



The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the consultations proved useful this week (albeit with some technical difficulties) and valuable. We are still experiencing new ways to do things and it is testing for all. I am trying to make things as easy as possible for all parents and carers if we continue to use a virtual approach to meetings.

We have also had the outdoor gym equipment completed to great excitement. Stations



for the children to exercise are on both playgrounds so all children have an opportunity to stretch and flex their muscles!

Work continues this week on a new outdoor shelter. The aim will be to use this as an outdoor learning space all year round. This should be complete by the end of next week.

Covid-19 Operational Guidance

As the roadmap out of lockdown continues, advice from Cheshire East and the Public Health England team state it is vital we remain cautious in our approach.

Our staggered times, facemasks and distancing where possible will remain at least until the end of term. CE has a very low infection rate currently as vaccinations continue. Neighbouring communities in the NW including Bolton are seeing some spikes in the number of infections, so care and vigilance is still required by all.

Reconciliation

Last week saw Fr Tony visit us and the children preparing for Sacraments in the coming weeks. The children in Y3 made their First Confession to Fr Tony when in school. Congratulations to them on this next step of faith, and we pray for our children in Y4 also who will also make their Holy Communion next month. Exciting times!

Forthcoming Dates

Thursday 20 May	Governor Meeting of School Improvement Committee
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

NB: some dates and events will be dependent on successful outcomes from Lockdown easing.

Star and Kindness Award Winners

Stars of the week 14 May Jacob Roberts, Finlay Jones, Mia-Grace Thorley, Evie Longshaw, Amelia Cantrell, Ezra Acebedo, Gabrielle Cliffe, Charlie Leese, Isabella Nelson.

Kindness Award Winners 14 May Alexa Neale, Frances Turner, Oscar Parkes, Arabella Sweeting, Nancy Machin, Christopher Schauer, James Hastilow, Olivia Perry, Adam Bogucki.

Congratulations to everyone on an excellent week. Thank you and 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.

Lorna Bridgewater Reception

A big thank you and well done to Lorna in Reception class who is also sporting a new hair cut this week having had 11 inches (!) cut from her hair. All in support of the Little Princess Trust charity. Lorna, who also had very long hair just loves her new shorter style. A wonderful act of kindness.

Boys Raise thousands for Ashton!

A big shout-out to Kit and Guy Salgarth in Y4 for raising an incredible sum of £2250, simply for having their hair cut! What an amazing feat and acts of generosity from all that supported. Thank you!

Ashton Hulme

Our Non-Uniform Day of football colours in support of Ashton Hulme saw complete range of kits and colours from all of the children and staff. Team shirts of Stoke, Crewe, Port Vale, Barcelona, Portugal, England and of course the mighty whites were all on display today. A grand total of £221.70 was raised! Thank you to everyone that supported. 😊



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!

