

# Newsletter

11th May 2018

Tel: 01277 215626

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mass for the Feast of the Ascension was a wonderful occasion yesterday morning. After a little apprehension first thing in the morning I'm delighted to say that the weather improved, the sun shone and Fr. Martin celebrated a lovely Mass. Children from both schools prayed and sang together and a large number of parents joined us. It really was delightful. Thank you to Fr. Martin and all who helped to make it such a success.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Friday 29th June - Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. We will be walking up to the Cathedral for Mass on that day. We will have to leave at 8.55 PROMPTLY. School doors will open at 8.30 on that day. ALL children will need to be in school at 8.45. If any parent/grandparent is free to walk up and down with us to the cathedral we would be really glad of your help. Please let the Office know.

*S. Rainford.*

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

☆ Nithilan Johnson Class 4  
 ☆ Erin Geeves Class 5  
 ☆ Ethan Barrett Class 6

**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

Class 4 William Broadbridge & Demilade Edun  
 Class 5 Aadhav Arun & Fred Smithers  
 Class 6 Sai Varnika Subramaniam & Cecilia Wagstaff

**Open Evening New Intake September 2018**  
 The Open Evening takes place on Thursday 7th June at 7.00p.m at the Infant School. This is a meeting for Parents Only of those children who are starting in Foundation Stage at the school in September 2018.

Well Done to **St. Francis' House** for being the winners this week.

House	This Weeks Points	Accumulative Points this Summer Term
St. Bernadette	124	667
St. Clare	100	547
<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>***126***</b>	527
St. Martin	101	510

**KITCHEN CORNER**

Tuesday 15th May  
Menu Week 2

**KARATE STARS**

Millie Higgins - Class 9



**GYMNASTICS STARS**

Lexi Deering - Class 8



**MULTI SKILLS STARS**

Louis Hayes - Class 8



**FOUNDATION STAGE - ROAD SAFETY WALKS**

Monday - Class 3  
 Tuesday - Class 2  
 Wednesday - Class 1  
 Please could you arrive 5 minutes earlier than your walk starts so we can leave promptly at either 9.00am, 10.00am, or 11.00am. Thank you

**Attendance League Table Summer Term**

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded at the end of term.

Class	%
2, 4 & 9	98.85
1	97.99
5	95.98
3	95.39
6	94.90
8	94.12
7	93.43

**P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK**

Joseph Mulqueen	Class 4
Nicco Rossi	Class 5
Cecilia Wagstaff	Class 6
Etaney Waterfield	Class 7
Catie Arrowsmith	Class 8
Sophie Leek	Class 9

We would be very grateful for any donations of boxes of tissues as we use so many of them in school at this time of year and a lot of the children are suffering from hay fever. Thank you

**FRUIT HELPERS NEEDED**

Parents, Carers and Grandparents if any of you would like to volunteer to help with the fruit at 8.45am for approximately half an hour on Mondays or Tuesdays please let the office staff know. Many thanks

**Late Arrivals**

There were 2 late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open at 8.45a.m. every morning.

**SKIPPING CHALLENGE**



During the last week of this half-term (Week of Monday 21st May to Friday 25th May inclusive) each child in school will be completing our skipping challenge - how many skips can you do in 2 minutes? The challenge will take place every morning of this week between 8.45a.m. and 9.30a.m. We really need some help to count the skips. So if you have half an hour to spare on any of these mornings, please contact the school office. Everyone is welcome to help.

## YEAR 2

**ENGLISH** - We have been focusing on reading, comprehension and answering questions about all that we have read.

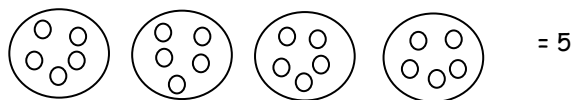
**MATHS** - We have revisited all 4 operations (+, -, x, ÷) and used them to solve word problems.

E.g. There are 20 bananas in a tree and 4 monkeys share them equally. How many can they have each?

The key word is share.

We then know the number sentence is

$$20 \div 4$$



**SCIENCE** - We are very excited as we have seen the first signs of growth from our carrots and onions. Each group made decisions as to whether or not their container was in the best position for the sunshine (some groups chose to move them) and they have also been keeping the compost moist with regular watering.

## YEAR 1

**ENGLISH** - We have been planning our adventure story and describing a character that we will meet on the way.

**MATHS** - We have been measuring length and height in centimetres using a ruler. Can you find something to measure at home?

**SCIENCE** - Material of the week - glass

**GEOGRAPHY** - We went for a walk around our school and playground and thought about directional language, turning left and right. We looked at our school from a bird's eye view using Google Earth. Can you find your house in the same way?

### DIRECTIONS



## FOUNDATION STAGE

This week we have continued our Superhero topic. We have looked at Toy Story and written about the characters. We have also written some stories about Buzz Lightyear and Woody. Thank you for writing about your favourite toys, we have enjoyed talking about our toys too.

In Maths we have focused on sharing an amount into different groups ie share 8 teddies into 4 groups. We have also started to look at halving shapes.

Just a reminder, next week we will be going on our Road Safety Walks. Please see the dates overleaf for the days that your children are going. Please turn up 5 minutes earlier than your designated time. Thank you.



### P.A. - News

**Cathedral Coffee Morning Thank You!** - Many thanks to those who came and supported our coffee morning after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. We raised £75.78 which we are donating to the Parish Charity sending our youth ambassadors to World Youth Day in Panama 2019. Thanks to all the PA angels for hosting.

### **Inflata-Ball Fun Day – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Junior School**

Save the date! Details on how you can help and buy a ticket for the event to follow shortly.

**Estate Agent Boards** – Don't forget to help our schools raise funds by signing up for a Balgores Hayes Board outside your house! Balgores Hayes in Brentwood have agreed to donate £5 in exchange for every board they put up locally advertising our Inflata-Ball Fun Day. It's an easy way to help raise funds for our schools without doing anything at all! Boards will go up a few weeks before the event and removed shortly after. You do not have to be at home when they are fitted or removed. If you live in Brentwood or the surrounding villages and would like a board outside your house please email your name, address and contact number to Oisín or Mykala at [sthelenspta@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenspta@gmail.com) by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

Date & Time			Event	Details	
14 May	Mon	9am, 10am, 11am	Road Safety Walk	Class 3	Parents/Carers for Class 3
15 May	Tue	9am, 10am, 11am	Road Safety Walk	Class 2	Parents/Carers for Class 2
16 May	Wed	9am, 10am, 11am	Road Safety Walk	Class 1	Parents/Carers for Class 1
<b>SUMMER HALF TERM - Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May to Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jun (inclusive)</b>					
4 Jun	Mon	All Day	INSET DAY	All Years	School Closed to Children
5 Jun	Tue	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS
7 Jun	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.35pm	Book Look	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
7 Jun	Thurs	7.00p.m	New Parents Evening		Meeting for parents of children (starting school in Sep 2018) who have been offered a place. <b>NO CHILDREN.</b>
8 Jun	Fri	8.45am – 9.30pm	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years