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Monday 11th September

Dear Parents/Carers

It is absolutely wonderful to welcome everyone back to school. On Friday we celebrated our first school mass of the year with Father Ged which was lovely. Please remember that all parents/carers are welcome to our school/class masses throughout the year. Our next whole school mass will be on September 21st where we will welcome all our new reception children. **Please see below for our newsletter for parents/carers that informs you about the Collective Worship for September.**

School Day

Children can arrive anytime from 8.45am and go into class ready for the start of the day at 8.55am. For classrooms at the back of the school, parents/carers are more than welcome to walk with their child to their classroom. At the end of the day, Years 2/3, Year 3, Year 4, and Year 6E will be brought on to the playground by their class teacher.

A reminder please to park considerately and if possible, to park away from the school and walk. Children's safety is a priority. The visitor's carpark should not be used by parents.

This term school will gradually open up and over the course of the next few weeks clubs will start once more and more events will be added. All events are added to the school calendar and I ask you regularly check for updates. The calendar can be accessed here - <https://www.st-hughlincoln.trafford.sch.uk/calendar>.

Parent Welcome Meetings

Next week, the teachers will be holding welcome meetings for parents/carers outlining class procedures and curriculum information. Curriculum Autumn Overviews will be given to all parents/carers this term, with Spring and Summer Curriculum Overviews following at the beginning of each half term. However, if you wish to see coverage of full year of your child's curriculum, an overview for the academic year is placed on the school website. If you cannot attend your welcome meeting please ask the class teacher for the welcome information pack as it will give you details regarding their reading book day, homework schedules and dates for your diary.



Monday 18th September – Year 5M, Year 6E, Year 6J (Held in classes)

Tuesday 19th September – Reception (Held in Hall), Year 2B/D, Year 2/3M, Year 3K, (Held in classes)

Wednesday 20th September – Year 1D, Year 1S (Held in classes)

Thursday 21st September – Year 4Mc, Year 4/5D (Held in classes)

Nursery will hand out a letter in a couple of weeks confirming dates inviting parents/carers for a Stay and Play.

Homework

Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will receive weekly homework. The homework will comprise of compulsory reading (please make sure you record reading in their reading record), weekly spellings (following the phonics scheme or our no-nonsense spelling scheme) and weekly fluency maths work developing their declarative/procedural knowledge. It is important that both school and parents work together to ensure their child get the best possible start and the foundations of learning in each year group is practised/reinforced. More information about this will be discussed in the Parent Welcome Meetings.

School Dinners

For children in Reception to Year 2, hot school dinners are free and for everyone else the cost per day is £2.50/£12.50 for the week. All payments are made electronically through ParentPay.

We have listened to the comments regarding the limited menu choice and contacted Trafford who have altered some of the meals adding more options. We are awaiting menus from them but we have been told that parents/carers can access the updated menus on Evolve.

Uniform

The children all looked fantastic in their school uniform and throughout the course of the school year we expect this high standard to be maintained. Of course, over the recent spell of very warm weather we encouraged summer uniform however please revert back to following the Autumn/Winter uniform once usual weather has returned.

Can we remind you that our school PE kit consists of a school logo burgundy polo shirt, black shorts/black joggers and a school logo burgundy sweat shirt. Both the polo shirt and the sweatshirt can be purchased from the school office.

We would also like to remind you that due to health and safety, pets are not permitted on the school premises. We have to always be mindful of the safety of our children and we know we can rely on your support for this.

A huge welcome to our new families joining us this year.

Yours sincerely

A Smith and M Atherton

September 2023

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that this first newsletter finds you well-rested after the summer break. The beginning of a new school year is exciting and busy, and a time ripe for new resolutions. Children may have mixed feelings as they settle into new routines at school, and you'll be easing back into school-time routines as a family too.

This newsletter gives a glimpse of some of the Collective Worship resources that children will experience during September and suggests ways to support your family prayer times.

Education Sunday

Education Sunday is a special day dedicated to celebrating Catholic schools. It's one of the oldest **Days of Special Prayer** in the Church calendar and this year is the 175th anniversary!

