

# The Much Woolton

Newsletter Number 3 of this school year

Our Cross Country team on their highly successful races at Newsham and Stanley Parks. The efforts of all the children are remarkable and their training is really paying off.



Well done the following children who have received Golden Certificates in the last fortnight: Ava M, Johaan B, Darcie T, Daniel B, Alan G, Evie L, Mollie F, Liam P, Beau H, Zara P, Poppy L, Heather M, Lewis M, Leo G, Isla S-M, Faye B, Giselle C, Cristiano CdS, Ciara M, Alfie S-A, Ebony N, Joseph J, Olivia M, Matthew G, Filipa C.

All our Y5 children on their Bikeability course and especially to those children who are now able to ride confidently. Well done all!

## Harvest Mass



All families are welcome to attend our Harvest Mass this Sunday, 8 October, 11am at St Mary's. Tinned and packet goods can be brought into school which we will donate to our local foodbank to help those in need.

## School Money and Levy

A number of recent questions received from families about school money, such as 'Do we make profit from school dinners?' and 'Why do I have to pay the Levy?' raise some important issues. The short answer to the first question is no, we do not profit from school dinners as all resources are used to produce the food service we have. School finances are constantly being reassessed and reinvested in school for the benefit of your children.

Secondly, we are required to pay the Levy to support all Catholic Schools in their development. Our school has benefitted tremendously from the Archdiocese Levy in recent years and it is only fair that our families pay their share for other schools to benefit in the same way. Our school has to take money from children's funds to pay any shortfall.

## Key dates :

- ✓ Sunday 8 October- Harvest Mass, 11am @ St Mary's- ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME
- ✓ Monday 16 October- school closed for staff training
- ✓ **CHANGE OF DATE:** Tuesday 17 October- whole school mass, 10am@ St Mary's (volunteers needed)
- ✓ Thursday 19 October- Open day for children beginning in September 2018
- ✓ Friday 20 October- school closes for half term (3.30pm)
- ✓ Monday 30 October- school opens for Autumn 2
- ✓ Tuesday 7 November- Infants Parent's evening- see Parentmail
- ✓ Wednesday 8 November- Junior Parent's evening- see Parentmail
- ✓ Tuesday 19 December- Open afternoon 3.30-5pm for parents to see children's work
- ✓ Wednesday 20 December- school closes for Christmas (2pm)
- ✓ Monday 8 January- school re-opens for Spring term
- ✓ Friday February 9- school closes for half term
- ✓ Ash Wednesday February 14
- ✓ Monday February 19- school re-opens for Spring 2.

# Communication



We are a very busy school with lots going on each day. To ensure that families are up to speed with school activities takes a lot of work and time and we are committed to getting this right. To communicate with families we will use:

- Our website which we will update frequently
- Parentmail for general information and occasionally small groups communications
- Twitter for general updates
- Hard copy letters. We will attempt to get these to you in a timely fashion, some may require a response.

We strive to get all information to you as accurately as possible but occasionally arrangements may change at the last minute or situations outside of our control change our plans. When this happens we will do our best to let families know, however we also ask for your patience in such circumstances.

To ensure the two way street of communication remains open, please inform us of any changes to your contact details, particularly mobile phone numbers as soon as you can. Please call or write to us with any issues, or see class teachers at the end of the day. However we cannot respond to emails.

# Behaviour



We always seek to praise good behaviour in school but occasionally have to address unacceptable behaviour through our behaviour policy. When an incident occurs, staff take time to get the views from all parties concerned before a conclusion is drawn and any consequences to the incident are administered. We always try to communicate such issues with parents and seek the support of parents in this. From time to time we will call parents into school to discuss the incident, but at no point will we discuss consequences to other children. We are aware that children may come home with a differing version of an event from the version told to school staff. Please ensure that you consult with staff before drawing conclusions that may not be accurate. Please also avoid discussing such issues with other parents until the views of staff have been sought.



- During the winter leave home with time to spare before school opens as it may take longer to get here and park carefully, if you drive.
- Mr Chamberlain, Children's mentor, is available by appointment to discuss any concerns about your child, either in school or at home.
- Teachers and school staff are available at the class doors each afternoon, or via the phone should you wish to discuss any issues.
- School is here to support our families. If you have any concerns about your child or family life please seek support from school and we will do our best to help.
- Please remember dogs are not allowed on our playground. Please do not carry or walk dogs onto the playground as some children are frightened of them. If needed leave dogs tied at the gate when you fetch your child. Please remove any mess your dog makes before going home.

## PTA – SAVE THE DATE

**5 October- next general meeting, 8pm at The Liberty Tavern**

**2 November, AGM, 8pm at The Elephant**

**25 November, Christmas Fair 12.30-3.30pm**

**11 December, Infants Christmas Film Night**

**12 December, Junior Christmas Film Night**