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Dear Parents,

Friday 30th June 2023

News

Mrs Hallett was very proud of the pupils from Reception who were able to join parishioners at St Peter's 2 weeks ago. The children sang beautifully and shared their special message that Jesus is our best friend so well. They were all very brave when performing in front of a big audience too. Thank you to the families for bringing the children as part of this wonderful link between our school and St Peter's.



Last week was Refugee Week 2023 with the theme of Compassion in Action. We held a special 'Day of Welcome' worship as we joined other schools across the UK to learn about migration and the plight of refugees around the world. Every class took part in activities to explore and learn more, and reflected on how we can show compassion to those who may need our love and support at very difficult times in their lives. Our school also hosted a very special visit from representatives of Schools of Sanctuary, The Diocese and The Local Authority. We also welcomed Jane Hutt, Minister for Social Justice who was especially interested in hearing from the pupils. Da iawn Nancy and Emily who proudly shared the work we have been doing as a school in order to become a 'School of Sanctuary'. Thank you to Mrs Squires and our Values Committee who are leading on this work in school.



Nursery had their end of year trip on Monday to Wiggley's Fun Farm. Miss Jewell and Mrs McFarlane both said what a wonderful time was had by all.



Thank you to those who attended our special induction meetings for our new Reception and Nursery pupils who will be starting in September. Mrs Bayliss and Mrs Bounds were extremely happy to meet all the parents and to see the children having a wonderful time visiting their new learning environments. I hope you all found the sessions useful – thanks to those who have been in touch to say how useful they found it. Please remember to keep an eye out for the link to the new school prospectus on the website.

PTA

It was lovely to meet so many new families at the Nursery and Reception induction sessions yesterday. We hope that you will join our ranks in any way that you can in September. If you wish to be included in our Whatsapp group please email us at sams_pta@yahoo.co.uk.

We will be holding two events before the end of term which you may be interested in.

Pre-loved uniform sale – Friday 7th July 2023 at 3.10pm (donations to PTA)

Ice pops/drink sale – Friday 14th July 2023 at 3.10pm (Items between 50p and £1)

We hope to see you there.

INSET DAYS FOR 2023-24 (Repeated message)

We have now planned 5 of next year's INSET days in order to give families good notice. There will be one more date which will be for a joint Cluster INSET day which we will confirm as soon as possible

- **Monday 4th September 2023**
- **Tuesday 5th September 2023**
- **Friday 22nd December 2023**
- **Monday 19th February 2024**
- **Monday July 22nd July 2024**

REMINDER OF DATES

3rd July	Year 5 pilgrimage walk to St Andrews Church
7th July	Bishop of Llandaff C/W High transition day
7th July	PTA pre-loved uniform sale
10th July	St Cyres Music Master class (Y6 musicians)
12th July	Y6 Diocesan Leavers' service at Llandaff Cathedral (no parents sorry)
14th July	Ice pop/drinks sale by PTA
16th July	Year 6 Leavers at St Peter's Church at 10.30am
17th July	Y5 trip to Barry Island
18th July	Y3 & Y4 Trip to Barry Island
19th July	Y6 Leavers' Show in The Parish Hall at 10am
19th July	Reception to Y2 trip to Cefn Mably Farm
20th July	Y6 Leavers' trip
21st July	Last day of term

PICTURE NEWS

As a school, we have been using an excellent resource called 'Picture News' to support class-based worship. I will be sharing the home link section from now on so that you can see what the children may have been discussing. This week the discussions were about the internet:



In the news this week

Four children have been found alive after surviving a plane crash and spending forty days alone in Colombia's Amazon jungle. Colombia's president, Gustavo Petro heralded the rescue as a joy for the whole country. The four siblings were the only survivors of the plane that crash landed in the jungle on 1st May. They then became the focus of a massive rescue operation, involving soldiers and local people. Speaking of the incredible feat of survival, Gustavo Petro said, 'They were alone, they themselves achieved an example of total survival which will remain in history'.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What skills and attributes do you imagine the children would have needed in their situation?
- > Can you think of a time when you have needed to be brave? What happened?
- > Talk to an adult at home and ask them about a time when they needed to be brave.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Hallett', written in a cursive style.

Gen Hallett
Headteacher