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St Agnes' Weekly News

The family of St Agnes loves, learns and grows together as followers of Jesus.

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SEPTEMBER

11th— House Captain Elections

13th—Curriculum Evenings via Google Classroom -

Years 1& 2 3.45-4.15pm

Years 3&4 4.15-4.45pm

Years 5&6 4.45-5.15pm

15th—New school year mass 11am in church

20th—Year 2 RAF Museum trip

20th—Class 6M Assembly 9:05am

20th—Curriculum Evenings via Google Classroom -

22nd—International Evening 3:15-5:15pm

25th—Year 4 Swimming Lessons –6th October

27th—Class 3G Assembly 9:05am

28th—Reception Information morning followed by FOSA Coffee morning

29th—Maggie's Coffee Morning

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the new school year - I sincerely hope that you all had a good holiday and enjoyed the changes in routine. Of course, it sped by very quickly and we are already in full swing for this year. We were treated to some lovely weather upon our return to school this week which has been amazing (although I know some of us might have appreciated this beautiful sunshine and very warm temperatures over the school holidays!).

The school has undergone quite a number of improvements during the summer break to enhance existing facilities and upgrade the environment. These have included:

- Partial new roof over staff room and year 3 and 4 classrooms (previously leaking rainwater into classes)
- Complete roof clean and cleaning of all guttering
- Air conditioning installed in the hall, downstairs learning zone, medical room, both year 6 classes and Deputy Head office
- New boys toilets for years 3&4
- New sinks and vanity units in girls toilets- years 3&4
- New vinyl flooring to replace old and worn carpets in classes 1Z, 2C, 3C, 3G, 4D and 5P
- Two staff toilets refurbished

The roof works cost in excess of **£42,000** and were funded by the Diocese (however we still have to contribute 10% of this, a total of **£4,200**) and the other works were in the region of **£55,000** which we are paying directly from the school budget. This is a HUGE spend of **£60,000** but in order to keep our school in great condition we have committed the money to enable them to happen. As far as I know we are one of the only primary schools with air conditioning in every classroom and learning space - which was much needed this week!

It has been really wonderful to see the children return looking relaxed and refreshed and definitely taller! Thank you parents for sending the children back in full school uniform, it is appreciated. Moving around the school I have watched the children settle into their new classrooms and begin the relationships with the new teacher and teaching assistant - I heard a lot of laughter. We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

We will be hosting our curriculum evenings on Wednesday 13th September **remotely on Google Classroom** at the following times. We have decided to hold these remotely as turnout last year for this meeting was very low and we are hoping this will enable everyone to attend. This will allow you the opportunity to 'meet' your child's class teacher and have a clear understanding of classroom routines and expectations. A link will be sent out to all. Please note this meeting is a presentation from the teacher and there will be an opportunity for parents to clarify points/ask general questions. It is not the time to speak about your child individually as the teacher needs to get to know them and this will be done in the forthcoming October parent evenings (16th and 18th).

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Years 5&6 4.45-5.15pm

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Susan O'Reilly



A Warm Welcome

We are very pleased that our new children have begun their educational journey at St Agnes.

This week we said hello to:

Nursery - Amelia, Maryann, Arlo, Katniss, George & Piotr. .

Reception - Alexander, Cristiano, Rayan-Daniel, Stefan, Christel, Ysaac, Kaia, Angela, Krystian, Liseli, Simona, Maylene, Adonai, Amelia-Jane, Joseph, Joshua, Nathanael, Vince, Zoe, Atarah, Cian, Hanna, Indy, Melchior & Oluwaseyifunmi.



SAVE THE DATE - International Evening

We will be hosting our annual International Evening on Friday 22nd September 3.15-5.00pm.

Miss Duggan will be contacting you next week to ask parents to offer to run a stall of food/ refreshments from your home countries.

This is a truly wonderful evening and we hope we can get lots of you involved.



