



**2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

**„Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself“**

**Message from Mrs Procter**



As you are aware, the Coronavirus pandemic has inevitably led to many changes within school. One of these changes is Parents' Evening. Since returning back to school in September, teachers have been working closely with all of the children to identify any gaps in their learning so that we can address these in school. As we are unable to invite parents into school for Parents' Evening at the moment, class teachers will instead send home a written report detailing how your child has settled into class and some targets for them to work on at home. If you have any concerns once you have received your child's report you can call school to request a telephone call from their class teacher.

If you have a child in Little Acorns or Reception, as the children are new to school, we will be offering either a written report or a five minute zoom meeting with your child's class teacher on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 9.00am-4.00pm. If you wish to have a zoom meeting, please log onto school spider to book your appointment. If you have not booked an appointment by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will presume that you are happy with a written report.

Reports will be sent home on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of November.

Hopefully we will be able to hold face to face meetings in the Spring term.

**Weekly Reflection**

**Ethos Statement – I can say how I feel**

In the Bible, we learn about Jesus' different feelings. On one occasion Jesus was terribly upset when Lazarus died. At other times he felt happy when he was eating and drinking with his friends. There were also times moments when Jesus felt frustrated when those closest to him did not understand what he was teaching. The Bible even has a story about when Jesus felt very angry.

It is important that we know how we are feeling and that we can share that with someone if we choose to. It is also good to know that Jesus had all the same feelings that we have. From time to time we should check in with our feelings and think about what makes us feel that way. No matter how we are feeling, we should remember that there are people around us who we can speak to and we can even talk to Jesus.

The following children have shown they have a good understanding of feelings this week.

FCB – Rosie O'Hare  
FCB – Jake How  
FEM – Eleanor Jones  
FEM – Ryan Wu

1HW – Hannah Pannell  
1HW – James Taylor  
1SH – Grace Murphy  
1SH – Harry Gibson

2RL – Leo Wu  
2RL – Darcy Williams  
2HS – Pearl Parker  
2HS – Jack Trevor

3AD – Lucas Doherty  
3AD – Savannah Roberts  
3EJ – Henry Scanlan  
3EJ – Miyah Murphy

4AY – Ava Lockem  
4AY – Louie Keenan  
4DJ – Lexie O'Toole  
4DJ – Sean Verlander

5HK – Laura Howell  
5HK – Xander-Josiah Roberts  
5RM – Tabitha Sherry  
5HK – George Anderson-Fulton

6GA – Angelina Sousa  
6GA – Greta Gilchrist  
6KH – Olivia Kitney  
6KH – Charley Metcalfe

### House Points

#### **Last week's winners:**

Key Stage 1 = **Matthew**

Key Stage 2 = **John**

Overall = **John**

The points were extremely close this week. Well done everyone! Keep working and behaving hard to collect those points.

### Inset Day – Change of Date



Please note that the inset day scheduled for Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 has been changed to **Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**. Therefore children will return after the Christmas break on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> and not Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> as previously advised. An amended school holiday list has been attached to the end of this newsletter.

### October – The Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and we remember especially Mary our Mother. Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 and praised him for his courage against those who did not believe. She then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses, and told him to preach it to others. It is a powerful instrument of prayer and the best way of honouring Mary.



In school, we have a set of Rosary beads for each child in Year 2 and above which have been kindly donated to us by the Cantenians. Younger children will learn and say / sing a Hail Mary whilst the older children will meditate on a decade of the rosary together.

At this time of year, we usually send home rosary bags for you to share this prayer with your families. This month, why not set up your own focal point in your homes? (See slides on Seesaw for more information) When you are saying your prayers, think especially about all those who are most in need of your prayers at this time. Please do share your pictures of your Mary focal points with us. We would love to put them on the school website.

The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life.

## **Pebbly Assembly**

Our FS2 children were fantastic this week as they put their pebbles into our school jar. We welcomed them formally into our school community and were entertained with their fabulous actions. We were disappointed not to have been able to invite our parents and grandparents in to join us but hope that you have been able to watch it on tapestry.



We also welcome our new children who have joined us in other year groups: Isabelle in Year 4, Annie in Year 1 and Isla in Year 2.



We hope that they all feel very welcome and enjoy their time with us.

## **Car Parking**



We have received several complaints regarding parents using the bus stop on New Chester Road to drop children off. This morning a bus was forced to stop in the inside lane for passengers as the bus stop was full and there was nearly an accident as traffic was turning on the the main road from Allport Road. For the safety of all, please do not use the bus stop for parking or waiting. Thank you.

## **Individual Pupil Photographs**

Kittle Photography will be in school taking individual pupil photographs on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. If you have a child in Little Acorns who would not usually attend on a Monday morning session but you would like their photograph taken, please bring them in to school, via the office, at 8.30am in their uniform. PE lessons will be cancelled on this day to ensure that all children are photographed wearing their school uniform.

