



Newsletter: Sunday 13th October 2024

Apologies for the delay in this week's newsletter. It was an incredibly busy week and with lots of bugs and germs flying round we had a number of staff absent too. I was out of school for part of the week working with colleagues from other schools across the Archdiocese. It is always good to learn from other schools and to share good practice.

Tuesday was a busy day for us – it was good to welcome so many Year 6 parents into school for our workshop supporting the children's study of Pig Heart Boy, the heart and circulation as well as xenotransplantations. We also welcomed the RSPCA to school leading an assembly for Years 2-5 and Hedgehog workshops for Y2.

On Wednesday Mr Heery was joined by Sam and Maisie from our Junior Leadership Team at the Inclusion Quality Mark celebration event at Goodison Park. We were extremely proud to be presented with our new Flagship Award recognising our work with Inclusion.

Wednesday also saw Year 2 on their Local Area Study, thank you to all the parents who braved the weather and joined them for the afternoon. Thank you to those parents who attended the EYFS Phonics and Reading workshop and to the EYFS Staff for organizing this too.

We have all been shocked by the potential closure of Zoe's Place Baby Hospice. We are incredibly lucky to have such a place that supports babies and young children who have complex illnesses or disabilities from birth to age five. We know that many families will have their own personal stories associated with Zoe's place too. On Friday 18th October we will be holding an own clothes day Zoe's place. We are asking children to bring in £1 in exchange for them wearing their own clothes. We know Zoe's place will be appreciative of any donations.

This week it was the Feast Day of Saint John Henry Newman, one of the newest English Saints. His Prayer 'Definite Service' is something that Rob Howell, our Chair of Governors always shares at the start of each year reminding us that we all have a role given to us by God. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Governors for all the service they give our school. I've shared the prayer below as I find the words really inspiring.

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

Next week starts with the Parish Mass being celebrated in School, Father Colin will be joining us and Year 5 will be reading for us. You are more than welcome to join us for Mass which starts at 9:30am.

We have our Parents evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday, please make sure you have booked your appointment. It is a good opportunity to check in with your child's teacher and to see how they have settled in and what their targets are for the year. Your child's teacher will also be discussing your child's attendance with you. Any problems with the booking system please contact Mrs Pyper.





We are fast approaching half term and we'll be sending information out about clubs etc. for Autumn 2 – please look out for the email. Also, in the run up to half term you will see the notification signs go up regarding the School Street project for both Fieldway and Meadway. Enforcement will begin on 4th November 2024. Access restrictions will be in effect between 8:15am–9:15am and 2:30pm–3:30pm. If you are used to dropping off in Meadway – you will no longer be able to do this, please plan your journeys for after half term. Please use the Church Car Park or walk to school if you can. Please be reminded that the Walking Bus is available from church Tuesday – Friday. After half term we will be able to bring it back on a Monday.

I hope you've had a good weekend and got a chance to recharge the batteries!

David Delaney
Head Teacher

Mon	14th	Oct	Parish Mass in School	9:30am	Y1-6	HALL
Tues	15th	Oct	Parent's evening	3:45 – 6:30pm	YR-6	HALL
Wed	16th	Oct	Parent's evening	3:45 – 5:45pm	YR-6	ONLINE
Wed	16th	Oct	First Holy Communion Session	4pm - 5pm	Y4	CHURCH
Fri	18th	Oct	Own Clothes Day for Zoe's place	All day	ALL	ALL
Fri	25th	Oct	Harvest Festival	am	YR-6	School
Fri	25th	Oct	Children finish for half term	3:10/3:15pm	ALL	
Mon	4th	Nov	Children return after half term	8:45am	ALL	SCHOOL
Thu	7th	Nov	Open Evening for Sept 2025	4:30 - 6:30pm	Prospective Families	HALL