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Prayer for End of the Year

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom.

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced; For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days

And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community Of Our Lady of the Visitation, and we ask you Lord – Bless our children, especially year 6 and those other few that leave our school today: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness.

Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



AUTUMN TERM

Thursday 9th September- **Welcome Mass (For Years 3 to 6 only) 9.15am**

Wednesday 13th October - **Harvest Liturgies in School** (Infants at 9.10am and Juniors at 9.40am)

Monday 1st November- **Family of God (All Saints) 9.15am**

Tuesday 30th November- **St Andrew's Day 9.15am**

Friday 3rd December- **Advent Liturgy In school** (Infants only at 9.10am)

Monday 6th December – **Carols with Cardinal Wiseman Choir**

Monday 13th December- **Junior Carol Service** - 2pm

Wednesday 15th December- **Junior Carol Service** - 6.30pm

Year Group Masses

Friday 24th September- **Year 6 Mass 9.15am in the School Hall**

Friday 8th October- **Year 5 Mass 9.15am in the School Hall**

Friday 12th November - **Year 4 Mass 9.15am in the School Hall**

Friday 28th January - **Year 3 Mass 9.15am in the School Hall**

END OF THE YEAR: When I look back to this time last year and think about only having a few year groups at school and so many children at home in lockdown I remember thinking; "it doesn't get stranger than this!" But it has! Then we were trying to come to terms with missing all those children not at school. Now the tables have turned and I am the one at home isolating and watching the end of term from afar.

I have never particularly enjoyed the last few days of the summer term. There are so many last minute things to do and I always struggle with planning for the following year when we haven't finished the last one. It is a bit like seeing the advertisements for the new school uniform as a child, when you are still wearing the old one.

However, this period of self-isolation has made me appreciate all that is good about the end of term. The children's excitement at having parties, the buzz of year 6 running around the school getting their shirts signed, the anticipation of the holidays, the end of year Mass that says, "Look at us, we are a community, God loves us and we love each other." These are all things that I have missed.

My greatest sadness is that I will not be able to say goodbye to the Year 6 pupils and families who are leaving us today. There are many families who have been in the school for generations who I will not be able to say goodbye to in person. I would like to take this opportunity to

extend my heartfelt thanks to you for everything you have done for this school. Without your support we would not be able to do what we do.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the Mass, those at school and in the Parish. It was beautiful. Well done to Miss Parillon and Mr Cooke for their lovely poem and to Miss Paul for standing in so admirably. A special thank you goes to Fr Liam for celebrating the Mass with us and for reminding us all that we have much to be grateful for.

Finally well done to all the amazing year 6 pupils. They have been amazing. This has not been an easy year yet they have overcome all obstacles put in their way. They have adapted to the changes in school, attended to their learning and been good friends. They finish with us being well-rounded individuals, resilient and ready to move onto high school. We are very proud of you!

Good luck to all the year 6 pupils and parents/carers who will be leaving us today. There are a few other pupils who have also left the school this term, to go back home to their country of origin or because they are moving to another area. I would like to wish you and your families all the very best for the future.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU: We also have two members of staff who leave us today who I would like to say goodbye and thank you.

To Mrs Malik who has worked in the school as a Teaching assistant and who this year has supported in Year 2. Thank you for your kindness and your calmness.

And to Mrs Romanowska who has worked as a Higher Level Teaching assistant supporting and leading learning across the school. Thank you for your positivity and determination. We would like to thank you both for your hard work and dedication to the children in our school. We wish you well in everything you do.

SPORTS: In spite of the traditional sports calendar being suspended, our pupils continued to work hard in their PE lessons. With the extra space available with staggered breaks and lunchtime, the children made the most of being active. We introduced music in the playground at lunchtime, and high tempo exercise in break time. Together, we completed a Red Nose Tennis challenge and Sports day activities.

We entered teams in the London Kids Marathon, an inclusive Panathlon and a Tri-Golf festival.