St Teresa Feast Day

The children from St Teresa's house went to the Parish Church for mass on Wednesday to celebrate their feast day. It was a great opportunity to give thanks for the life of St Teresa and the lessons she taught us throughout her humble life of service and charity. She is a modern day saint which makes it so much easier for us to relate to her as she lived in recent times and was understanding of the world's problems and more importantly part of the solution to resolve these.

All children in school completed work on the life of St Teresa on her feast day, their learning objectives were:

Year 1: To recognise the life and work of St Teresa.

Year 2: To recognise that people act in a certain way because of their faith in God.

Year 3: To understand why St Teresa devoted her life to God.

Year 4: To understand why St Teresa devoted her life to God.

Year 5: To explain why St Teresa belongs to the church community.

Year 6: To explain why St Teresa's actions were a consequence of her belief in God.



First Holy Communion

Holy Communion forms are now available to collect at the Parish office for 2023/3024.

The deadline for returning forms is Sunday 1st October. Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted into this year's program.



Contact Information

Could you ensure that the school office has all your up to date contact information ie mobile number and email address in case we need to speak to you or send emails/text messages to keep you updated on school life. It is important we also have up to date emergency contact details should your child have an accident at school.



Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Celebrating Birthdays

This is a reminder that we ask parents who wish to celebrate their child's birthday with their classmates to either send in fruit/raisins to share or even better liaise with the class teacher to buy a book that can be donated to the class library. This book will have a special addition on the front page, saying who donated it on the special occasion of their birthday.

This will be enjoyed by the children throughout the year.

Thank you.

Year 6 Jumpers

Our Year 6 pupils received their brand new year 6 jumpers in today's celebration assembly, that the school has gifted them. They are the first year group to receive these as it is a new initiative but one which I hope will prove popular.

The jumpers are green in colour, with a small St Agnes logo on the left and a 'V' neck. Wearing these jumpers is a sign to the rest of the school that these pupils are mature, responsible and role models for others.

Parents wishing to purchase an additional jumper can do so via the MAPAC website.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team (Mrs O'Reilly, Mrs Hourihan, Mrs Gale, Mrs Breslin or our Chair of Governors Gill Abbott). In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.

DONATE A BOOK



I often get asked how parents can donate books to the school. So I have created an Amazon book wish list. This is a way for you to donate a book that we need for our wonderful school reading library.

You will find the list at

<https://amzn.eu/biEs0qi>

At delivery if you pick the option to send the book to the "List Donation's gift registry address" the book will be delivered directly to the school. Alternativley you can get it delivered to your home address and bring it into school.

**Many Thanks as always for your ongoing and wonderful support
Mrs Gale**



BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night; you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).



Class	Star of the Week
1B	Adriel
1Z	Prince
2C	Marcos
2M	Clare
3C	Chloe
3G	Sean M
4AM	Ana
4D	Kenna
5M	Kristiana
5P	Aleksandra
6M	Joao
6S	Mason
Reading Eggs	Adriel 1B

Birthdays: up to 10th September 2023

- 1st Kassem 1B
 2nd Rain 3C
 3rd Olivia 5P & Kristina 6M
 5th Ysaac RB, & Michael 5P
 6th Laurence 4AM & JJ RB
 7th Hanna 2M, Natalie 2C, Felipe 6S & Zara 3G
 10th Daisy 5P



Weekly Attendance		
Class	Attendance %	Number of Lates
1B	92	2
1Z	97	1
2C	92	0
2M	97	1
3C	92	1
3G	95	1
4AM	95	0
4D	95	2
5M	91	1
5P	97	0
6M	91	0
6S	89	2
School Target 97.5%		

Pupil Premium:

The school receives additional funding for some families. This funding is used to enhance your child's learning in many different ways e.g. additional support, learning experiences and may help with payments for school trips. This funding is a vital part of the school's budget so please read the criteria below to see if you qualify.

If either parent is on income support, job seekers allowance, is in receipt of child tax credit but not working tax credit and has an income less than £16,190 or is an asylum seeker supported by the NASS or the local council.

Thought of the Week

"Let us embrace the new year with enthusiasm and look forward to all we will achieve".

Mrs O'Reilly

