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Dear Parents

Parish Masses Sunday 17th October 2021 9.00am and 12 noon

Parents and children in year 3 who are making their First Holy Communion are reminded that they are encouraged to attend either parish Mass at Sacred Heart Church next Sunday.

Thank you

Many thanks to those parents who have continued to liaise, contact, communicate and follow our advice around Covid requirements.

Mask wearing

Many of us in school are still wearing masks, for the protection of each other and yourselves.

We encourage all those coming onto site, to please also wear a mask.

Thank you.

Reader of the Week



As part of our ongoing celebration of reading and especially readers we have launched a new 'Reader of the Week' award!

Each week every class teacher will nominate a 'Reader of the Week.' The Reader of the Week could be someone who has worked hard in a phonics or guided reading session, done extra reading at home, talked enthusiastically about a book they are reading etc. anything that has made them a real champion of reading!

We will celebrate the children in the newsletter each week and they will bring home a 'Reader of the Week' certificate on a Friday!

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RHK	Rosee
RJC	Franklin
1KG	Freya B
1NH	Mason
2JH	Jack
2NT	Cerys
3CC	Gabriella
3LH	Elsie-Mai
4HA	Scarlett
4HB	Ewan
5AC	Esmae
5SG	Ruby
6BF	Ruby-Lou
6ST	Sienna

Well Done Readers of the Week!

Our Friends in 5AC have been trialling our Reader of the Week idea over the last couple of weeks so a big Well Done to all their fantastic Readers - Sam, Inez, Cian, Danielle, Logan, Seraphine and Dawid!

Autumn Term Parent's Evenings

Your child should have brought home a letter last week regarding the arrangements for our Autumn Term Parent's Evening. If you haven't done so already then please return the appointment request slip as soon as possible.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Please ensure that your secondary applications are processed in good time.

Currently a number of our children have had no application made.

Do not leave it until the deadline day at the end of October to process your application.

Please note that if applying for a school such as St. Francis of Assisi, supplementary form must be included and you will need to provide proof of baptism, if the child is a baptised Catholic. Again, ensure you don't leave accessing a copy of the Baptismal Certificate until the last moment. Thank you.

Admissions to Primary Schools - Reception September 2022

The application system will open on 1st November 2021 for September 2022 Reception places. If you/a family member/friend have a child of school age in September 2022, please make sure applications are submitted. The easiest way to apply is online and a link to the online system will be available from 1st November 2021. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.

Christmas Card Orders

A reminder that the deadline for online orders is Monday 18th Oct. Designs also need to be back in school by this date for orders placed. Thank you.

Flu Vaccination Programme - Tuesday 9th November 2021

The School Age Immunisation Team will be in school on Tuesday 9th November 2021 to deliver the Childhood Nasal Flu Programme for children from Reception-Year 6.

An email was sent out to all parents on Tuesday 12th October 2021 with information and a link for you to complete e-consent. Please ensure you give your consent by 5th November 2021

If your child is asthmatic and there are any changes to their health 14 days before the vaccination date YOU MUST contact the immunisation team on 0300 124 0366 as your child may not be well enough to receive the vaccination. These include, if your child:

- **Becomes wheezy**
- **Has required oral steroids**
- **Has increased their asthma medication**

If you have any further questions or need more information, please contact the School Age Immunisation Team rather than the school on 0300 124 0366 or school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk

Parking

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and in and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

Parking is not allowed in front of the school gates, the yellow lines and zig zags are there to stop people parking there and to protect and keep all of our children safe.

Please never park up on the footpaths in the surrounding roads. You are also asked to please show consideration to local home owners and do not block garages and driveways. Please do not become abusive to local home owners.

Parking on the grass verge along Wilnecote Lane has been raised as a COMPLAINT with local police. We have been asked to advise all parents not to do this. Parking on the grass verges is dangerous and causes blockage for neighbours. Local police will be following this up.

We again ask you take this advice and requests on board. Thanks to those parents who were supportive of PCSOs and PCs present at the school recently.

Wear It Pink

Wear It Pink is a charity event for breast cancer on October 22nd at Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart are looking for raffle prizes and cakes for a cake bake sale. Can anyone

help please? It is for a cause that has affected countless families and maybe yours too?

If you can then contact Annette on net72@live.co.uk

Please note that to mark the Wear It Pink event, we will have a non-uniform day in school on Friday 22nd October 2021.

All proceeds to this cause. We will be asking for **ALL** non-uniform donations to be paid via ParentPay. Unfortunately we can no longer accept cash donations. Thank you.

Home Start Family Group

Home-Start Tamworth is a local charity which supports ordinary parents in and around Tamworth, Staffordshire, who are going through challenging times. They are running a Family Group on Thursday mornings during term time at Sacred Heart 9.30am-11.00am. Please see attached poster for further information.

Alpha - In person or Online

A choice of two Alpha courses. One on Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart 7.30-9.00pm from 30th September or one online on Zoom- day and time to be confirmed. So it's meeting up or Zooming in? The choice is yours. Watch an inspiring video and follow with discussion! Why not give it a try? Please book so that we know numbers via email alex@tamworthrc.church or phone 01827 769403

Journey in faith

Are you, or do you know anyone else, interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Please get in touch with us soon as the course starts at the end of September. Email alex@tamworthrc.church or phone 01827 769403 to speak with Fr Michael or Alex Parker to book a place and find out more.

Youth Band

Starting on Friday 24th September 6.15-7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church in the Modwen Room. New members welcome. It is open to all young people in Year 6 and above. If you enjoy singing or can play an instrument, why not give it a try we'd love to see you. Please contact Alex Parker alex@tamworthrc.church for more details and to register your interest or feel free to just turn up! Parental Consent forms will need to be completed with contact details at the first practice. The Youth Band leads the music at one Mass probably about once every month to six weeks and meets during term time. Thank you.

Message from the kitchen

The school lunch menu for the week commencing Monday 18th October will be:

Monday:	Pizza and Rainbow Pasta
Tuesday:	Sausage, Mash and Peas
Wednesday:	Roast Dinner
Thursday:	Hot Dogs or Beef Burgers, Chips and Sweetcorn
Friday:	Fish Fingers, Chips and Peas

Sustainable Staffordshire Tip of the Week



Start a new chapter

How often do you pick up a book that you have already read? Probably not that often.

Books can easily be reused. Why not organise a book swap with friends, take them to a charity shop or sell them online.

Our **recycling centres** have a reuse area where items in good condition can be donated where they will be taken to the reuse shop located in the Cannock Recycling Centre.

When you're next thinking of buying a new book, why not check if your local library has it first. **Find out where your nearest library is here.**

Dates for your Diary

Mon 18 th October	Parent Consultations - years 5/6
Tues 19 th October	Parent Consultations - years 3/4
Weds 20 th October	Parent Consultations - years R/1/2
Fri 22 nd October	Non-uniform day in school - Wear It Pink
Fri 22 nd October	School finishes for half term 3.20pm
Mon 1 st November	INSET DAY 2
Tues 2 nd November	School re-opens
Tues 9 th November	Childhood Flu Vaccinations in school Reception-year 6

God Bless

Yours sincerely

John P Hayes

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Headteacher