



The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A really busy week for everyone I think, we had the photographer attend, a school nurse visit, an architect site visit, some guitar lessons and some brass music lessons that Y4 experienced. All of these things, slowly happening again mean that we are breathing life into our school again with these rich experiences. Long may they continue The sound of 30 brass instruments being played brings much joy(!) Little steps of progress are showing us all signs that are making a difference to the national recovery.

Appointment times will be made available for Consultations next week.

Have a great weekend and a Happy May Day!

E J Byrne

Photographs

Our Photographer visited on Wednesday and took pictures of all children, staff and governors. Being outside gave us some natural light and hopefully will give us a different perspective from previous years. First impressions of those taken seem to be really positive.

Parent Consultations

Dates and appointment times will be uploaded to the website on Tuesday. We will allocate a 10-minute window to book an appointment, and when on 'Teams' virtually we will keep to an 8-minute time frame to allow for logging out/in between appointments. We will again put further detail out to you about we will operate the meets.

Making School Spider Payments...

Due to the changes, lunch payments look different upon logging in. Any payments from the 26th April allows you to tick the days, of the lunches you require. Any lunch money, owing before this, has to be paid under the 'Overdue Lunch Money' tab. Any queries please contact Mrs Stevenson.

Forthcoming Dates

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| Week of 10 May | Parent Consultations |
| TBC | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Friday 28 May | School closes for half-term |
| Monday 7 June | School opens |
| Wednesday 23 June | Y6 Transition visit to Alsager School (all day) |
| Saturday 26 June | Holy Communion Mass (outside, further details will follow) |
| Friday 16 July | School closes for Summer |
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NB: some dates and events will be dependent on successful outcomes from Lockdown easing.

Star and Kindness Award Winners

Stars of the week 30 April: Olivia Powell, Isabella Ansell, Sullivan Lovatt (PS), Eoin McCann, Nyah Luxford, Millie Punshon, Jemma Rawlinson, Evelyn Webb, Samuel Rayner, Mollie Stewart, Norah Machin, Sithuli Kirimetiya.

Kindness Award Winners 30 April: Billy Lusher (PS), Lorna Bridgewater, Alexei Nelson, Nancy Brookes, Ember Sandall, Victoria Nelson, Harry Fox, Elijah Shenton, Christopher Schauer, Anya Hickman, Lucia Fishwick.

Congratulations to everyone. Well done.

St Gabriel's ARK

(Acts of Random Kindness)

Our pupils at St Gabriel's are wonderful, as you know! We place great importance on our kindness award we celebrate each week for those small acts that can change a mood, lift spirits and generate smiles with simple things. Recently, several of our pupils have approached the school recently wanting to do things for others which is so commendable and makes me incredibly proud of the drive and commitment shown. Here are just some of those times from our 'ARK' that are currently happening.

Lucia Fishwick Y6

Next week, Lucia will be having her hair cut in aid of the 'Little Princess Trust' who will use the hair to make wigs for children who are poorly and may experience hair loss. Those of you that know Lucia will be aware of the significant length of her hair. So to have it cut to shoulder length will be quite something. Lucia said that she was a little nervous but 'was looking forward to making someone else happy'. A wonderful act Lucia!

Nyah Luxford Y1

I also found out that Nyah had her hair cut just last week for the same purpose. Nyah, who also had very long hair just loves her new shorter style. She too wanted to help children with her hair and she was able to donate to The Little Princess Trust charity. How wonderful!

Ashton Hulme

You probably will have heard in the news of 12-year-old Crewe Alexandra footballer Ashton who recently had a leg amputated because of a rare bone cancer. The story has made national news with many footballing legends contacting Ashton wishing him well and providing much needed support. Ashton's story has touched the hearts of many, and has inspired some of our pupils to act, in order to support Ashton's recovery. The links below will share more about Ashton's journey.

<https://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/almost-90k-raised-football-mad-5261947>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-stoke-staffordshire-56845687>

Some of our pupils want to do something...



Kit and Guy Salgarth

Both Kit and Guy were moved to do something upon hearing Ashton's plight. Their Mum writes 'those that know Kit and Guy will know they are not a fan of a haircut at the best of times... both came to me with the idea of raising money by having their hair cut off. All donations will go towards Ashton's fund to buy him a prosthesis and getting this inspiring young man back on his feet and back in goal for Crewe Alexandra'!

Such a kind act and not without sacrifice too! Well done Kit and Guy! Their fundraising link can be found here if you would like to support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hairstodaygonetomorrow2021>

Noah Bell Y6

Noah, who also plays at Crewe Alexandra has known Ashton since he was 5, and although in different age teams, they have trained together in that time, becoming very good friends. Noah wrote to me, telling me about Ashton's bravery and courage and how he has been supported by the football community of Crewe and even Arsene Wenger! Noah simply put in his letter... 'could our school help raise some money so he can get back to doing what he loves'. Perfectly put. In short, yes. So we will hold a non-uniform day on Friday 14 May where we can wear football shirts and football colours in support of Ashton. We would simply ask for donations on the day.

Pre-School and School Fundraiser (May half term)

(in aid of the Pre-School and Rec/KS1 outdoor environments)

Travel 5k in May! (under your own steam ☺)

Let's do it!

