



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As we are seemingly hurtling towards the end of term at a vast rate of knots the "to do" list does not seem to get any shorter!

There is a lot going on over the next two weeks so please bear with me right to the end!

Bishop Philip's Visit

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Philip and Canon PJ to school last Tuesday. The Bishop celebrated a Holy Half Hour with the whole school and the children were amazing! They were respectful and reverent and the Bishop was noticeably impressed by their presentation despite their young age. Chloe, Lucie, Irene, Maxim and Tomy our Y3 Faith Friends then took the Bishop and Canon PJ on a school tour and both commented on what great ambassadors they were for the school. Well done to all the children! We were so proud of all of them!

Happy Bags Collection 10am Tuesday 9th July

The children should have brought home a Happy Bag this week. The next collection is on the 9th July. Please bring your filled bags to the bike shed on Monday or first thing Tuesday morning.

Celebration of Work Afternoon – Years 1 -4

As the Fledglings learning is all recorded on Tapestry, this event is not for them but you may collect your Fledglings to take home with their siblings once you have seen the older children's work if you wish.

All parents/carers are welcome to come to school on the afternoon of **Wednesday 10th July 2024** after

1.30pm but before 2.45pm. We will open the courtyard gates and invite you in to collect your child from their classroom and go into the grounds to look at their books and marvel at all the wonderful work they have done and at the amazing progress they have made during the course of the year. Please feel free to take all the time you need but, if you have more than one child, please do endeavour to share their work with them individually – a precious (and probably rare!) chance to focus on one child at a time. Once you have seen all the children's work, please ask the children to return all their books to the classroom teacher. You may then, if you wish, take your children home with you. Please note, none of the children's books or journals should be taken home.

Cuckoo Club will not be open on Wednesday 10th July.

Due to the nature of this event, we are sorry that it will not be possible for us to accommodate any pre-school or older children.

The Wizard of Oz

A reminder that there are still spaces available for parents to see the Y4 production at 10am on Wednesday 10th July.

Menu Change – Thursday 11th July

There is a special summer menu choice on Thursday 11th July. Please see the attached poster.

Rock the Rec – Clewer Memorial Park

The local community will be coming together this weekend to celebrate this popular event. Gates open at 12 noon until 10pm on Saturday 6th July.

After School Clubs

The teacher led clubs have now finished and the children should be collected at 3.15pm next week. Enrise Dance, KS2 Spanish and Self Defence have also now finished.

KS1 Spanish and AMA Football have a final session on Monday 8th July and the WSSP girls' football will end on the Tuesday 16th July.

Cuckoo Club will remain open until Thursday 18th July, with the exception of Wednesday 10th July when it is closed.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Library service will be running this programme again over the summer holiday – a great way to keep the children engaged with their reading over the holiday period. Please see the attached flier for more information and sign the children up – they do so love getting their certificates in September!

First Holy Communion Programme 2024 - 2025

The Parish FHC team are now accepting registrations for the 2024-25 First Holy Communion programme. Further details plus application forms can be found on the Parish website. Kindly send completed application forms and a copy, not original, of your child's baptismal certificate to fhc@catholicwindsor.org. **A meeting for parents will be held on 26 September at 18:30.** For those families wishing to enrol their children (who are in year 3 or above) we shall be having a threefold programme, as follows:

Step 1: 'Come and See'

For 6 weekends from the 28/29 September to 2/3 November. The candidate is required to attend weekend Masses with family members. At the beginning of November, a Commitment Ceremony will be held.

Step 2: 'They sat at the feet of Jesus'

The Saturday morning sessions, at 10:00, start at the beginning of November where the candidates will prepare with their parents for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Step 3: Jesus Sent them Out

The Holy Communion Mass will be followed by an invitation to do something for the community and will be introduced to the Mini Vinnies in the parish (Junior SVP).

To enrol in step 1 please fill in an application form that can be found on our church website. The introduction and the unfolding of the programme will be on **Thursday 26 September at 18:30 in St Edward's Parish Centre.** At this meeting of parents, you will receive the 'Commitment Card' that needs to be stamped when your child attends Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting.

Please note the closing date for applications is

Monday 16th September 2024

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the FHC team at fhc@catholicwindsor.org.

Upcoming School Events

Candle Assembly – for Y3 & Y4 parents @ 2pm on Wednesday 17th July.

i-Rock Concert for all participating parents 2pm on Thursday 18th July

Leavers Mass – Y4 parents – 9am Friday 19th July.

End of Term – 2pm on Friday 19th July.

God Bless

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