

## Newsletter ~ Term 3, Week 6

I am so happy to be sitting at my desk today typing the newsletter after my absence. Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents / carers who have made me feel so welcome on my return. There are many people who worked 'over and above' to keep the school running smoothly in my absence, including key members of our own staff, Colleen Collett at the diocese, Cath Hanley our new chair of governors and Ben Tucker, our 'guest head'. I would like to offer them all my heartfelt thanks.



***Congratulations to the children pictured above, who received certificates this week for showing determination. Thank you Fr Reg who came in to present the certificates.***



*I liked 'around the clock' because I loved throwing! – Harriet  
We had to bowl a ball at the skittle because we had to do the challenge as best we could – Cody  
All the competitors were kind and I enjoyed it very much - Vinnie*

### Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8 March

The children have been doing additional work on keeping safe online this week.

If you would like some homework for yourself, please follow the link below with some advice about talking to your child about online sexual harassment. The age at which children are becoming vulnerable is creeping down as access to the internet becomes part of daily life for even our youngest.

The key to keeping your child safe online is having the knowledge yourself:

[https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/?utm\\_source=16%20December%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/?utm_source=16%20December%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

### Year 2 are the Champions...

Year 2 took part in a multi-sports event alongside a number of other schools at St Katherine's this week. Their excellent behaviour was remarked upon by the organiser of the event and they took part in everything sportingly and with enthusiasm.

Here are some of their thoughts:

*It was fantastic on the bus – Ben  
My favourite activity was when we had to throw sponge balls in the net – we got 50 out of 50! – Benji*



## Year 3 Have Gone Pots!

Year 3 made some spectacular thumb pots this week as part of their exploration of the Bronze Age. The pots look amazing – I would buy them if they were for sale on a market stall! Well done all.

## Academy News

Please see the letter attached to your email with information about our conversion to an academy on March 1. Let me reassure you that nothing will be different for you or your children on March 2, but the conversion is an exciting moment in our school history and heralds a new chapter for us.

## Friends' News

To coincide with World Book Day the Friends will be holding a book sale Tuesday - Thursday (1st -3rd March) in the school playground from 3pm each day.

Due to our school updating our phonics scheme and buying new books to match this, we have got hundreds of books which no longer match with our schemes, some brand new! These books still have a lot of use and value to them and therefore it seems a waste to be thrown away so we'd like to sell them for small donations and raise money for the school. These books can be used as extension books alongside your child's reading books and provide you with some chances to have more books at an appropriate level for your children. The books range from Stage 1 (R) all the way up to our Free Reader stages (stage 16) and most are Oxford Reading Tree.

## And Finally...

You may already be aware that Pope Francis has launched a two-year global consultation process with a call to:

*“look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations, and ministries.”*

*The consultation process ends with a Synod at the Vatican in October 2023, where the responses of the whole community will be considered. We have been encouraging the children to offer their views and thoughts. Children are the future of the church (and our world) and we need to listen to what they have to say. Here are some of their thoughtful responses to the questions they have been asked:*

*I lit a candle when I said my prayers and when the candle flickered I thought it was God listening*

*The Catholic Church is good because we learn to help others*

*I think mass in church needs to be more exciting*

*Church is fun when we act out the nativity and there are bean bags and cushions to sit on*

*I don't like church when the adults get to do all the jobs*

*I worry that if the church shuts down, younger people won't learn about God – people won't be kind because they won't know about Jesus' teachings*

*I worry that the church will turn modern and it will lose the Holy Spirit*

*I want there to be dancing in Mass and more projects to help the poor*

*When I was unhappy in lockdown I would talk to God about my problems and I hoped they would go away*

*I had a minute's silence with my family every day during lockdown*

*God wants me to be brave and overcome obstacles*

*God listens but He doesn't always answer our prayers in the way we would like.*

*We thank Miss Parry and Fr Richard for enabling the children to have their views heard and shared*

***“Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. Certainties often close us off. Let us listen to one another.”***

***Pope Francis***

*Have a safe and peaceful weekend*

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