

**Weekly Newsletter for week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**Statement to Live by for next week: I understand that rights match responsibilities**

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 4 who won the attendance trophy this week with 100 % attendance.

Thank you to all parents who are supporting us to improve our attendance from our overall percentage of 94% last year. This year we are aiming for an overall percentage of 96%.

**Attendance**

Year Group	Percentage Attendance
Year R	81.6
Year 1	93.8
Year 2	98.3
Year 3	99.1
Year 4	100
Year 5	95
Year 6	97.9

**Visit from Real Friends**

Yesterday we had a visit from LEEP1, who are a group of adults with different disabilities.

They came in to speak to pupils in years 5 and 6 to raise awareness of the difficulties that people with disabilities can face, through their “Real Friends” workshop. They gave the children the opportunity to consider some scenarios and think about which options they would carry out and what advice they might give to someone who might be having a difficult time. The visitors said that they were very impressed with our children’s responses and choices.



**Year 6 Class Assembly**

Thank you to all of our Year 6 pupils, Mrs Waide and Mrs Mitchell, who led the first class assembly for this academic year. They gave us a strong message following their re-telling of the parable of the three talents about remembering to use our talents and share them with others. We have so many talents in our school community both amongst the children and amongst the adults. If you have any talents that you could share to help us in school please do let us know. We always welcome visitors and volunteers into school.

**Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening this week. Thank you also for completing our questionnaires and for all of the wonderful feedback. We feel fortunate to have such supportive parents and are looking forward to continuing to work alongside you this academic year.



### **Creators Club**

A quick reminder to parents who have children in year R, 1, 2 and 3 that the Creators Club will start next week after school on Thursday.

### **Harvest Festival Mass**

Our annual Harvest Mass will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am in the school hall. This year Fr. Doody will be celebrating Mass with us and sharing some of his stories with the children afterwards.

We would like to thank parents and children for your donations so far for the Harvest Festival Mass. There is still time on Monday and Tuesday to send in your donations. Our Mini Vinnies are looking forward to creating a display with all the food on Monday, in preparation for the Mass, in the same way as they did for last year's display, as you can see in the picture.

All your donations go to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society who help members of our community struggling to make ends meet and to provide the basic necessity of food for themselves and their families.

### **Attendance Meeting**

I would like to thank all the parents who came to our meeting about attendance on Monday and to any parents who have offered suggestions and points for discussion. We will be sending a survey out shortly to all parents with some suggestions.



### **Parking and driving with due care and attention**

It saddens me to have to write yet again on the letter to ask parents to be considerate when driving around the roads outside of school at the start and end of the day. Whilst the majority of parents do abide by the Highway Code and drive carefully, we have still had a number of complaints about parents not driving with due care and attention. As a result of this, parents have reported some near misses with pupils and young children in prams and pushchairs. I will be speaking to our local Police Community Support Officer to see if they are able to drop in to monitor this outside of school.

### **Bikeability**

A reminder that Year 6 Bikeability training will be taking place during the last week of the half term (week beginning 22.10.18). Mrs Waide will be talking to the children about this and sending out a letter to parents regarding children bringing in their bikes to school during that week, if they have bikes at home.

### **Tours for New Reception Parents**

Next week we will be holding the first tour for any parents who have children starting in Reception in September 2019 and would like to come and visit the school. Please do contact the office to book on one of the tours. We do have a few different dates that parents can choose from. Next week we have a tour on Thursday at 9:15am.

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Head Teacher

#### **Dates for your diary**

18.10.18 – 9:15am New Reception Parents Tour  
22.10.18 – Bikeability Week for Year 6  
23.10.18 – 3:30pm New Reception Parents Tour  
26.10.18 – End of Half Term 1

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