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13th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following his first Mass in the parish on Sunday, as a school we were able to extend a warm welcome to Fr Claro who joined us all for our Monday morning Liturgy. The following day our Year 3 and 4 children joined Father in the church for their liturgy on Mary. Our first steps in working with Fr Claro to continue to strengthen the bonds between, school parish and the wider community.

HARVEST MASS – FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

All parents are very welcome to attend this Mass – our first to be led by Fr Claro. We would greatly appreciate your donations of tins and packets for our Harvest Mass. As we give thanks for the wonderful gifts we have been given, it is important for us to provide support to the needy of the city through our donations. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

INSET DAY – 13TH NOVEMBER 2017

Parent /Teacher Consultations – booking forms, to see your child's class teacher on this inset day, will be sent home next week. Crèche facilities for siblings will be available on the day.

Hedgehog Club available from 9.30am – 3pm. Please check bags for booking forms or see Mrs Tye for further information

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents that, in line with our Safeguarding procedures, you should please sign in at the school office if you are visiting a member of staff. Nobody should be in school without signing in and wearing an official visitor's badge.

Please do not just pop in to see staff without reporting to the school office and without an appointment. Thank you for your support with this matter.

What Learning is happening next week?

YEAR R

The children have produced some beautiful art work this week and told us all about their families. We have been amused and sometimes baffled when scribing their quotes about the things **you** like to do at home! I am sure you will too when they bring their work home! We have also really enjoyed learning our first phonic sounds. Next week our sounds are i, n, m and d. We will also be finishing our topic "All about me," by exploring our senses. We will be smelling, tasting, touching and listening to different things and recording which we liked best.

YEAR 1/2

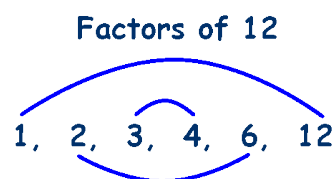
This half term, in science, the children's topic has been about everyday materials. Last week Miss Kelly set our children the challenge of finding out which materials we could send to the aliens in space. The children experimented with which materials could cope with the heat on their planet near the sun. They predicted what would happen to chocolate, ice, bread and a candle. They had great fun! Their favourite experiment was seeing the toast burnt to a crisp! This week they are investigating which material is most absorbent. They will each have a small glass of blue liquid and will measure how much liquid the material has absorbed.

YEAR 3/4

Next week in English we will be making advertising leaflets for a stay at the Bug Hotels that the children made on 'Outdoor Learning Day'. We will be focusing on the skills of including rich vocabulary and expanded noun phrases to persuade. In maths, we will be continuing our work on formal written method for addition with numbers up to 4 digits.

YEAR 5/6

In maths, the children will be learning about factors and prime numbers. In English we will be looking at the differences between formal and informal language. The children will be putting this knowledge to the test by writing a letter to Miss Kelly with a special request. In Topic children will be interviewing a special visitor who was evacuated during the war. Later in the week they will base their writing on what he tells us.



SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH EXTRA NEEDS

Portsmouth City Council is offering a course to support parents with their child's education in the home through practical and fun ideas, and will help to develop parents' skills in understanding their child's learning style, the importance of learning through play and practical English and maths activities at The Learning Place. Please see Mrs Tye for further information.

YEAR 6 TRANSFER TO SECONDARY

Father Claro will be signing SIF (Supplementary Information) forms for year 6 transfer to secondary school on Tuesday 17th October after 5/6 liturgy.

YEAR 5/6 FW ASSEMBLY

Please note a change to last week's newsletter – FW assembly has been deferred to Thursday 9th November. We regret any inconvenience this has caused.

Best Class Attendance week commencing 2nd October 2017

Miss Offin & Miss Wright 100%

Golden Book Entries	
Erik (Yr 5 LB)	For a creative piece of homework about a healthy diet.
Joseph (Yr 5 SG)	For working hard to use joined handwriting
Erica (Yr 3/4 SF)	For working incredibly hard and writing an amazing story!

Diary Dates – Please see website for further details	
Tuesday 17th October 2.30 p.m.	Year 5/6 Liturgy (Fr Claro to sign SIF forms)
Friday 20th October 9.30 a.m.	Harvest Mass
23rd – 27th October	HALF TERM
Thursday 2nd November 2.45 p.m.	Year 3/4 AM/GC Assembly
Monday 13th November	Inset Day – Parent/Teacher consultations

Thank you,

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