

St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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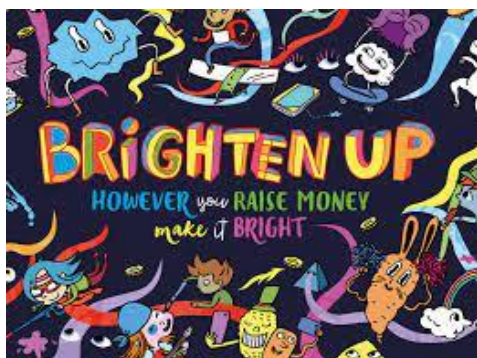
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a lovely week celebrating Harvest in school! It was great to see the children in their mufti today – thank you so much for your donations to CAFOD. We will let you know next week how much we raised. Thanks, too, for your donations to the Food Bank on Wednesday, they made a great back drop for our Harvest Celebration of the Word and Harvest Mass. The donations were collected by the Food Bank on Thursday – and much appreciated.



On Monday, the Key Stage 2 children were lucky enough to attend some workshops, run by CAFOD. Lucas T in 6KB writes: 'CAFOD is a charity which helps in countries where there is need. They help people by giving them animals, water tanks, emergency food and shelter. CAFOD is following in Jesus' footsteps.' Harrison in 6KB writes: 'CAFOD helps those in need by raising money to help – for example, they buy chickens, water tanks, houses, food and live animals to help others in poorer countries.'



Celebration of the Word

It was great to see so many of you at the Year 3 Celebrations of the Word this week. Sharing the Word of God is central to the prayer life of our school – scripture plays a key part in our celebrations when we join together whether it is as a whole school, prayer buddy groups, key stage or class. It is lovely that we are able to invite parents and carers to join us for the class celebrations.



Evelyn and Jenson in 3BM said, 'On Monday, we invited our parents to our Class Celebration of the Word and it was great. We loved singing the songs and we think everyone liked them. We worked so hard.'



Mila in 3JC writes, 'I liked our class Celebration of the Word because we all had chance to say something. Frances writes, 'I liked that our prayer time was quite long and was all about celebrating our Learning Values.' Eriife writes, 'It was nice that everyone could join in together and take part in different ways.' Lilly writes, 'I used one of our school Learning Values! I was brave speaking in front of the grown ups!' Sophia writes, 'It was nice to present a Prayer Card to our grown ups to take home. 'Thank you so much to all the adults in school who take the time to help children prepare for this important part of our school prayer life.'

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Road closure

We are still waiting for work to start on the barriers for our School Street. Can I ask you to remind your children that, although the road is closed, they should not be playing in the road and should be staying on the pavement as far as possible? We have also noticed some pretty shocking behaviour from parents parking on double yellow lines or turning near the barriers by Court Rd. I don't really know what else to say to you – this is illegal, unsafe, and unfair on our neighbours. Please stop.

Pesto pasta

Can I remind you that we are a nut free school – this includes pesto which is made from pine nuts and cashew nuts. Please ensure your child does not have this in their lunch box.

Art Shed

There is no Art Shed club for Year 2 on Monday 19th October.

Parents' evening

You should all have received a letter inviting you to book an appointment to attend one of our Parents' evenings next Wednesday or Thursday. If you haven't already booked, please do so via WisePay. **Please note, children should not attend these appointments.** If you miss your appointment, the staff will be unable to reschedule as they have so many parents to see.

Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Monday, 19th October to take individual photographs. We will automatically take photos of children with their siblings that are attending school – if you would like your child to be photographed with siblings who do not attend St Walburga's – either pre-school or secondary age, please come to the school hall at 8.00am on Monday. Just a reminder that you will be responsible for your older or younger children while they are on the school site. Please ensure your child comes to school looking smart and wearing school uniform (Year 5 and those children who have an after-school club should bring PE kit in with them)

Year 6 parents

The deadline to apply for a secondary school place for your child is 31st October – please make sure you have completed all the necessary paperwork by then.

School meal deadline

The deadline to book hot school meals for the first week back after half term is Monday, 26th October. If you miss this deadline, please ensure that you send your child in with a packed lunch for the first week after half term.

Starting school in September 2027

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 they are due to start in Reception in 2027! We will be holding a Stay and Play session from 3.30- 4.30pm on Thursday 5th November. Please contact the school office about an Open session. **It is really important that you attend**, even if you have a sibling at the school, as the Admission Process is explained. Please spread the word among your friends who may have children due to start school.

Nits

The critters are definitely doing rounds – they're in year 2 this week! Please check your child's hair at the weekend and treat if necessary. Thank you.

School Mass at the Annunciation

Many thanks to those of you who are bringing your child to join us for the Parish Mass at the Annunciation on Sunday 18th October at 11.00am. The children should come in their school uniform, and the children will sit together at the front of the church. An adult from each family will need to stay in church for the duration of Mass.

Class fundraiser – Christmas cards

Your child should be bringing their Christmas card info home with them today – you can order directly using the code and will get free delivery to school if you order before the deadline of 3rd November. I do hope you will be able to support us, as this generates great commission for School Funds!

Goodbye and Thank you!

Today we said a fond 'farewell' to Miss Fox, who has been part of our office team for the past two years. Helen has been a great asset to the school, many of you will know how professional and efficient she is in dealing with the queries and administration tasks of our busy school office. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her well in her new adventures.

Mission Statement heroes and Stars of the Week

Our Mission Statement heroes this week are those who work for our local food bank, and those who help our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world through CAFOD – of course this includes all the children who supported our foodbank collection and mufti day this week!

Well done to our Stars of the Week who have been trying hard to live out our Mission Statement.

Super Role Model:

1EM: Benji; 1WH: Max; 2NW: Molly-Mae; 2IJ: Layla; 3BM: Natalia; 3JC: Oswin; 4CN: Florence; 4RH: Daniel; 5JC: Elijah; 5LS: Bethanie; 6KB: Lucas T; 6KT: Alexa.

Learning Champion:

1EM: Polly; 1WH: Leila; 2NW: Grace; 2IJ: Miles; 3BM: Jacob; 3JC: Kiara; 4CN: Hazel; 4RH: Maja; 5JC: Ava; 5LS: Tiggy; 6KB: Harper; 6KB: Lenna.

Housepoint Challenge

Well done to the children in St Francis' house who have won this term's Housepoint challenge and can wear mufti (including something green) on Thursday, 22nd October. Reception parents – your child is in St Francis' house if they have a green rocket on their locker!

Dates for your diary:

Sun 18 th Oct	11.00am	School Mass at the Annunciation
Mon 19 th Oct	2.15pm	6KB Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
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Tues 20 th Oct	2.15pm	6KT Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Wed 21 st Oct	3.30-7.00	Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 nd Oct	3.30-7.00	Parents' Evening
Fri 23 rd Oct	All day	School closed for children – Staff training day
Mon 2 nd Nov	8.40am	School starts for again for children
Thurs 5 th Nov	3.30-4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 26
Mon 9 th Nov	2.15pm	4CN Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 10 th Nov	2.15pm	4RH Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Thurs 12 th Nov	1.30pm	Year 5 Mass – Parents and Carers welcome
Fri 13 th Nov	1.30pm	Year 6 Remembrance showcase – parents and carers invited – more info to follow
Mon 16 th Nov	2.15pm	2NW Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Tues 17 th Nov	2.15pm	2IJ Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

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