



Friday 28th April 2017

## Weekly Newsletter

Good afternoon everyone,

Happy Easter and welcome back to the final term at School; although with the hail this week it is hard to believe that it is the Summer term. In assembly on Monday we celebrated the Feast of Saint George. I also recalled the events of the Easter Vigil Service and on Wednesday, as we celebrated the start of the term with a Whole School Mass, Father Lamb drew the children's attention to the new Paschal Candle in Church and the children confidently answered Father's questions. Year 6 also had the opportunity to share the knowledge of their faith with younger pupils this week when they visited Year 3 to talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They worked in pairs with the Year 6's eloquently answering carefully considered questions; an enjoyable lesson for all.

The corridors on Tuesday were filled with beautiful, yet unusual melodies echoing from Year 2. On further inspection I was confronted with a group of children playing Boomwhackers, which are colourful, hollow tubes of plastic which you whack against your hand and when played as expertly as they were by Y2 produce a sweet sound. Little did I know that it was the first time that they had had a go at playing them. Are there no ends to your musical talents Year 2? First Bell Plates then Boomwhackers, once again a huge thank you to Mrs Lloyd for providing the children with such wonderful opportunities.



On Tuesday we also had a visit from the NSPCC, who came to deliver their Speak out, Stay safe assembly. Information was shared with the children about how to keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. They also spoke to the children about the valuable work they do across the country and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join with them in their 'fight for every childhood.' Your child will have come home with a sponsor sheet in preparation for 'Buddy's Workout' which they will all be doing next week in a PE lesson, to raise money for the NSPCC's vital work. By taking part in the fundraising event they will receive coloured badges, depending on the number of sponsors they get, rather than the amount of money they raise—families can complete one form. Please support this valuable cause. This assembly will be followed up by a workshop for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils on May 18th, where the key messages about how to stay safe in today's world will be dealt with in more detail.

### Internet safety

Children are now going online at a younger age. They love using new technology and see the online world as creative, fun and exciting. Keeping children safe with changing technology can be a challenge and helping your child stay safe can sometimes seem even harder. Children go online to connect with friends, browse for information and play games. They also like to express themselves creatively by sharing images or videos. However as well as the positive online experiences, there can also be risks. Talking to your child regularly and being part of their online world will help you set and develop boundaries from an early age, meaning you can identify risks before they become issues. Prior to the Year 5 and Year 6 workshop on May 18th, there will be an Internet Safety Workshop for parents at 9.00 until 10.00. **This workshop is aimed at all parents from all year groups** with the message of working together as a family to stay safe online. Please support this event. Further information about On line Safety can be found on the O2 and NSPCC website: [o2.co.uk/nsppc](http://o2.co.uk/nsppc).

Best wishes,

Mrs Stewart

### Attendance: Target = 96%.



	LAST WEEK	THIS TERM	THIS YEAR
YR	97.3%	95.3%	95.0%
Y1	95.6%	96.2%	96.0%
Y2	94.0%	96.3%	96.4%
Y3	88.3%	95.6%	95.8%
Y4	95.3%	96.0%	96.8%
Y5	97.0%	95.8%	96.1%
Y6	99.3%	96.2%	96.1%

### Mass Times

St Ambrose's  
Sunday 11am & 6pm.

### Confession Times

St Ambrose's  
Saturday 11.45am—12.45pm,  
and by request.

### Alter Servers

w/c 1/5/17—Luca B & Jacob H  
w/c 8/5/17—Aidan O & Sebin J

### After-school Clubs



Monday—Bell plate ringing—3.10—4pm



Wednesday—WBA football—3.15—4.15pm



Thursday—Choir—3.10—4pm



Friday—WBA netball—3.15—4.15pm

## MESSAGES

**FOSAS COMPETITION**— All entries for the FOSAS logo competition must be handed into the school office by Friday 5th May.

**KEMP**—Kemp bracelets are on sale from the school office. They are £1 per bracelet. Please help support this charity who have provided support to children in the school. The bracelets are not to be worn in school as they are not part of uniform. Many thanks.

**PHOTO'S**—Can all photo orders please be back in school by Monday 8th May.

**CLUBS**—Please note that bell plate ringing will begin on Monday 8th May due to bank holiday. There are also places still available.

**INTERNET SAFETY**— Please be extra vigilant with monitoring your child's use of the internet and social media.

## Thought For The Week



## Year 6 visited Year 3 to explain all about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



## Diary Dates

### MAY

**Monday 1st**— School closed for Bank Holiday

**Wednesday 3rd**—Y5 School Mass.

**Thursday 4th**—FHC Meeting 6.30pm.

**Monday 8th—Thursday 11th—YEAR 6 SATS**

**Wednesday 10th**— Y4 School Mass.

Y3 & Y4 SNOMAC rounders.

**Friday 12th**—Y5 Class Assembly.

**Monday 15th—17th**— Y6 Residential trip.

**Wednesday 17th**— YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3 School Mass

FHC meeting 6.30pm.

**Thursday 18th**—NSPCC Parent Internet Safety meeting 9—10am

**Friday 19th**— Y5 Basketball.

**Monday 22nd**—May procession 2pm

KS2 CTA Athletics @ Redditch Abbey Stadium—6pm.

**Wednesday 24th**—Year 6 School Mass.

**Friday 26th**—Y5 Good Shepherd Mass.

School breaks up for half term.

### JUNE

**Tuesday 6th**— Pupils return to school.

**Wednesday 7th**—FHC Meeting 6.30pm.

Y5 School Mass.

**Tuesday 13th**— Y6 Young Citizens Challenge.

**Wednesday 14th**—SNOMAC Rounders.

Year 4 School Mass.

**Friday 16th**—Y6 Athletics

FHC meeting 6.30pm.

**Saturday 17th**— First Holy Communion.

## Year 2 Boomwhackers

