



# OUR NEWS 29/09/17

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*"In the Light of Jesus we Love, Listen and Grow"*

## Dates for your diary

Please see the 17/18 & 18/19 holiday dates on the school website under the parents tab, address above.

### 2017/2018

Harvest Fast day	Fri 6th Oct
Harvest Assembly in school	Fri 13th October - 2.30pm
Staff Training (school closed to pupils)	Friday 20th October
Half Term break	Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct
FOHC Spooky Disco	Tues 31st Oct - 6.00 to 7.30pm
Autumn Parent's Evening	Thurs 2nd Nov - 3.30 to 6.30
Blessing of the cribs Assembly	Mon 4th December - 2.30
Carols by Candlelight	Tues 19th Dec - 6.30
Christmas Performances (Yrs R,1,2 & 3)	Tues 19th Dec - 2pm Wed 20th Dec - 11am
Year 4 Carol Service (in church)	Fri 22nd Dec - 11.30
Lenten Liturgy	Fri 23rd Mar - 11.30
Sports Day	Tues 26th June Wed 27th June (back-up day)

## Birthday Congratulations

Happy Birthdays go to those who had birthdays over the summer:

Kinley (Yr4)  
Till Beau (Yr2)  
Olivia (Yr4)  
Imogen Mae (YrR)  
Kai (Yr6)



**We hope you have had a great celebration.**

## Playground Art

We have been very fortunate to have an extremely generous offer from a parishioner, Mike Statham. Mike has painted several murals in church and is coming to the end of his current painting of the last supper. He has offered to redo our "Percy," mural on the school wall but has also offered to paint three new ones along the trim trail wall.

So we are putting out a challenge to all pupils to come up with a design or picture that they think will look good in the playground for several years to come. So use the attached template to draw your design as a family and return to school by next Thursday 5th October and we will begin the judging. The winners will be announced next Friday 6th at our achiever's assembly.

Good luck everyone and remember;

**"If you're not in it you can't win it."**

## Harvest Fast Day

*"We plant the seeds that one day will grow"*

These words are from a prayer that remembers Blessed Oscar Romero. In Archbishop Romero's country, El Salvador, the words from the prayer mean so much. This is traditionally a country that lives from the land - many families like Edelmira's below depend on their harvest. It is these families that we will think of next Friday 6th

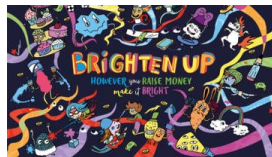
October on Harvest Fast Day by responding to one of Oscar Romero's calls asking us "not to aspire to have more but to be more," along with Pope Francis' call to look after our common home. Therefore, next Friday we ask that children be aware of their packed lunch and snack and what it is made up of. We ask that wherever possible children bring things to school that require less packaging and ask the question, "do I need to bin it?"



If the answer is yes then bring something different. We are also encouraging children to replace one item of their uniform with something autumn coloured. Perhaps orange socks, yellow trainers or Shirt. By making this effort we will show that we care for our "common home," and those who struggle within it.

Thank You.



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 Please make sure your child has a coat in school each day. Playtimes are getting much colder 

## School Nurse Support - Reminder

Our school nurse, Rhona's will be available in school on Monday 9th October between 8.40 and 9.30am. Please come to reception if you would like to get her advice on any issue related to your children.

## Thank You

Thank you to those parents who donated a pound for our own clothes day last Friday going towards the hurricane relief fund. Thank you also to those parents who donated much more than the required pound and to those children who offered their own pocket money. We were humbled by your generosity. Together we raised **£160.00**

## Rummage Sale

Mrs Wilkins will host her next Rummage Sale on **Saturday 14th October** in the school hall from 1.30 to 3oclock.

The Parish rooms will be open to accept donations on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th. Mrs Wilkins will be at school next week in the afternoon to sell raffle tickets. The proceeds of this sale will go directly to our school. We thank Mrs Wilkins for her continued unflinching support of Holy Cross.

## Healthy Snacks

Can we remind parents that Holy Cross endeavours to be as Healthy a school as possible. In a bid to do this we ask that all children have a healthy morning snack. This may include fruit or fruit based snacks, yoghurt, cereal bars, cheese straws etc. We ask that children do not have chocolate or crisps or fizzy drinks. Water is encouraged in school during lesson times and in our bid to be environmentally friendly we encourage refillable bottles.

**Thank You.**

**TERM DATES 2017-2018**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
INSET Day – School closed to pupils	Thursday 24 August 2017
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<b>August Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 28 August 2017</b>
Autumn Term begins for pupils	Tuesday 29 August 2017
Last day of half term	Thursday 19 October 2017
INSET Day – School closed to pupils	Friday 20 October 2017
Half Term Break - 1 week	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2017
School Re-Opens after half term	Monday 30 October 2017
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 22 December 2017 (1/2 day)
Christmas Break - 2 weeks	Monday 25 December 2017 to Friday 5 January 2018
<b>Spring Term</b>	
INSET Day – School closed to pupils	Monday 8 January 2018
Spring Term begins for pupils	Tuesday 9 January 2018
Last day of half term	Friday 9 February 2018
Half Term Break - 1 week	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2018
School Re-Opens after half term	Monday 19 February 2018
Last day of Spring term	Friday 23 March 2018
Easter Break - 2 weeks	Monday 26 March to Friday 6 April 2018
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Summer Term begins for pupils	Monday 9 April 2018
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 7 May 2018</b>
Last day of half term	Friday 25 May 2018
Half Term Break – 1 week	Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June 2018
School Re-Opens after half term	Monday 4 June 2018
INSET Day – School closed to pupils	Friday 22 June 2018
Last day of Summer term	Friday 13 July 2018 (1/2 day)
Summer Break	Monday 16 July 2018

Teacher training days = School closed to pupils