



The Communicator

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Best attending classes the last week was Year 3 and 6 both with 97.7%

High school 2019 - Applications now closed

Reception class 2019 - Applications are now closed

- Nursery class 2019 - Applications opened on 3rd December 2018 and close on 31st January 2019



Health and Safety

Now that the cold weather is fast approaching we would like to remind you to always walk on the designated main paths around school when snowy/icy and to read the gritting policy on our website :- [About us/Key Information/Policies/Gritting policy](#)

Fundraising for school

Our PTFA do a wonderful job of organising events to raise money for our school. The next PTFA meeting is on Wednesday 23rd January at 6.00pm in school. Please do come along to hear what is planned for the term, if you have any ideas or might be able to help at an event. All parents, grandparents, family and friends of the school are very welcome.



The care club would be very grateful for donations of the following :-

- Toys and games
 - Books
 - DVD's

Collecting children after school

We would like to remind parents to collect their children on time after school

Sitting outside the office is for one-off emergencies only and children being repeatedly collected late will be taken to the After club where a minimum charge of £5 will be payable.

Please see dates on the back of this newsletter

Star of the Week



Nursery - Mylo Moran
 Reception - Frankie Lesti-Johnson
 Year 1 - Ella-Louise Kinder-Rigby
 Year 2 - Sean Campbell
 Year 5 - Harrison Burnett
 Year 6 - Chloe Doherty

Citizenship award

(for showing attitude and actions of being an excellent citizen of St Joseph's)

Year 1 - Sophia Allcock
 Year 2 - Bella Nixon
 Year 5 - Sienna Clews
 Year 6 - Harrison Andruskevicius

Presentation award

(for presenting work to a very high standard)

Year 1 - Noah Sutton
 Year 2 - Hannah Kotlenga
 Year 5 - Libby Lovatt
 Year 6 - Abbey Belgium

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Mass Times

Kidsgrove (6.30pm) Saturday
 Goldenhill (11.00am) Sunday
 Packmoor (6.30pm) Sunday

Please ensure that you supervise your children carefully after you have collected them at home time to avoid accidents and other children being hurt

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 21st January** – Y4 Bikeability
- **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd January** - Y6 Bikeability
- **Thursday 24th January 9.30am** - KS2 Mass Y4 to lead the readings
- **Thursday 24th January 3.30pm and 5.30pm** - Y6 Parents Meeting to given information about SATs, Confirmation and Stanley Head. ***There will be a lot of information at this meeting - please do your best to attend.***
- **Monday 28th January 2.30pm** - Y4 Parents invited to a class prayer service to celebrate the feast of their class saint St Thomas Aquinas
- **Monday 28th January** - Reception height and weight check
- **Tuesday 5th February** - Visit from Andy Tooze, Poet from the Peaks
- **Wednesday 13th February** - Y5 visit to Manchester Camerata

Well done to our Y3 and Y4 children who visited the local Synagogue this week. They were reverent and well behaved and learned a lot as well as having a great time.



We have had a lot of parents still wanting to pay with cash for trips and dinners etc at the office. We no longer have cash collections by Security Plus in school so payments need to be made online. The only cash payments allowed will be for uniform sales, if you have no access to the Internet or under extreme circumstances only.

Omegle app

I have been made aware that some primary age children in Stoke on Trent are using an app called Omegle. Omegle is for children aged 13 and above to meet and talk online to other people. There are concerns that some adults are using the site in order to harm children. Please check whether your children are using this app. As always, please keep an eye on what apps and games your children are using and who they are talking to.

Outstanding dinner money

Unless you have a prior agreement with Mrs Hamilton, if you have been in arrears for more than a week, you will be asked to send your child to school with a packed lunch until you have cleared the account.



Yesterday, children from Y1 and Y2 learned more about St Antony in a Mass to celebrate his feast day with Fr Julian. Fr Julian reminded the children the importance of talking to God in prayer. In January, the Catholic church prays especially for peace and justice around the world. When the weather is so very cold, I try to remember the homeless in my own prayers. I hope that you will encourage the children to pray for peace and justice too.