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What should we do?



In this week's Gospel we are told how Jesus rebuked Peter for telling everyone that He was the Messiah.

He was disappointed that Peter was more concerned about how people saw Jesus than for what God had planned. At St. Winefride's we always try to think and behave how Jesus

would want us to. One thing that we are very proud of at St. Winefride's is the magnificent contributions the school community make towards charity. As you will see below we are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning next week to which you are all invited.

Playground Opening Ceremony

Last week saw the official opening of our new playground, we were blessed with a lovely sunny morning and there were many highlights including: a Rugby World Cup parade, a magnificent Haka, from Class 11, led wonderfully by Jerald, who would have thought such a terrifying sound could come out of such a delightful young man! After the certificates we had two fantastic relay races, the first impeccably run by the children, with St. David winning closely followed by St. Andrew, with St. Patrick just pipping St. George on the line for third! However the same could not be said for the staff race, with tales of cheating, ringers, failed tests and major injuries abounding. St. David's blatantly cut corners and were demoted to fourth place, St. Patrick's had a runner from another house in their team, however this was later found to have been sanctioned by the race organiser before the competition and was therefore allowed. Mr Savin was found to have had far too much caffeine and was consequently not allowed to run. Finally Miss Grima sadly tore her calf muscle going round the first bend but bravely continued to finish her lap. If you see her hobbling around on her crutches please wish her well and congratulate her too!



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Rugby World Cup

The Rugby World Cup will be starting tomorrow and we are asking the children to follow either their home nation or the country that they represented at last week's opening ceremony. We are also starting a Tag Rugby Before School Club to tie in with the tournament.



Coffee Morning



Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning is on as usual this week, it will start when the children arrive at school and continue until Class 5's Assembly is due to start at 9:45am in the church. There will also be details provided about this year's Macmillan's Coffee Morning (see below).

Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning

We will be hosting our annual Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning next Friday 25th September 2015. To help us raise as much money for this wonderful cause as possible we are asking for donations of cakes and biscuits to be sold at the coffee morning and during break and possibly lunch time. We are also including the children in the event by asking you to send in 50p and a cup or mug with your children (classes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 only) on the day, and we will serve them with a cup of hot chocolate in their classroom. We are hoping to have our biggest and best coffee morning yet!

Before and After School Clubs

The children received the letters regarding the after school clubs this week. We have made special efforts to distribute the letters as widely as possible and to ensure that as many children as we can are able to have a chance of attending a club. Each club will last until Christmas and then will be re-advertised for new members to start in January 2016. More clubs may be introduced during coming weeks as the teachers and staff finalise their timetables and spare time! Mr Savin will visit every classroom on Friday to inform the children which club they have been accepted into. Before school clubs will also commence next week. The children have had the option of putting their name on the list pinned to the PE board. Again as many children as possible will be given the opportunity to attend a club so it may be that the children are initially limited to one before school club each. Again Mr Savin will inform each Class about who has been successful in gaining access to the clubs on Friday.

Transition to Secondary School Meeting

The meeting to inform you about transferring to Secondary school will be held on Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 5:00pm. Please make every effort to attend as this process can be a very worrying time and we would like to help you as much as possible.

Transition from Nursery to Reception

We would like to remind the parent/carers of our Nursery children that gaining admission to the Nursery does not guarantee your child a place in a reception class next year. While it is true that the majority of children who attend the Nursery do indeed go on to attend the main school, every application the school



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receives is judged on a specific set of criteria and we are not allowed to give preference to children who have attended the Nursery. If you are applying for your children to join the reception classes next year, you will need to obtain a Certificate of Practice (CoP) from Fr. Sean. This replaces what used to be known as the 'Priest's Form'. This form is the property of the Church and as such we are not able to provide it for you. Fr. Sean will be advertising the dates when he is available to sign these CoPs in the Parish Newsletter, so keep an eye out for when he is available.

Cardfields



The Year 6 children will be off on their residential trip on Monday, we are sure they will have a fantastic time. Just a reminder that any Year 6 children who are unable to go on the trip must still attend school as usual next week!

Swimming Lessons

Once again the children will be taking their swimming lessons at the Olympic Aquatic Centre in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. This year the year 3 children and the Year 6 children from Class 10 will be having the lessons. We know the early start (the children need to be in school by 8:15am) is a bit awkward but the benefits to the children more than outweigh this!



Communion Classes



Details about the children's First Holy Communion Classes will be advertised in the Parish newsletter as normal. Please do not call or visit the school to ask about these lessons as they are organised by Fr. Sean and as soon as he has the necessary information he will publish it in the weekly Sunday newsletter.

PE Bags

The PE bags have arrived at last! We are still working out how much they will cost as this newsletter is being written but they will be available for sale from Friday 18th September 2015. As soon as we have news on the rest of the 'missing' uniform we will let you know.

Forthcoming Assemblies

Friday 18th Sep – Class 5
Friday 9th Oct – Class 11
Friday 23rd Oct – Black History Assembly
Friday 14th Nov – Class 4
Friday 28th Nov – Class 7
Friday 11th Dec – Classes 1 & 2

Friday 25th Sep – Class 9
Friday 16th Oct – Class 3
Friday 7th Nov – Class 10
Friday 21st Nov – Class 8
Friday 4th Dec – Class 6
Friday 18th Dec – Gov. Assembly



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Term Dates for the Academic Year 2015/2016

Just to remind you we are printing the term dates again this week! Please note that there is an INSET day, where the children do not attend school, on Friday 2nd October 2015.

Autumn Term – 3rd September 2015 to 18th December 2015.

Half Term break Monday 26th October 2015 to Friday 30th October 2015.

INSET day Friday 2nd October 2015 – School closed to children, staff training day.

Christmas Holiday Starts at 1:30pm Friday 18th December 2015.

Children return to school on Monday 4th January 2016 at 8:55am.

Spring Term – 4th January 2106 to Thursday 24th March 2016.

Half Term break Monday 15th February 2016 to Friday 19th February 2016.

Easter Holiday starts at 1:30pm Thursday 24th March 2016.

Children return to school on Thursday 7th April at 8:55am.

Summer Term – 7th April 2106 to Friday 15th July 2016.

Half Term break Monday 30th May 2016 to Friday 3rd June 2016.

INSET day Friday 27th May 2016 – School closed to children, staff training day.

Summer Holiday starts at 1:30pm Friday 15th July 2016.



This Week's Prayer

Every week we put a prayer in the newsletter, related to the week's Gospel. Please say the prayer with your children.

*Dear Jesus,
We know who you are.
You are God's only Son, the Saviour of the world.
Amen.*

*God bless you,
Mr Underwood.*

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