



The Messenger

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'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'

School Calendar

Date	Event	Time
2019		
October		
Mon 14	Curriculum Evening (Phonics and Reading)	6-7.15
Mon 21	Parent Consultations	3:30-6:00
Wed 23	Parent Consultations	4-7
Fri 25	School closes for half term	
November		
Mon 4	School closed INSET	
Tues 5	School opens	
Wed 6	Governing Body Meeting	
December		
Tues 3	Fluenz vaccines (all classes)	
Sat 7	Parish Christmas Fayre	10-1
Tues 17	Reception Nativity	
Fri 20	End of term Mass. All Welcome	9:30

One Way System

Please note that at busy times we advise all drivers to try and operate a one-way system in surrounding roads. We ask that you access the school from the direction of Cedar Avenue, the direction then being to drive up Well Lane rather than trying to go against the traffic in driving down. This we hope avoids further congestion and also keeps resident neighbours' appeased. We haven't been helped by the works traffic at 'The Oaks' new development in recent months, but hopefully this should come to an end very soon and further parking should be available along Cedar Avenue. Free parking is also available at the top of Well Lane and there larger Station Road car park.

Thank you for your understanding.

A BIG shout out to our footballers who played tremendously well again last night. They lost one game 2-1 and stormed back to win their final game 8-0. A fabulous achievement in finding the net so many times, which all of our local teams could know how to do! We await the final results next week. A brilliant effort. P4, W2, D1, L1, GS16, GA5, P7

Parent Consultations

Make sure you have signed up for your appointment via the school website. Mon and Wed 21 and 23rd Oct.

Curriculum Evening

Monday 14th October.

Promoting effective learning in Phonics and Reading. All Welcome.

6:00-7:15

Attendance	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
2019	96.0	96.7	98.7	95.3	97.3	94.1	98.6	96.6

Great efforts from all classes last week, well done. How close were Y6 and Y2... super attendance this week, but the Congrats must go to Year 2, this weeks winners!

October... a month of prayer and reflection

Every year, the months of October and May are set aside for special devotions to Mary. In 2019, October is also the focus of prayer for two more reasons.



The Extraordinary Month of Mission

Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) during October 2019. Its aim is to encourage our worldwide Catholic community to make a special effort to share God's love with the world. In school, we will be talking to the children in assemblies and making this a focus in our class liturgies. We would ask you to support this by talking at home about the Mission Together charity and continuing our prayers for young people across the world.

The Canonisation of John Henry Newman.

On 14th October 2019, the blessed John Henry Newman will be made a Saint by Pope Francis. Schools across the country have been invited to unite in praying a Novena, which is nine days of prayer, beginning on 4th October and leading to his Canonisation on 14th October.

St Gabriel's will be sharing in this Novena and talking to the children about John Henry Newman, who was especially interested in the education of young people and devoted his life to the cause of the Catholic Church in England. The prayers will quietly take place each day between 8.25 and 8.40 a.m. before the start of the school day. The Novena will be led by a staff member in the school hall and is open to any child who wishes to join in. The children may join the Novena at any stage when they arrive at school, as long as they enter the hall silently and respectfully. Throughout the month of October, we hope to inspire the children to share, enjoy and understand the power and importance of prayer.

Keep those ALDI stickers coming! You will see our poster in the porch to follow our progress. So if you can support this promotion we would be extremely grateful.



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Please could you contact the Office or put a note in the school bag if your child is being collected by a different adult. Thank you.

NB: The 'Messenger' will only be available electronically after half term. We're trying to reduce our paper use. The newsletter is always published on the school website, under 'school office'. We can also email direct should you prefer. Thank you.