



The Communicator

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It has been an absolute joy to welcome all our children back to school this week. Once again, we are in a time of readjustment as everyone adapts to the change. Whether we were at home or school in January and February, we have been getting used to a much noisier, busier environment this week. As ever, the children have adapted brilliantly and it really does feel like they have never been away. The children will be bringing home their reading books and reading logs as usual and teachers will set homework tasks on Purple Mash or Teams. It is more important than ever that your child works hard, does their very best and reads regularly and completes homework tasks so please do support your child with these. Behaviour in school has been excellent which is very pleasing. Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of our current Behaviour Policy for KS1 and KS2.

Covid safety

Many thanks for your co-operation with our staggered start and finish times, face coverings and the one way system. We understand that these things are a little inconvenient but they are essential for everyone's safety. It will help to reduce congestion around school if parents **do not arrive earlier than their drop off and pick up time** – this is particularly important in Y1 and Y2 as space is limited.

School Uniform

As you know, it is important for our children to wear their full school uniform or PE kit. If the children look smart, they feel smart and if they feel smart, they feel that they belong and are able to succeed. However, we have noticed that many of our children have grown a lot since they were last at school and may have grown out of their uniform. We understand that many supermarkets have limited stock of school uniform at the moment. If you do have any uniform or PE kit which your child no longer needs but is still in good condition, we would be very grateful if you could donate it to school. We will quarantine it before passing it on to another child in school.

Packed lunches

Our lunch time supervisors will be happy to help children open any items in their packed lunch. However, they are unable to touch anything which has been in a child's mouth so if your child brings a tube yogurt, please ensure that they can open it themselves or remind them that they must hand it straight to an adult for opening without putting it into their mouth first.

Easter Bonnet Parade

A reminder that our Nursery and Reception children will take part in an Easter Bonnet parade in school which will be filmed and shared with parents as we are unable to invite you into school. Children in Nursery and Reception should bring their Easter Bonnet into school by Friday 26th March.



WOW award



- Nursery - Lucas Dupoi
- Reception - Ethan Bewley
- Year 1 - Tinadion Doherty
- Year 2 - Harry Mckinley
- Year 3 - Michael Ikedinobi
- Year 4 - Lillian Nounga-Vanderpuye
- Year 4 - Charlie Quinn
- Year 5 - Jersey Quinn
- Year 6 - Cole Evans

Values and Virtues

(Attentive and Discerning)

- Nursery - George Rigby
- Reception - Aurora Shaw
- Year 1 - Anaya Butt
- Year 2 - Zachary Eveson
- Year 3 - Christopher Maughan
- Year 4 - Algassimou Diallo
- Year 5 - Freya Barcroft
- Year 6 - Alyssia Hammersley

Presentation award

(for presenting work to a very high standard)

- Nursery - Keiran Tramaloni
- Reception - Decoda Doherty
- Year 1 - Kane Esposito
- Year 2 - Emily Callan
- Year 3 - Tulisa Price
- Year 4 - Muskaan Rizwan
- Year 5 - Elsa-Rose Selvey
- Year 6 - Lucas Schifano

You can follow us on Twitter!



Please see attached flyer for uniform labels.

If of any interest please contact direct not the school office

Please ensure that you supervise your children carefully before school starts and after you have collected them at home time to avoid accidents and other children being hurt. Children should not be playing on playground equipment after school– please support us by ensuring that your children stay with you after collection. Thank you.

Coronavirus testing for our families

I wrote to you last week to tell you that the government is now encouraging any adult living in a house or in a support or childcare bubble with a school age child to carry out twice weekly Covid testing of themselves at home. This is to help identify those who may have Covid without symptoms and is important because primary school children are not being tested unless they have symptoms. Unless you are accessing regular Covid testing through your work, I strongly encourage you to collect a pack of test kits from a testing centre and test yourself at home twice a week. This will help to protect you, your children, those you come into contact with as well as our school community. School staff are testing twice weekly; we quickly got used to testing ourselves and it is now second nature. You can find your nearest test collection centre at <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>. Please find attached guide.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Acacia in Y5 who has made it through to the final of the Stoke on Trent City Music Service Young Musician of the Year competition. Acacia plays her violin beautifully and has a real talent. We are very proud of her and wish her lots of luck for the final.



Pre School

Our very successful Pre School offers 15 or 30 hour funded and paid places for 2 and 3 year olds. Pre School is full for the Summer Term and almost full for September. If you would like a Pre School place for your child for next Autumn, Spring or Summer, please contact the school office for a registration form and return it as soon as possible to secure your place.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th March – Mindfulness session for Reception and Y3

Wednesday 17th March – St Patrick's Day. Children in St Patrick's house (green) may wear their own clothes **including something green** on this day. If children do not have something green, they should come to school in their uniform.

Thursday 18th March – Mindfulness session for Y1 and Y2

Friday 19th March – St Joseph's Day. We will come together for assembly on Teams before learning more about St Joseph, writing prayers to him and enjoying a celebration cake.

Thursday 25th March – Mindfulness session for Y5 and Y6

Friday 26th March – Nursery and Reception children should bring their Easter Bonnet into school if they wish to take part in the parade. Mindfulness session for Nursery and Y4.

Thursday 1st April – school closes for the Easter holidays

Monday 19th April – school reopens to staff and pupils



Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, thank you for all mothers.
For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights
with infants in arms.
For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of
home and family life.
For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care
for our special vulnerable children.
For the patient ones, who always seek to
forgive and engage with their pre-teens.
For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new
ways to connect with their mini-adults.
For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and
care for nieces and nephews.
For all grandmas, who love and support their
precious grandchildren.
For the foster moms that are called to gather
and cover the fragile ones.
For the Sunday moms who care for our
children and lead them in faith.
For the moms who give far beyond their own
resources, who overcome disability to cherish
and love.
Thank you Lord for all our beautiful mothers.
Help us to support them and keep them in our
prayers. May you bless them now on this their
special day.

Catholic life

On Sunday, we celebrate Mothering Sunday. I hope that all our Mums, step mums, Grandmas and aunties have a wonderful day. Please keep in your prayers all those who are waiting and hoping to be Mums, all those not able to be a Mum and all those remembering a child or Mum in heaven this weekend.



I wish you a restful weekend. Please remember to follow the current restrictions so that they can be reduced as soon as possible. As always, we are here to support all our families in whatever way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us.