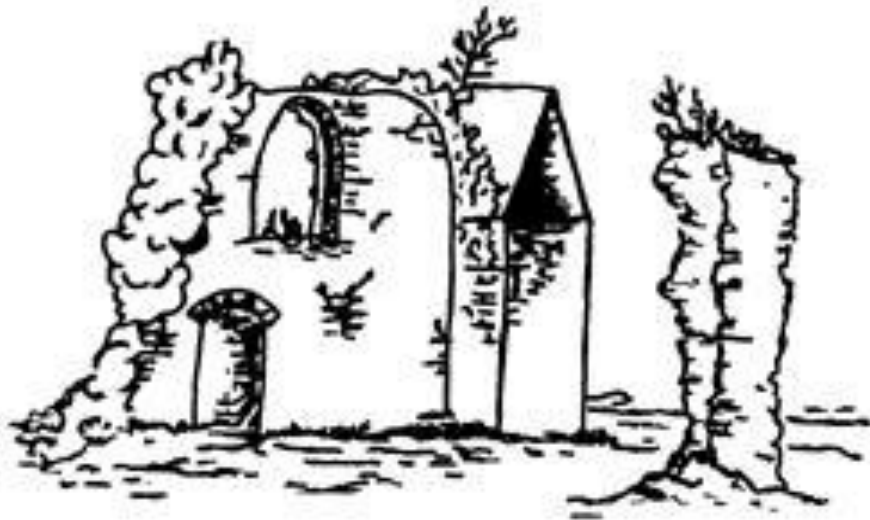


The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy



Newsletter May 2022

IMPORTANT DATES: Term 5: Monday 25th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6: Monday 6th June 2022 to Wednesday 20th July 2022

Inset Days on Monday 01/07/22 and Wednesday 20/07/22

Pupils break up on our Leavers' Day: Tuesday 19/07/22

Catholic Life

Weekend Mass Times in our parish: Our Lady of Good Counsel Eastwood – Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.15am.

Ukraine Art Exhibition Success: The last day of term proved a great success – as after Mass – the pupils displayed their artwork in the parish social centre. All the monies raised today from Ukrainian Colours and Art Exhibition totalled is a massive £518.85! This money has been sent directly to support a Ukrainian family touching down only three days later and now living in Moorgreen. This money has helped buy immediate essentials – Mr and Mrs Charlton (grandparents to two of our pupils) are so grateful for all our efforts. Well done to the children, parents and staff for their endeavour.

A prayer for Ukraine: God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Acts of Kindness: My sincere thanks go to our school community in the way we respond to good causes – and in such times of hardship for many in the world. In addition to the £518.85 raised for our recently arrived Ukrainian family – their plight has been seen a person who wishes to donate a further £1,000 to help them settle into their new surroundings in comfort. Furthermore, the staff at school would like to thank Mr Millinson, who has a daughter in Year 1, for the time spent in school over the Easter holidays cleaning carpets and areas of the school; which would easily have cost the school over £1,000. The money saved can now be re-directed into buying resources for pupils to use when learning in the curriculum.

Beauvale Pilgrimage: Our annual Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick in honour of our Beauvale Martyrs, Saints John Houghton and Robert Lawrence on Sunday 8th May, 3.30pm at the ruins of Beauvale Priory. Some Priory pupils will no doubt be serving on the altar – other pupils who attend the Mass are asked to wear school uniform as a way of marking our school's special feast day.

Marian Mass: If you wish to donate flowers for our annual Mass which takes place on Friday 27th May at 9.30am, then they can be brought into school at the beginning of that week. The children from Lourdes Class will enjoy taking them to the residents of Edward House and Jubilee House as we traditionally do each year.

Important Dates: Please see upcoming events and some slight changes to diary dates due to the Academy Trust Annual Conference – taking place on July 1st.

April

Monday 25: Return to school – welcome to Miss Abi Worthington who officially starts with us as our Year 4 Classteacher.

Saturday 30: Year 5 Space Centre Trip – coming back to school on Sunday morning.

May

Monday 2: BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 4: School Feast Day – pupils will undergo activities about the martyrs.

Friday 6: PTA non-uniform day – pupils asked to bring bottles for the summer fair

Sunday 8: Beauvale Pilgrimage and Mass at 3.30pm

Monday 9: SATs Week – the best of luck to our pupils in Year 6.

Wednesday 18: Welcome back to Mrs Williams who returns to school to teach in Reception Class alongside Mrs Croke.

Friday 20: PTA non-uniform day – Rainbow Raffle

Monday 23: Beaumanor Residential for Year 6

Wednesday 25: Year 6 return from Beaumanor Hall

Friday 27: Marian Mass at 9.30am. PTA cake sale after school.

June

Monday 6: Diversity Week

Tuesday 7: Jubilee Celebrations – Red, White and Blue Day in school as pupils undertake activities in their classes and the PTA put on a Tea Party.

Mr Brogan to meet Year 4 parents and pupils at 2.30pm.

Friday 10: Diversity Mass at 9.30am

Thursday 16: Fathers' Day stall in school run by the PTA. LGB meeting at 6pm

Friday 17: Fathers' Day cake sale after school.

Friday 24: PTA non-uniform day – pupils asked to bring chocolate for the summer fair

Sunday 26: Rodsley Pilgrimage (Bishop's Walk) all welcome to attend

July

Friday 1: SRSCMAT Annual Conference Inset Day – also a school Inset Day. School is open to staff only on this day.

Friday 8: School Summer Fair

Tuesday 19: Pupils break up for the summer.

Wednesday 20: Inset Day – members of staff only to attend school today. School officially breaks up for the summer holidays.

Statements to live by: This week's statement for children to think about is: "I can say good things about myself, my friends and my school – spreading the word of God." Other statements to be explored in school over the coming weeks are:

Tuesday 3: I try to keep going when things are difficult; I do not give up hope.

Monday 9 May: I understand the virtue of Faith – believing in and trusting in God.

Monday 16th May: I understand the virtue of Charity – we love God and love our neighbour as our self.

Monday 23rd May: I understand the virtue of Prudence – making the right decisions for the right reasons (Wisdom).

Staffing: Congratulations to Miss Abigail Worthington who has been successful in being appointed for the recently advertised teaching job in Year 4. We wish her much happiness and success in the future, as she begins her teaching career here.

School Lunch: Starting this term, all pupils in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a school meal; these are paid for by the government. You may still wish to send your child with a snack – as already happens for all pupils in school. Please contact the office if you require further information.

Celebration Assembly: Parents are welcome to come into school to celebrate pupils' achievements. For Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils this will start at 9am each Friday morning – for pupils in Key Stage 2 this will begin at 2.40pm. We look forward to seeing parents back into school to celebrate pupils' hard work.

Warm Weather Conditions: Should warm sunny weather continue into the summer; it is the school's policy that we do not apply sun cream to pupils. Instead we ask that a high factor sun cream is applied at home before your child comes to school. If you know that your child is able to apply their own sun cream, then it must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Your child must not share their sun cream with others. Please also ensure your child is equipped with a hat and adequate water in order to keep cool. Furthermore, please contact the school office if your child has hay fever or other allergies. The hay fever season is upon us and we can administer the relevant medication with your prior permission.

Food for Thought: Never make your home in a place. Make a home for yourself inside your own head. You'll find what you need to furnish it – memory, friends you can trust, love of learning, and other such things. That way it will go with you wherever you journey – Tad Williams (American author and philosopher)

God bless – Anthony Harrison