Bank holiday

Don't forget – Monday 6th May is a Bank holiday and school will be closed – so please don't send your child in!

School Fund

You may remember that I sent a letter out last term, asking for your help with the School Building Fund invoice from the diocese. I explained that this fund is a 'pot' that we can access when we need work done at the school, and St Walburga's has benefitted greatly from this over the years. We have to pay the full invoice, which equates to approximately £10.00 per child per term. We have to pay this, regardless of how much we receive in donations from you. The spring invoice is now due and we are looking at our various budgets to see where we can find the money. If you can help at all, please do so via WisePay – it is very much appreciated!

Summer fair and PSA meeting

We have put a date in the diary for our annual Summer fair – it will be taking place from 3.30 – 5.00pm on Wednesday, 22nd May. As well as being our big fundraiser for PSA funds, this event is always a lot of fun for the children, and we really need as much help as possible to make it a success! In the coming weeks, we will be asking you for donations, and we are hoping that as many of you as possible will be able to help us on the day. We are going to have a preliminary meeting to discuss the event on **Wednesday, 1st May at 8.50** (after drop off) – we would love to see as many of you as possible there to help with your ideas!

Mission Statement Hero and Stars of the Week

Our Mission Statement hero today was Lloyd Martin, who made it into the Guinness Book of Records by being the youngest person with Down Syndrome to complete the London Marathon (in just over 6 hours – what an achievement!)

Super Role Model: RP:Nina; RJ:Oswin; 1JC:Teddie; 1WH:Rio; 2NW:Rafa, 2ML:Jasmine; 3BM:Lily; 3NL:Elsie; 4CY:Luke; 4CR:Tiago; 5RH:Daisy; 5JC:Olivia K; 6KB:Bonnie; 6PM:Alan.

Learning Champion: RP:Alice; RJ:Evelyn; 1JC:Freddie; 1WH:Liyana; 2NW:Asher; 2ML:Krystal; 3BM:Hugo; 3NL:Ariana; 4CY:Mia; 4CR:Maya; 5RH: Elsie; 5JC:Esme; 6KB:Olivia T; 6PM:Natalia.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 29 th April	Am	5RH Trip to Kingfisher Barn
Mon 29 th April	2.15pm	1JC Liturgy
Tues 30 th April	2.15pm	1WH Liturgy
Wed 1 st May	8.50am	Planning meeting for Summer fair
Wed 1 st May	5.30pm	Year 6 Residential meeting for parents
Fri 3 rd May	Am	5JC Trip to Kingfisher Barn
Mon 6 th May	All day	Bank Holiday- School Closed
Wed 8 th May	All day	Class Photos – school uniform, not PE Kit
Mon 13 th May	All day	Year 6 SATs week starts
Wed 22 nd May	3.30-5.00pm	Summer Fair
Thurs 23 rd May	2.50pm	Term ends for children
Fri 24 th May	All day	Staff training day – school closed for children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families.

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