

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those who joined our Nursery and Reception classes at Mass this morning.

**Year 6 Mini-Vinnies** are in this month of May collecting toiletries such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste for CARITAS. Please donate what you can to this very good cause. Thank you to all those who have contributed already.

On **Saturday 12th May** our Sacramental Programme children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers over the next couple of weeks as they prepare to receive this special sacrament.

We are also asking if any parents/carers from would be available and willing to support in the running of the First Holy Communion <u>celebration</u> on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. It will be held at St Michael's Parish Hall following the 9.30am Mass. Please speak to the school office if you can help on the day. We want to make sure the children have a memorable and special time with their families.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am our **Y3 children** will be leading the Assembly next week. We welcome all parents/carers to share this special assembly about their journey through Year 3.

Next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am we will be joining the parishioners of St Michael's remembering the feast of the Ascension. All our welcome to join us.

Those children who come to school on their bikes must dismount safely and walk along the path to the bike stand near the main entrance. Children can collect a Cycle Permit form from the school office which should be completed by providing a description of the bike they will be riding and that the cyclist understands **road safety**. We will then issue a cycle permit.

As you will have seen in the press on many occasions, funding for schools can reduce year on year. In order to cut our costs we must always look at what is the best value for our school to achieve the best education for our children. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing **parenthub**. This is a free app which parents and carers can download onto their smart devices and which will help us send the newsletter and other school information to parents paperless. The app can also help us to reduce our text messaging costs which are currently 4p per text per person which is money best spent on our children. Details will be sent home next week! The cloakroom areas are relatively small and the current trend seems to be to bring large bags. These take up too much space in a confined area resulting in coats and bags falling to the floor which can cause accidents and injuries. For KS1 we would ask that children bring their reading folder only. This is suitable for all their needs whilst in school. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Can we remind all parents and carers to notify the office of any absences, including medical appointments or sickness. Please call in at the beginning of the day, email or phone to instruct the office team of your child's absence. In addition, parents/carers must provide proof of any medical appointments so that those absences are marked as authorised.

Attendance this week was 96.33%. Please try to ensure every child attends school as much as possible.

Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation. Enjoy the extra day off next week. We will look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday** 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Bowes

## NEWS

<u>Diary dates</u>: **Tue 8<sup>th</sup> May** Years 3 and 4 Cricket **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> May** Year 3 class assembly **Thu 10<sup>th</sup> May** 9.15 Feast of the Ascension Years 1 and 2 Games Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May First Holy Communion

**Class Trips** Year 6 – PGL 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May Years 1&2 - Croxteth Hall 14<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 BMS concert Town Hall 18<sup>th</sup> June Yrs 3,4,5 - Castle Shaw Centre 5<sup>th</sup> July *Letters will go home next week* with trip details. Pupil of the Week N: Orlaith Lafferty R: Lola Young Y1: Luca Lavin Y2: Dominik Misuira Y3: Ollie Robinson Y4: Adam Lavin Y5: Kilian Kavanagh Y6: Kian Coggins

Congratulations!

Well done.