Catholic schools are communities of faith, working in partnership with families and the local parish to nurture children in their learning and faith.

To celebrate this special year, children will receive a special message of encouragement from Bishop Marcus Stock – Chair of the Department of Education and Formation, for the Catholic Bishops' Conference in England and Wales.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Through the **Ten Ten Resources** [Online Parent Portal](#) for Collective Worship, you can access the Daily Classroom Prayers that children will be praying each day in school. Perhaps you could pray the prayers at home as a family too! Ask your child's school about the login details if you don't already have them.

September Assemblies in brief

Here's a glimpse of the September Assemblies with links to where you can read the Gospels and some prompt questions which you might like to explore further with your child/ren:

Follow The Leader

w/c 4th September

This assembly starts the new school year with an opportunity for children to reflect on their relationship with Jesus during the summer holidays and, through an imaginative reflection, consider how they want to follow Jesus during the year ahead.

Matthew 16:24

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+16%3A21-27&version=NRSVACE>

- Children will have different levels of knowledge and understanding about leaders depending on their age. You might like to talk to your children about leaders that they know starting with leaders in their school and then widening to leaders in the Church, our country and the world. Ask the question: 'What makes a good leader?'
- Jesus, the Servant King is a good role model of leadership. You might like to challenge children to look for examples of leaders serving others and encourage them to find ways to follow that example.

Education Sunday 2023: "Where Two Or Three Meet In My Name"

w/c 11th September

To celebrate the 175th Education Sunday, children are quizzed about aspects of schools, and reflect on how Catholic schools contribute to the mission of the Church. In a concluding time of prayer for pupils, families and school staff, Bishop Marcus Stock, chair of the Catholic Education Service, will offer some words of encouragement.

Matthew 18:20

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+18%3A15-20&version=NRSVACE>

- This is a good opportunity to encourage children to consider what is special about their school. Ask what they enjoy about their learning and think about the people who help them every day at school.
- You might want to talk to your children about your own school life or your faith when you were growing up, you might like to also share the experiences of their grandparents and invite them to notice the differences and similarities with their school today.

Forgive and Forgive and Forgive

w/c 18th September

In this week's Gospel reading, Peter asks Jesus how many times we should forgive someone who sins against us. Jesus says not seven times but seventy-seven times - in other words, no matter how many times somebody hurts us, we need to forgive them! Peter's question helps us to understand that daily choices to forgive others are needed.

Matthew 18:21

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+18%3A21-35&version=NRSVACE>

- Saying sorry and forgiving others can be challenging. The message of the Gospel is that we should always be ready to forgive. This might be an opportunity to talk about making good choices and ways of making up for the wrong choices we have made.
- You might like to talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation with your child and say the Act of Contrition ('Sorry Prayer') together during family prayer time.

Deeper, Wider, Higher

w/c 25th September

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+55%3A6-9&version=NRSVACE>

Isaiah 55:6-9

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+20%3A1-16&version=NRSVACE>

Matthew 20:1-16

- Fairness is important for children and this Gospel may provoke interesting questions. The message is that it's hard to understand God's amazing generosity. God doesn't only give us what we deserve, He continues to love us and provide for us unconditionally.
- You might want to challenge your children to find ways to be generous by giving time and being more understanding with younger siblings or friends.

Prayer

*"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them forget about themselves and what they want, take up their cross and **follow me.**" Matthew 16:24*

The daily classroom prayers for the first week of term remind children that Jesus is always inviting us to walk with Him. Children have the opportunity to prayerfully reflect on what it means to follow Jesus on 'sunny' days when everything is going well; on 'cloudy' days when we are troubled and on challenging days when it feels like we have a mountain to climb! Whatever the day brings, we can be sure that Jesus is there with us.

Perhaps you'd like to say this prayer together.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you that you are with us on the path ahead.

Thank you that you help us up the mountains in our lives.

Thank you that you are with us when life is going well.

Thank you for helping us to follow you through every step of this school year.

Thank you that you are with us and all of our friends and family.

We will walk with you!