



Newsletter 27
23rd April 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your time and support in attending Parent Consultations remotely this week, I hope it was a helpful and positive experience. It is also good at this point to get feedback from your experiences of remote teaching.

We are close to finalising additional interventions groups and tutoring. The teachers will have been able to give you an idea of whether your child will be invited to any additional sessions within the school day. We are yet to get confirmation from our National Tutoring partners but we have indicated that we want them to concentrate on reading and comprehension skills. A few children will have Reading and Writing combined tutoring.

All interventions will be in addition to our normal support within the classroom including support provided to SEN children with specific needs. Letters will be going out today or Monday to let you know if your child has been highlighted for interventions outside of class (but in the school day). We are mindful that we do not want to overload children – in most cases it is to embed learning.

Letters to let you know about inclusion in any nurture groups or 1:1 Learning Mentors will go out next week. Rainbows groups have started this week (following parent consent).

First Reconciliations

It was wonderful that Fr Brian and Fr Kim could come into school on Monday to enable those preparing for their First Holy Communion to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The priests were also able to spend a short time in the Year 3 classes with the children. Only those preparing for their First Communion at our two parishes received this sacrament in school.

Relationship and Sex Education

We are planning to deliver the Journey in Love element of our RSE curriculum the week of May 24th.

A Journey In Love is a resource for Catholic teaching of the curriculum and provides a journey in learning across the year groups.

Each year group has a specific area of focus:

Year 3 – How we live in love

Year 4 – God loves us in our differences

Year 5 – God loves me in my changing and development

Year 6 – The wonder of God's love in creating new life.

For details on our approach to RSE and more information please see our Policy (2020) on the website under Statutory Information - Policies or under Learning – RSE.

On the RSE page we are also sharing the slides that will accompany the lessons (school website under Learning, RSE), so you know what will be taught. Years 4, 5, 6 will be covering their current year and the previous year's learning as they missed out on this during the first lockdown. Year 6 will be taught in their classes initially followed by boy and girl sessions to answer any written questions.

Please contact the class teacher or myself if you have any queries. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from Sex Education but not the Relationship and Health aspects.

Merit Certificates

We have started Merit Certificates again – difficult when so many children deserve praise for their return to school. The following children have been selected this week for particularly standing out as being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus*

3Anning	Edward Castle	For a positive attitude towards learning and for challenging himself to improve writing.
3Nightingale	Leo Sweeney	For settling back into school really well and working hard on his learning. He is challenging himself.
4Jemison	Kirsty Keane	For an excellent, happy and friendly start every morning – ready to learn.
4Attenborough	Max Stevenson-Hewitt	For showing his commitment to learning in all his lessons in and out of the classroom. Great times tables!
5Mandela	Amaia Grant	For her positive learning attitude and perseverance with percentages! Well done.
5Einstein	Rory Moloney	Great attitude to learning, both at school and during home learning. Very positive and always with a smile.
6Johnson	Emily Beer	For listening to feedback given in her writing and challenging herself to produce her very best.
6Martin Luther King	Kacper Gebski	For being a great role-model to his classmates; displaying fantastic learning behaviours in every lesson.

French Certificates: Alexander Thomas (4A) – for excellent participation and contribution in class.
Skye Ivory (4J) for great recall of questions and answers.

Head Teacher Award

Mikolaj Zaporowski – For writing a beautifully presented and well-structured story on time travel at home and sharing with the class. An engaging story from an aspirational writer.

Rainbow Day

If you have not had the chance yet, it is time to find sponsors for the PA's Rainbow Day next Friday. All children are invited to come to school attired in as many colours of the rainbow (see attached information). Please could children bring in their sponsor form on the day for signing. Money raised can be paid on the school Gateway from April 30th. There will be a box in the playground to collect the completed sponsorship form together with receipt of payment that you will receive from the school gateway. This is to enable the PA to claim Gift Aid. This is usually a brilliant fund raiser for the school and fun day for the children. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Year 6 End of Year Plan update

Transition day to JFK is on Thursday July 1st – we are awaiting details from JFK for this day but it is expected that if your child is going to JFK they will be given instructions nearer the time.

Wk of May 24 th	RSE (see above)
Thursday July 1 st	JFK Transition Day
July 5 th – 9 th	PGL School Residential Trip
July 16 th	Leavers Mass
July 16 th PM	Leavers Disco
July 20 th	Balloon (bio-degradable) release

TBC: Orchestra/Music Event with parents invited

Please note that we will not be staging a Production this year. This is due to the restrictions on singing, mixing and then performing to an audience. We are planning to use this valuable time to enrich the children's education in different ways and ensure they are ready for transition.

Still to be confirmed (for whole school as we wait for opportunities to open to parents):

Sports Day – this will be in a revised format, possible over several days

Open Day – an opportunity to see your child's work and see their new classroom

Year 4 Multiplication Check

While the statutory Multiplication Check for Year 4 has been cancelled for this year, we will still be participating in the optional Multiplication Check in Year 4 and submitting our results. Details about the check and how you can help your child is on the attached sheet.

Reminders

Yr3 **Magical Maths** will resume on Wednesday (for 5 weeks). Please collect from the upper playground gate.

Taekwon-do after school club: The TaeKwon-Do Club will be re-starting from Friday 7 May 2021 for eight sessions. Please see Wednesday email for signing up.

Friday 30th – **Rainbow Day** (see above).

Thank you for continuing to follow our COVID safety guidelines and helping to keep everyone safe.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher