



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to every one who helped out in any way with our Summer Fair on Wednesday – what an amazing event! It really was a perfect example of our whole school community coming together to create lovely memories for the children, and raise funds for our school! Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes – and especially Mrs Ellis and Miss Gama who contacted so many local businesses to get prizes. There are so many people to thank – but I really want to say a special thanks to the Year 6 children, who worked so hard to get everything ready in advance: bagging up sweets and tokens, labelling all the tombola prizes, moving furniture and goodies and, of course, designing and running their games. We are so proud of them!



On Monday, 5RM went to the Kingfisher Barn as part of their learning experience. James writes: 'I really enjoyed learning about the birds and nature and I really liked when we caught fish from a small pond (we threw them back!)'. Chloe H writes: 'We all enjoyed the pond dipping, when we learnt about lots of different small creatures that manoeuvre about in the pond. It was a lovely day out.'



On Tuesday, Year 1 went to Portchester Castle as part of their learning about Castles. Luna in 1JC writes: 'I enjoyed going to Portchester Castle on Tuesday. I was excited to climb up the keep and when I was on the roof I could see the water and boats. It was very high up.' Franklin in 1JC writes: 'When I went to Portchester Castle, I dressed up as a King's Guard. I really enjoyed holding the arrow and looking at the weapons like the long bow.' Max in 1NW writes: 'On Tuesday, Year 1 went to

Portchester Castle. We dressed up Kings, Queens and servants. We learnt lots about the castle and we climbed to the top of the keep. The servants only had a bath once a year! The King and Queen ate fish and meat, but the servants only had vegetables. We all had a great day!'



New Parents' Liturgy

On Thursday evening, the parents of our children who will be starting in September joined us for a liturgy. This is always such a lovely event, as we welcome the new members of our St Walburga's family, and start (or in some cases -renew) our partnership. We are looking forward to meeting our new Reception children when they come for their visits in July.



Sponsored Stroll

We are looking forward to our first sponsored stroll to the beach on Sunday. If you are planning to come, please be at school about 10.00am, so we can keep a record of all those walking. Please bring a picnic, and we can finish the walk with a lunch at the beach. We will provide a route – but you will be responsible for your child at all points, and no child can take part without an adult. (It is really intended to be a family day out!).

Request for Helpers

On the morning of **Wednesday 12th July**, our new parents of children who are joining Reception in September are coming in to the school hall for a chance to meet each other and find out more information about school whilst their children have their transition session in the

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classroom. We are looking for some help to serve tea and coffee - it is really nice for some of our current parents to join us and help at this event. If you are able to help please can you let us know. You can tell Mrs Woodward or Mrs Crutchley or contact the school office. Thank you!

Choir

Last Friday, our choir sang at Corpus Christi church in a concert with children from Avonwood Primary, and the St Peter's Community Choir. The concert was to raise funds for the charity 'Reaching the Unreached', which helps the poorest people in rural areas of India. The choir were amazing! They faced some technical difficulties on the night, but remained resilient and professional, and sang beautifully throughout – I was emailed by two members of the public who were so impressed by them that they felt moved to contact us. Thank you for being such brilliant ambassadors for our school. They sang superbly at the Summer Fair too. Many thanks to Mrs Jones and Mrs Smith for all their hard work in supporting them this year. On Friday, 7th July, the choir will be taking part in a competition of local schools at Christchurch Priory. This will be their last public performance of the school year! I hope they all enjoy it!



Sports Events

We are looking forward to seeing you all for our sports events next week. We are resending the letter from last week, so you have all the information and timings to hand.

School Mass

On Sunday, 2nd July, we are inviting the children from school to help us organise the 11.00am Parish Mass at the Annunciation. The children will be able to undertake a variety of roles during the Mass – readers, servers, welcomers and, of course, singing! We would like as many children as possible to join us for Mass – in their school uniform if possible. I would suggest that KS1 children sit with their parents, but if KS2 children would like to, they can sit at the front where we can boost the singing. **If your child would like to undertake a ministry such as reading at this Mass, they should let me, Mr Browne or Mrs Crutchley know as soon as possible.** Many thanks.

Feast Day

On Thursday, 6th July, we will be celebrating St Walburga's Feast day in school. As you know, this is always a special day for our whole school family. You are invited to join us for a whole school Mass at 1.30 (weather permitting as it will have to be outside!)

