

Virtue: To be COMPASSIONATE and LOVING

Head Teacher / Principal: Mrs J Downes

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at the end of the year and are looking forward to a more involved year next year with you and our children. With the government guidance stipulating that we are moving to Step 4, the guidance set out leavers' schools remaining in bubbles until the end of the year. We are excited at the prospect of being able to have more freedom and comfort in that we are safe next year.



Come On England!

We are hopefully going to be able to celebrate for England after the final, it is a massive achievement for them and I am sure you will be watching the match on Sunday. Let us remember to pray for our England team this weekend. It is an amazing achievement to get to the final.

Monday 12th July – Non-uniform day to celebrate England's achievement in getting so far

To celebrate this, the children may wear red, their football kit or something else of their choice on Monday. There will be no charge for this.

Farewell

We are very sad to say that Miss Hibbert will be leaving us at the end of this year. She has been called by God to something amazing, as she is going to become a Missionary, supporting those in need in Papua New Guinea. Miss Hibbert has been with us for three years and has been an excellent teacher and great friend to staff, always willing to do whatever she can for the good of our school. This year, she has worked in Reception and Year 1 and has led them really well. She will be greatly missed by all.

Arrangements for September 2021

We are pleased to announce that we have three new teachers joining us in September. We will be joined by Mrs Afzal and Miss Dennis (who some already know!) as well as Miss Gulzar. We have the following staff in classes across the school from Years 1 to 6...

Class	Teacher	Support staff will be working across the school to support individual and group needs
Year 1	Miss Dennis	
Year 2	Miss Wood	
Year 3	Mrs Moore	
Year 4	Miss Gulzar	
Year 5	Mrs Afzal Mrs Bullock (1 ½ days per week)	
Year 6	Miss Ward	

Transition day for our children will be held on Tuesday 13th July during the afternoon, where your child will meet their new teacher.

Attendance for last week

Well done to everyone who is well enough to come to school. We know these are difficult times, but everyone is doing really well. Any class with 99-100% can have 2 house points.

YR	Y2	Y3	Y5	Y1	Y6	Y4
92%	92%	93%	95%	96%	96%	100%

Punctuality – Well done everyone!

Well done to nearly all of our children! There have been **2 late marks in school last week**. This is excellent! Well done!



Who are the Tidy Crew?

Well done to **Year 1** for last week. Not only are they taking care of their classroom, but also the outside too.

Events for the end of term

Please go to our website for updates on dates of events. This will be the route we will use to communicate upcoming events. This is a snapshot of it today, it will be added to as we prepare for future events. The first two days are INSET day, so we will return on **Monday 6th September**.

Sat 10 Jul 2021	All day Summer Reading Challenge begins Sandwell libraries are setting a Summer Reading challenge. Please take part.
Mon 19 Jul 2021	15:30 - 15:30 Year 6 Graduation to take place during the school day Due to restrictions, children will have party during the day and process out at 3.30pm. We will not be able to gather as a group outside.
Tue 20 Jul 2021	All day Last day of Summer Term: Collect children at 2.00pm (siblings) and 2.10pm (non-siblings)
Wed 21 Jul 2021	All day School closed - INSET DAY
Mon 6 Sep 2021	All day Back to School today Please note that the dates for Nursery and Reception are different. Parents will have received this information.

Our Parish Links:



Confirmation

Well done to all of our girls and boys from Year 6 and previous members of St Francis Xavier who are now in Year 7. There were 18 Year 6 children and 5 from last year's Year 6, who are now in Year 7. We are so very proud of you for taking part in a beautiful and prayerful celebration with your families. Also, thank you to Father Joseph who has supported the children and their families so well.

Holy Communion

There are a series of Holy Communions taking place from this Saturday, at English Martyrs. This will be followed by 3 Sundays at St Francis Xavier Church devoted to Holy Communion. We again, thank Father for his support in preparing the boys and girls.

For parents of children making their First Holy Communion, or who have done this year, please share this prayer with your son/daughter...

Prayer for My First Holy Communion

Lord Jesus,
Bless all my friends
who have come forward
to receive First Holy Communion for the first time.
May this time be an initial step for me
into a life-long love of the Eucharist.
Give me a hunger for this sacred food,
So that I turn to you for comfort, guidance
And wisdom as we grow in discipleship.
Thank you for the Holy Spirit and the goodness it brings.
May our hands, reaching out for Jesus,
Inspire everyone to cherish this sacred sacrament.
May we remain close to Him,
So that He can hold us in the palm of His Hand.
Amen