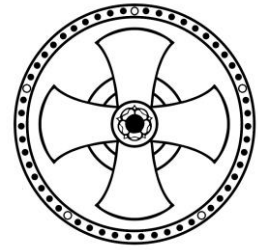




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Friday September 24th 2021

Re:

- Firework Celebration
- Covid Measures
- Mews and Car parking
- CSI Inspection
- Homework Details
- Parents Evening
- Leadership Applications

Dear Parents and Carers,

I really hope that this letter finds you well. There's a variety of updates to share with you this week, so without further ado, let's wade in!

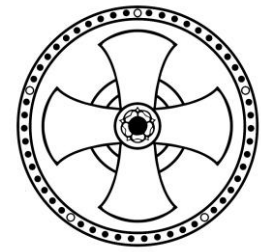
1. You'll be delighted to know that the PTFA are planning to resume their Firework Extravaganza on the evening of Thursday 4th November. For those who've never been, YOU SIMPLY MUST GO! The event is one of the jewels in the crown of our social calendar and it will be great to see as many of you there as possible. The fireworks are stunning and the refreshments are a close second. Please save the date and keep an eye out for news from the PTFA about how to buy tickets and arrangements for the evening.
2. As you know, we've had some cases of Covid in Year 4 last week and gladly, the children concerned are all fine and returning to school. I've been in discussions with PHE and the Local Authority about how we continue to minimise risk whilst also keeping the school open to everyone; it's a fine balancing act, as you can imagine. We've stepped up cleaning and limited the times large numbers of children are together in the Hall, so this means our Celebration Assemblies are cut short and the liturgies are undertaken via YouTube as they used to be when we were in lockdown. We'll keep everything under review and I'll be in touch if anything else changes. Within school, we're still using masks for visitors and when we're in crowded spaces, so, I'd really welcome support in wearing masks at drop off and pick up, please – you'll see the staff donning theirs, just to minimise risk.
3. Huge thanks for not using The Mews to access the site and instead using the pedestrian access through the school gate. I'm keen to really evaluate how the single drop off time is working, so you might have seen me out and about there in the morning. One of the things that makes it difficult for me to assess our own arrangements is when cars are parked directly outside the school or on the hashes by the gates. This forces others to walk into the road, which is of course dangerous, but also doesn't give me a realistic idea of how my arrangements impact on general safety of you all. I know it's a difficult area to drop off, but let's please move away from parking illegally and, in so doing, block paths or make things more difficult for everyone to come in and leave. I'll continue to be out and about there next week, so please let me know how things are working in this regard.
4. You'll remember that I wrote to you in the summer to let you know that we're expecting our Catholic School's Inspection this term. Part of this will be a meeting where the team would like to meet with some of you to get feedback about what the school is like and particularly, how you feel we work to support the spiritual life of your child – whether catholic or otherwise. If you'd like to be involved, I'd love to hear from you – please contact me at school via the admin email address and I'll be in touch.

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5. Homework Details for each class are now on the website under the class pages. There will be PINGS and information sent home by the class teachers, but these pages will give you a flavour of what you might expect to see.
6. We're making plans to conduct Parents Evenings in one guise or another this term (before Christmas), please watch out for further news on this.
7. Many of you will have seen the Leadership Application Letters for children in Year 3 to 6. I've been so absolutely delighted with the willingness and dedication of so many children in wanting to help out and be a leader (I think the promise of a badge might've had something to do with it as well...). From the applications it's also clear that your support has been amazing, so thank you for all the help given. It's my intention to use all the children who'd like to contribute in one way or another, which will be something to really celebrate. If they haven't applied yet, there's still time (deadline is October 1st). For children in Year 1 and 2, I've spoken with them about how they'd like to contribute and they've had some really brilliant ideas; one of the best was "Lego Leader" – now who wouldn't want to do that?

Enjoy your weekend and I'll see you 'on the gate' next week.

Kind regards,

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