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NEWSLETTER - Autumn 1 Week 7

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed a busy start to the term and new school year. Thank you to all parents/carers for updating your contact details and to our new parents for making sure you are set up on our Evolve system and of course the important PING & DOJO systems. This ensures there is always, clear communication between home and school. It is instant and efficient as you'll be informed, alerted and reminded, of up-and-coming payments or events through these channels. We have enjoyed a fabulous start to this new academic year.

Here are some of things we've achieved in the first half term:

Curriculum Development & Enrichment

- Inspire sessions for children entering Reception 7th & 12th September.
- Meet the teacher meetings in Week 3 & 4.
- School Photographer in school to take individual and siblings photographs 18th September.
- Year 3 Music BRASS ensemble began – Wider Opps.
- Year 6 Day trip to St Mary's Taster session 21st September.
- Year 5 & 6 Pupils and Parents invited to Q&A session with Mrs Brahms 27th September.
- Music lessons open to all children began: Guitar, Drums, Voice, Piano
- Census completed 7th October.
- Fire drill 10th October – Whole school.
- Reception class visit Delamere Forest 10th October.
- Years 1 & 2 LLG Curling Competition at LSV.
- Friday 13th October – Magistrates visit for Year 6 – Chris Duckett.
- Designed Christmas cards – Deadline for Purchasing 20th October.
- Applications and voting for the School Council, the Sports Council, the Eco and the Art Council.
- Prefects selected and presented with PINS – begun their roles.

Spiritual, Moral, Cultural Development of Pupils

- Mission Statement work – first week back and shared in the 2nd Whole School Assembly.
- Whole School Welcome Mass in Church led by Year 5 Friday 22nd September.
- Reception parents invited in for short Welcome Service & the 'Passing on of the Faith' Gifts.
- Year 3's assembly – CAFOD Harvest Fast day – Wednesday 4th October – Brighten up the Harvest.
- Applications and voting for Mini Vinnies. Presentation of new Mini Vinnies.
- Friday 6th October - Reception children visit Church – Topic - Sacrament of Baptism.
- Wednesday 11th October – Spirituality Day. Whole School take part.
- Friday 13th October – Father Kieran in to speak to all Infant classes about Baptism.
- Friday 20th October – Reception children visit Church – Topic - Sacrament of Baptism.
- Ordered Year 6's Leavers' Hoodies and Year 6 begin their PIN Award work.
- The Seeds and Gardeners work begun - Year 6 and Reception children.