



NEWSLETTER



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After School Care Survey

We are currently conducting a survey to measure the amount of interest in us providing after school care. The link to the survey can be under Latest News on the Home Page of our website. Unfortunately it is hidden by a 'Read More' message at the moment but it is there.

Attendance

Whole school attendance has improved this month and now stands at 95.9% for this term which is within touching distance of our 96% target. Top class for attendance is still Class 3 with an impressive 97.5%.

Staffing News

Parents in Year 4 will be aware that Mrs Maroney has been unwell since half term. Unfortunately she is still unwell and has been advised to take a lengthy break to enable her to recover. She will not be able to be back with us until after Christmas. Please remember her in your prayers. We have been lucky that most of the supply cover so far has been consistent with Mr Riley covering nearly all of the days when Mrs Maroney has been off. We are grateful that he has agreed to provide that cover until the end of term so the children will be taught for the whole term by the same teacher who, by now, knows the children well and can plan for their learning needs.

Ms Taylor was successful at an interview last week for a full-time post as a Family Liaison Officer at another school and will be leaving us shortly before Christmas. Lorna has been with us for eight years and has provided invaluable support for many of our families facing difficult circumstances as well as being superbly efficient in her role as administrator more recently. I am sure you will join me in acknowledging the fantastic work she has done with us and wishing her all the best for her exciting new venture. She will be sorely missed.

Indoor Athletics

Twelve children did exceptionally well last week at the Catholic Schools Indoor Athletics Competition. We won seven out of ten races and came second in the other three. When the points totals were announced the schools in third and second place scored 56 and 58 points respectively. The St Joseph's team scored a massive 100 points to win the tournament and qualify for the level 2 competition against the other winning schools from across the city.

Lord Mayor Visit

Tomorrow we will be welcoming a special visitor to the school. The Lord Mayor will be coming to school to find out about the work we did last week during Anti-Bullying week. Each class has produced a display reflecting the learning they did around this very important theme. He will meet with the School Council and talk with them too. Thanks are due to Mrs Watts who co-ordinated the activities last week and organised our special visit.

Children in Need

It was lovely to see the children in their own clothes last Friday raising money for Children in Need and Sightbox. We raised a total of £184 with £40 of that going to Sightbox and the remainder to Children in Need. Thank you for your generosity.

Environmental Health Visit

Mr Storey, in the kitchen, had some surprise visitors last week. Environmental Health Officers visited to carry out an inspection of hygiene standards in the kitchen. We are delighted that they once again gave us the top rating of 5 for our hygiene standards. Congratulations to Mr Storey and his team. As the cold weather begins to kick in, a hot meal during the day becomes an increasingly attractive option. If it is your child's habit to have a packed lunch it might be worth considering a hot school meal as a choice from time to time. The latest menu is available on our website under the parents tab. This week's menu has a change for Thanksgiving on Thursday with roast turkey, quorn fillet and apple pie replacing the normal menu choices.

School Mobile Phone

Many of you will have had text messages from our new mobile phone number (07422938855). Please put the number into your contacts list. You can use this number to send text messages to us but it is not replacing our landline number so please do not use it for making phone calls to the school.