We ran after school clubs in Tennis, Team Up Netball and Active Me, all of which were very popular.

The Year 6 pupils had more opportunity to take on Leadership roles with younger years' activities, coaching and refereeing. "It's harder than it looks," many said. However, hard work pays off and we awarded 16 Young Sports Ambassadors medals and one Spirit of the Games award. Well done to all of those who took on a new challenge.

Remember to stay fit for our competitions which resume in September. *Mrs Bell*

KS2 SPELLING BEE: This week, we held a Spelling Bee for some year groups in KS2. Two finalists from each class competed in a year group competition. It was very close and everyone who took part put in a lot of effort! We have lots of super spellers in our school. All the finalists should be very proud of themselves. Keep practising your spellings everyone as we'll have another Spelling Bee next year. We will do this for the current Year 5s in Autumn term.

Well done to

Year 3: Alex (3D)

Year 4: Amelia (4W)

Year 6: Magdalena (6C) *Miss Paul*

EASING OF COVID 19 REGULATIONS:

Yesterday we sent home a letter explaining the systems we will have in place at the beginning of next term. Some things work better than the systems we had before Covid and others remain in place as a precaution. We are hoping to get back to 'normal' but it is impossible to predict what will happen. We will continue to review what we put in place. Although we have given some dates for the Autumn Term these may change.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:

Next year we will be inviting parents to meetings to find out more about what your children will be learning and to meet your child's new class teacher.

The meetings will begin straight after school at 3.35pm. In order to limit the number of adults on site we will be holding these on a different evening for each year group. **Please see dates on next page.**

ACHIEVEMENTS

Diary Dates

The New Term: The first day of term is **Thursday 2nd September** for pupils in year 1 to year 6.

Parent Information Evening Dates

Year 1 – Tuesday 14th September
Year 2 – Wednesday 15th September
Year 3 – Thursday 16th September
Year 4 – Tuesday 21st September
Year 5 – Wednesday 22nd September
Year 6 – Thursday 23rd September

In the event that circumstances change next term these meetings will be virtual.

Thursday 21st October – Parental Consultations – School Closes at 2pm

Friday 22nd October – Staff Training Day – No Pupils

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October – Half Term

Friday 17th December - Last Day of Term for the Christmas Holiday (School finishes at 1.30pm)

Wednesday 5th January - School re-opens for the Spring Term

The school presents three awards at the end of each academic year in memory of three past pupils. The Sandra Sheba sports award is given for good sportsmanship, most improved at sports or great effort. The Donnel Thomas and Martin Sinyangwe awards are given for a number of reasons including; effort with learning, helpful nature, academic achievement. Well done to the children who received these awards this year.

Sandra Sheba Sports Award

FS2: Chimdindu and Roman
Year 1: Mikolaj and Jack
Year 2: Mayoora and Jamie
Year 3: Maya and Sienna
Year 4: Emilia and Mason
Year 5: Joysshan and Heniston
Year 6: Maja and Caitlin

Donnel Thomas Award

FS2: Lansio and Avril
Year 1: Ola S and Miriam
Year 2: Eliza and Reuben

Martin Sinyangwe Award

Year 3: Zofia and Lena
Year 4: Emily and Eloise
Year 5: Maja and Max
Year 6: Sophia and Dwayne

Overall Excellence Award

These children received this award for their stand out attitude and achievement throughout their time at the school. They have been model students, and shone out so bright to all the teachers in the school.

Jude and Joshua

SPORTS AWARDS

Girls Sports Award - Chinwendu

Boys Sports Award: Oliver

Young Ambassadors: Konrad
Caitlin
Tommy
Julia

Sports Ambassadors: Maya
Thomas
Carla
Arielle
Holly
Ann
Chinwendu
Sophia
Jakub
Joshua
Natalia
Oliver

Sports Day winners:
St Vincent Pallotti - The Green Team!