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Prayer of the Week

Lord,
I want to be responsible for my own life, and I want to make positive choices each day.

Inspire me to get my priorities right and be generous in my care and concern for others.

In busy days and casual days remind me, too, of my basic human need for personal time and quiet and space, and lead me to respect the personal needs that others also have.

Amen

Liturgical Celebrations



Wednesday 18th July
End of Year Mass-2 pm

All Masses will be in the Church at 10am unless otherwise stated

FUNDAY SUNDAY: Thank you to Vicki Lacey, Donna Long, the Friends of the Visitation and their band of merry helpers who worked tirelessly to make Funday Sunday a great success. We did have to battle against soaring temperatures but that did not deter anyone from having a great day.

The food stalls, West African, Polish, Lebanese and the good old British Bar B Cue, served amazing food and did a roaring trade. The bar was drunk dry. Everyone was exhausted by the end of it but all said they had a great day.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to support the day and to staff and governors who were able to help on the day.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS: The year 6 pupils have a full timetable of activities to keep them very busy over the next week. This includes our leavers Mass on Wednesday 18th July at 2pm. Parents are invited to join us after Mass for afternoon tea that will be prepared by the children. Please come along and give us this opportunity to say goodbye to the pupils and families who will be leaving the school this year.

END OF YEAR REPORTS: Please look out for your child's end of year report today. Enclosed is a parent questionnaire for you to complete with your feelings about the school; how well we are doing and what more could we do. Please return this by Monday 16th July. We will use your feedback to help us inform our school development plan for next year.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT EVENING: Well done to all the children who took part in the music evening last night. It was an hour and a half of fabulous entertainment. We are so lucky to have such talented children in our school.

The school provides specialist music teachers for pupils in year 3 to 6. In addition to this many pupils have private tuition inside and outside of the school. We work very closely with Ealing Music Service to provide additional workshops and expose pupils to a range of musical experiences. We believe this is fundamental to developing their confidence and self-esteem. This was so apparent last night and I must say that I was very proud of each and every child who performed.

Thanks go to Martin Newman the guitar teacher, Julie Bruce the drumming tutor and Lisa Wildman the recorder and keyboard teacher. A special thank you to Mrs Lonergan for organising the whole event and for her work with the Choir who, in my opinion are the best choir in Ealing.



CASHLESS: The school will be going cashless from September. Therefore we will no longer be taking cash for school trips, clubs etc.

FOOTBALL FEVER: Although England did not get past the semi-finals we have not abandoned our football theme. Everyone came to school today in their team colours and we ended the day with a match between year 5 and year 6 and a staff penalty shoot out.

Please come into the school on **Thursday 19th July at 9am** to view the projects that the children have made. Please drop the children off at the usual time. Once they are registered you will be invited back into the classrooms to see their work.

SPARE UNIFORM: Please pop into the hall on **Thursday 19th July (anytime)** and pick up spare uniform for free.

GOLD AWARD: We are delighted to announce that Our Lady of the Visitation has now been awarded a **Gold Games Mark** for the sport and leadership opportunities for our pupils. Like any award it takes hard work and commitment from all our staff to achieve this. We introduced the daily mile run, activate lunchtime clubs and a free afterschool sports club for Y6/5 girls only, to promote healthy and active lifestyles.

This award is a lovely way to round off our school year. Our final sports festival was for 10 pupils from Y3 who took part in a range of team building and ball skills with 3 other schools. The pupils enjoyed the outing and are eager to do more.

When the GDPR documents are completed we will again be able to include photos of our teams in action in our newsletters and on the website.

Thank you to all our parent/carer helpers who have accompanied our teams on these trips. You enhance the school experience of our pupils and in many cases would not be possible without your participation. A huge thanks also to Mrs Frain-Bell and Mrs Giordmaina for their commitment to developing competitive and non-competitive sports within the school. The Gold Award is a tremendous achievement.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE: With the summer holidays approaching fast, we would like to share some information about an exciting reading challenge we hope the children will really enjoy!

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place during the summer holidays. Children can sign up at their local library, with a challenge to read six books of their choice, collecting stickers along the way. The theme this year is 'Mischievous Makers'. We recommend getting involved with this challenge at your local library as it is an excellent way of encouraging children to develop an enjoyment for reading; they will be able to sign up from mid-July. More information can be found on the following website:

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Mr Cooke

KEEPING SAFE IN THE SUN: We are putting in place everything we can to make sure the children don't get too hot. This includes making children take off their jumpers, drink lots of water, wear their sun hats and have shorter breaks outside if necessary. Please make sure you put sun cream on your child before they come to school, give them a water bottle and make sure they have a sun hat with them.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: If you will be interested in using the after school club in September could you please sign up before the end of the term so that we can be sure of numbers and have the correct ratio of adults to pupils. **You will not need to pay until September.**

Events and Dates

END OF YEAR MASS: Wednesday 18th July at 2pm followed by afternoon tea in the hall.

LAST OF TERM: Friday 20th July at 1.30pm.

FIRST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM: Wednesday 5th September

A full list of dates for the autumn term will be sent out next week.