### **Grapes in Lunchboxes**

If your child brings grapes in to school for snack or as part of their lunch could we please ask that these are cut in half to minimise the risk of choking. Grapes should always be cut lengthwise so they can pass more easily through smaller throats. And never widthwise, because they'll still be big enough to choke on. Your cooperation is appreciated.



### **Flu Campaign**

If you have not already returned your child's flu consent form please do so as soon as possible.

### **Change of PE Day for 3AD**

From next week PE days will be Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor).

### **Year 3 Reading Books**

Please can all Year 3 children make sure they have their reading books in school every day, even if they have not finished them. Thank you.

### **Year 3 Parents**



In our RE lessons this half term we have been looking at Baptism. Next week we are going to re-enact a baptism over in Church. On the day that each class does this (see below) we would like all the children to wear smart clothes like they would wear if they were going to a baptism or another important celebration. They can come to school in these clothes and wear them all day. Please bear in mind that they will be playing out as usual so will need to be warm and have sensible footwear.

**3AD Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**3EJ Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Many thanks for your co-operation. Miss Jones and Mrs Dobson.

### **Message from St Anselms College**

The St Anselm's entrance examination will be held on the morning of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October for entry to the College in September 2021 and results will be sent to parents before the 31<sup>st</sup> October deadline for the return of Parental Secondary Preference forms. Unfortunately we cannot hold a Open Evening this year but please visit [www.st-anselms.com](http://www.st-anselms.com) where we will post admissions and transition materials. We hope to hold events in the Summer Term 2021 for current Year 5 and 4 students.

### **Message from Wirral Grammar School for Year 5 and 6 Boys**

To access information regarding the virtual open evening for Wirral Grammar school for boys please visit [www.wirralgrammarboys.com/uploads/docs/1600703891-Y7%20virtual%20open%20evening%20.pdf](http://www.wirralgrammarboys.com/uploads/docs/1600703891-Y7%20virtual%20open%20evening%20.pdf).

### **Message from Wirral Grammar School for Year 5 and 6 Girls**

To access Wirral Grammar School for Girls virtual open evening please visit [sites.google.com/wirralgirls.co.uk/openday2020](https://sites.google.com/wirralgirls.co.uk/openday2020) It can also be accessed from the homepage of their school website [wirralgirls.co.uk](http://wirralgirls.co.uk)

### **Message from St John Plessington**

To access information regarding the virtual open evening for Wirral Grammar School for Boys please visit <https://www.stjohnplessington.com>.

### **Message from South Wirral High School**

Prospective parents and students are invited to our first ever online 'Welcome Festival' from 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October. Our Headteacher, Mr Goodwin, will be presenting live on Facebook each day at 4pm and will take questions from prospective parents and students. Please visit [www.southwirral.sch.uk/welcome](http://www.southwirral.sch.uk/welcome) for more information and to sign up for updates.

### **11+ Exam**

The assessments are now expected to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The number of application preferences has been increased from 3 to 5 to allow parents to give at least two non-grammar preferences by 31<sup>st</sup> October. The dates for the Catholic grammar assessments have also altered. St Anselms assessment is now intended to take place on 13<sup>th</sup> October, Upton Hall is now intended to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	St Anselms Entrance Exam
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Upton Hall Entrance Exam
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Upton Hall Entrance Exam
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	11 Plus Examination
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School Closes for Half Term
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Inset Day – Children not in school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Zoom Meetings for FS1, FEM and FCB
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	11 Plus Examination
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Inset day – Children not in school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children return to school
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School reports sent home
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Inset day – Children not in school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Break, 2pm

## THE FOLLOWING DATES RELATE TO ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2020 – JULY 2021

<b>Autumn Term 2020</b>	<b>Inset Day (School closed to pupils)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Tuesday 1st September 2020</b>
	<b>Inset Day (School closed to pupils)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020</b>
	<b>School reopens to pupils</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020</b>
	<b>School closes for half term</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020</b>
	<b>Inset Day (School closed to pupils)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020</b>
	<b>Inset Day (School closed to pupils)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020</b>
	<b>School reopens</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020</b>
	<b>Inset Day (School closed to pupils)</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>
	<b>School closes for Christmas at 2.00pm</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>
<b>Spring Term 2021</b>	<b>School reopens</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
	<b>School closes for half term</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>
	<b>School reopens</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021</b>
	<b>School closes for Spring Break at 2.00pm</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>School reopens</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
	<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>
	<b>School Closes for half term</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>
	<b>School reopens</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
	<b>School closes for Summer holidays at 2.00pm</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>