



**UPCOMING  
 DIARY DATES  
 2017-2018**

**Tea With the Teacher, 2.30-3.00pm in the Dining Hall:**

- Tues 25th September, Year 5
- Weds 26th September, Year 2
- Thurs 27th September, Year 1
- Fri 28th September, Reception

**w/c 24th September**  
 Bikeability for Year 6

**Wednesday, 3rd October**  
 School Photos (individuals and siblings)

**Thursday, 4th October**  
 Flu immunisations (Rec to Year 5)

**Monday, 8th October**  
 Mgr Overton secondary form signing  
 2.30-3.30 at the school  
 6.15-6.45 at the Presbytery

**Tuesday, 9th October**  
 Mass with Bishop John Wilson,  
 10.45am. PARENTS WELCOME

**Wednesday, 10th October, 6.30pm**  
 Mr McNulty, St Paul's Catholic College headteacher, talk for parents. School Hall

**Friday, 12th October, 9.15am**  
 5H Class assembly

**Friday, 19th October 9.15am**  
 5S Class assembly  
 Year 6 height and weight check

**w/c 22nd October**  
 Half-term

**Headteacher's Update**

Dear Parents, our new Reception and Nursery children are in! They have completed their first full week of school and have settled brilliantly. Thank you to all of our parents for supporting the children and teachers through the process. A huge welcome, especially to our new families—welcome to our school community!

Sister Silvana from CARITAS led an assembly at the start of the week reminding us all about Catholic Social Teaching and 'Love in Action'. We also welcomed Kevin Lawler from CAFOD last week to learn all about refugees and completed a walk around the school to 'Share the Journey' and pray for those forced from their homes. Year 5 departed for PGL on Wednesday. They have spent 2 nights at Marchants Hill in the Surrey Hills having a fantastic time participating in a variety of outdoor adventurous activities. They have returned looking very tired (as have the staff!).

Meanwhile, back at school, we had Section 48 Diocesan Inspection on Thursday. The Diocese inspects Catholic schools at least every 5 years. We were expecting an inspection at some point this academic year—perhaps not as early as the second week. In any case, the whole school community rallied around to prepare so that we were able to present the school in the best light to the inspectors. Four inspectors spent the day observing lessons, reviewing books, interviewing Mgr Overton, parents, staff, pupils and governors to assess two areas: Classroom Religious Education and The Catholic Life of the School. The report will be written and quality assured over the next 2-3 weeks and the results must remain confidential until it is released. I can say that the inspectors were incredibly impressed with the feedback they received from parents through the questionnaires and interviews at the school gate. One commented that she had never seen such a positive response. For this, I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart. It is incredibly reassuring to know that we have your unwavering support in what we are trying to achieve for our children. The staff and governors never take this for granted and are as grateful as I am.

The response to our new systems for Home Learning has been positive, thank you for your feedback. The My Maths website can be a little tricky to set up in the first instance but hopefully you are up and running by now. If not, please let your class teacher know and we will do our best to help you. If you use a tablet at home, the website works best through the Puffin Academy app. Don't forget there are lots of extra maths games on the website. The children seem to enjoy the fact it is online but the mix of online work and traditional RE, Comprehension and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling seems to be working well. It is also good that you can see exactly the expectations for your child across the year and there is a consistency with the format of tasks.

The 'Tea with the Teacher' sessions have been successful so far. Thank you to those that attended this week. Next week, Year 5, 2, 1 and Reception will hold their sessions in the Dining Hall (see dates on the left). Please do try to attend.

We had a wonderful Harvest assembly this morning led by 4M. They reminded us about how we should thank God for the food we have and always help those less fortunate than ourselves. With that in mind, please do remember to donate what you can to the MANNA Foodbank (see below). Have a lovely weekend! Mr Lane

**Junior Citizens by Emily Muckian**

Today, we went to stations around the Walton Fire Station. Each station was different and we learnt things like water safety, what to do if there's a fire, how to save the environment, first aid and stranger danger. It was very useful, well laid out and fun!

**MANNA Foodbank**

MANNA are currently requesting sugar, long-life juice, tinned meat, peanut butter, crisps, dried spaghetti, long-life semi skimmed milk, tinned potatoes, tomato ketchup, small bottles of shampoo, liquid soap, washing powder.