New classes

Please see below the classes that your child will be in from September. The children will have a chance to spend time with their new teacher and teaching assistant during the transition afternoon next Friday, and you will have the chance to meet the team on the first Wednesday back (6th September) at our drop in session after school.

Current class	New class	Staff
	RJ	Mrs Smith (Mon), Mrs Jones (Tues-Fri) <i>Mrs Kitson</i>
	RP	Mrs Paine (Mon-Thurs), Mrs Smith (Fri) <i>tbc</i>
RJ	1JC	Mrs Cunningham <i>Mrs Mortimer, Mrs Arnaudy, Mrs Cornhill</i>
RP	1WH	Mrs Welch (Mon-Wed), Mrs Hills (Thurs,Fri) <i>Mrs Lask, Mrs Moretta</i>
1NW	2ML	Mrs Lee (previously Miss Belcher!) <i>Mrs Glackin</i>
1JC	2NW	Miss Wood <i>Mrs Beech</i>
2CR	3NL	Mrs Nolan (Mon, Tues, Fri) Miss Lyons (Wed,Thurs) <i>Mr Sparks (Mon-Wed), Mrs Grisdale (Thurs, Fri)</i>
2NS	3BM	Miss Blunden (Mon-Thurs) Mrs McCaffrey (Fri) <i>Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Moretta</i>
Year 3A	4CR	Miss Ryland <i>Mrs Hepplewhite</i>
Year 3B	4CY	Mr Yarrow (Mon), Miss Carlson (Tues- Fri) <i>Mrs Ward</i>
4WH	5RD	Miss Dare <i>Mrs Troman (Mon), Mrs Emerton (Tues-Fri)</i>
4DC	5RH	Mrs Ruffle (Mon-Wed), Mrs Huntley (Thurs-Fri) <i>Mrs Perkins</i>
5RD	6KB	Mr Browne <i>Mrs Conway, Mrs Crispim (Tues, Wed, Thurs)</i>
5RM	6PM	Mrs Mason <i>Mrs Short</i>

Stars of the Week.

Well done to all our stars of the week who have been trying so hard to live out our Mission Statement:

Learning Champions: RP:Edie; RJ:Teddie; 1JC:Samantha; 1NW:Lola; 2CR:Elsie; 2NS: Zeynep; 3MB: Joshua; 3BM: Nickolas; 4DC: Alexandra, 4WH: Aaron; 5RD: Ryan; 5RM: Jessica; 6LY: Elizabeth; 6KB:Risha.

Super Role Model: RP:James; RJ:Horacio; 1JC:Skyler; 1NW: Umut; 2CR:Alessia; 2NS:Lily; 3MB:Leo C; 3BM: Isla; 4DC:Rosabella; 4WH: Imogen; 5RD: Evan; 5RM: Ted; 6LY: Anezka; 6KB: Violet.

Dates for your diary:

Sun 25 th June	10.00	Sponsored walk to the beach (and picnic)
Mon 26 th June	1.15-2.30pm	RP visit to Charminster Library
Mon 26 th June	Pm	Year 1 Sports afternoon (School)
Tues 27 th June	Pm	Reception Sports afternoon (School)
Tues 27 th June	All day	Year 5 visit to The Mary Rose - Portsmouth
Wed 28 th June	Am	Key Stage 2 Sports event (BSB Field)
Wed 28 th June	Pm	Year 2 Sports afternoon (School)
Thurs 29 th June	1.30-2.30pm	RJ visit to Charminster Library
Thurs 29 th June	1.45pm	Year 3 celebration Mass
Sun 2 nd July	11.00am	School Mass at the Annunciation
Thurs 6 th July	1.30pm	Feast Day Mass
Fri 7 th July	Am	Choir to Bournemouth Music Festival – more info to follow
Mon 10 th July	6.30pm	Year 6 Performance Surnames A – J – more info to follow
Tues 11 th July	6.30pm	Year 6 Performance K-W – more info to follow
Thurs 13 th July	All day	Year 3 visit to Avon Heath – more info to follow
Mon 17 th July	6.30pm	Leavers' Mass at the Annunciation
Wed 19 th July	6-7pm	Leavers' Disco
Thurs 20 th July	2.50pm	Children finish for summer holiday

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your family,

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