



Newsletter 16th June 2022

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With Love we Grow

**"How beautiful it is to support each other in the wonderful adventure of faith!"
- Pope Francis"**



"Reading is a passport to countless adventures" - Mary Pope Osborne



Sports Day - Next Thursday sees the return of our 'normal' Sports Day, with parents and carers welcome to join us. The KS2 sports day will start at 9.15 am, and EYFS and KS1 will be at 1.30 pm, parents are invited to come along and cheer the children on. Seating will be provided but if you wish to bring your own, please feel free to do so. All children will need to be in their PE kits on Thursday, please ensure that they have a fresh water bottle, (suncream applied and a sun hat (weather dependent) - as there is little shelter on the field).

Car Fumes - Fact: More than one in four parents and guardians have admitted to leaving their car's engine running while waiting at the gates to pick up their children from school. With vehicle emissions closely linked to respiratory and other health issues among children and adults, please can we request that parents and carers dropping off and collecting children, switch off their engines whilst waiting?



School Attendance and Holidays in Term Time - Whilst we are aware that Covid has had an impact on children's attendance at school this year (which could not be helped). It's imperative that children attend school - see separate leaflet. Last academic year there were 23 days lost to children taking unauthorised holidays in term time, this year to date 133 days have been lost with children out of school for unauthorised holidays. Historically we have only involved the Local Authority with regards to issuing fines on rare occasions, however, we may have no choice but to do so in the future if attendance does not improve. The threshold for fines are **a pupil missing a minimum of 5 days unauthorised absence in a term or 7 days unauthorised absence over 2 consecutive terms**, (including Summer term to Autumn term). Our whole school attendance is currently 95% which is below the expected DfE attendance levels.

Class Lists & Birthdays - Please note, school are not allowed to share class lists list with parents as it does not fall within our GDPR Policy. On your child's birthday (or the nearest school day to their birthday) children can come to school in their own clothes. We do request that sweets and cakes etc. are not sent in with your child as we do have children with food allergies and intolerances and this does not tie in with our healthy schools scheme.

Jewellery - Reminder that earrings are not permitted to be worn in school. If you are planning on getting your child's ear pierced over the Summer holidays, please do so in the first week so that they can remove them before returning to school in September.

Year 6 Leavers - As we are just over 4 weeks before the end of term and the Yr 6's leaving school, please can you ensure that all outstanding payments are up to date and that your dinner account balance is kept at the right level.

Dates for your diary - Please take note of the dates below.

19th June - Corpus Christi Procession 11.30am in Church - Year 4 to lead the procession

21st June - Year 1 trip

22nd June - Year 3 trip (pm only)

23rd June - Sports Day, KS2 - am, EYFS & KS1 - pm

27th June - PTFA Sponsored Fun Run Day (more details to follow)

29th June - New Reception intake 1.30-2.45pm

29th June - Year 5 Science Day at Holy Cross (more information to follow)

1st July - KS2 Guitar & Keyboard Concert (more information to follow)

4th July - Year 2 trip to Cuerden Valley

4th July - Reception & New Intake Teddy Bear's Picnic (more information to follow)

6th July - Holy Cross & St Michael's Induction day (Y6)

8th July - Reports out

13th July - Years 5 & 6 productions (more information to follow)

18th July - First Communion celebration Mass in Church @ 1.30pm - Parents welcome

18th July - Year 5 to St Joseph's, Horwich (more details to follow)

w/c 18th July - No music lessons (guitar & keyboard), Jam Coding or CraftEd

20th July - Leavers' assembly 2pm

20th July - School Closes for the Summer holidays @ 3.15pm & reopens on Monday 5th Sept.

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