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Dear Parents / Carers,

### **New School Year Mass**

Fr Ugo came to school to celebrate the New School Year and to commission our new set of Faith Ambassadors. He reminded them that their job would not always be easy but it was very worthwhile.





## Luton Council of Faiths 29th Peace Walk

Staff and pupils were joined by the local community to make a pilgrimage of peace around some places of worship in Luton. We visited the Bahai community, the United Synagogue and Mosque Masjid-e-Ali. At each venue a talk was given on their faith and we were treated to some lovely food at each venue.

Several dignitaries joined, including HM Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire Susan Lousada, The Mayor of Luton Councillor Amy Nicholls, MP for Luton North Sarah Owen, Police & Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire John Tizard, and the Bishop for Bedford & Luton Right Reverend Richard Atkinson.

It was a very enriching day and we learnt a lot about how others in Luton live out their faith.

As part of the Peace Walk initiative, we were also invited to make a piece of artwork, so our Art Ambassadors, guided by **Miss Zulfiqar** got to work and we were runners up! See if you can spot it in school!!!

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#### **Muti-Sports Year 2**

This week I had a wonderful morning with boys and girls from Year 2 at a Multi-Sports event at Inspire in Luton. The children participated in lots of different activities including relay racing, hurdles and football. The children were brilliant and had a great time! Well done all!

#### Reception and Nursery Autumn Walk to Stockwood Park.

A big thank you to those parents who supported our young children on their autumn walk this week. Everybody had a great time taking in our beautiful surroundings. Trips like this take a lot of planning and without your support and the hard work of staff they would not be able to take place. Well done everyone!

#### National Poetry Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

To mark National Poetry Day this Thursday children performed favourite poems in their classes for their school families. The children did brilliantly performing with lots of passion and expression. As a school we are working hard at developing our oracy and speaking with real purpose. Please do spend time with your children asking them what they have been up to in school!

## **Maths Monday**

This **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** we have our first Maths Monday of the school year. We are inviting families of children in **Years 2 – 6** to this event. Maths Monday is an opportunity for families to spend a short time with their children in school learning how they are taught in maths.

If you would like to attend, please drop your children off as normal and then make your way to the Key Stage 2 Hall to sign in. You will then be taken to your child's class to spend time with them. You will only be able to attend 1 class due to the short period of time you are in school, so if you have more than 1 child attending the school, you will need to decide which class you will visit this time, and then maybe visit another at a later event. Please note you will not be able to join the session if you arrive at the Key Stage 2 Hall after **8.35 am**. Thank you for your support.

#### **School Photographs**

A reminder that the school photographers will be in school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual and sibling photos. Please ensure your children are dressed smartly in full school uniform.

<u>Parent Teacher Consultations (Pre School – Year 6) – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025</u> From 4.00 pm this evening via **ParentMail**, you will be able to book appointments to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled in their new class. Please do make sure you make an appointment for each of your children who attend our school.

#### **Friday Celebration Assemblies**

### PLEASE NOTE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES WILL RESTART FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER.

Each **Friday**, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 take part in **Celebration Assemblies**. During these assemblies classes share work, we celebrate birthdays, award certificates and reflect on the week that has passed.

We would like to invite you to these assemblies and join us in celebrating our amazing children! As with class assemblies you will be let in via the main entrance of the Key stage 1 and 2 halls.

### The assemblies start at 8.30am and will be finished by 9.00am.

Parents of children who will be awarded a certificate for following the St Margaret's Way will receive a Parentmail on Thursday from school inviting them to the assembly to allow you to see your child receive their certificate. It would be great to have you join us. **Please do not share this information with your child as we want it to be a surprise for them on the day!** 

Each week a class in each key stage will share some work. Please note if your child's class is sharing work this does not guarantee your child will be involved in the sharing of the work. Teachers tend to choose small groups of children.

Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
17.10.25	2C	5T
7.11.25	1Z	4G
14.11.25		
21.11.25	2M	6D
28.11.25	1G	3W
5.12.25	2C	5K
12.12.25	1Z	4U
19.12.25		

#### 2 Week Half Term

A reminder that we have a 2 week half term in October. Term dates for this year are below.

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
Advent Term	Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 20th Oct - Fri 31st Oct	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	Oct		
Lent Term	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon 16th Feb – Fri 20th Feb	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Pentecost Term	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 1st Jun – Tues 21st Jul
	May	May	

# **Attendance**

Below is important information regarding attendance at school. It is so important that children attend school when they are well enough. Good attendance will be rewarded so please do make sure your children are in school each day. Thank you for your support.

Please find below attendance data for every class for this week.

Class Attendance	Last Week	This Week
Reception ND	95	90↓
Reception AD	100	100←→
Year 1G	95	96↑

Year 1Z	97	95↓
Year 2M	93	91↓
Year 2C	96	98↑
Year 3A	96	96←→
Year 3W	95	93↓
Year 4G	98	97↓
Year 4U	91	96↑
Year 5K	98	99↑
Year 5T	96	93 ↓
Year 6A	93	99 ↑
Year 6D	98	97 ↓

Well done to **Reception AD** (third week in row!!!!) who had the top attendance this week with **100%!** 

# **Diary Dates**

Please find below a table with key dates for this term and beyond, please do take note of events that effect you and your child. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

God bless, Mr Chiswell

Date	Event	Time
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Maths Monday (Y2 – Y6)	8.30
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photos – Individual & Siblings	8:30 – 3:00
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct Schools' Mass at St Mary's Church		10:00
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 - 6.00
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 - 6.00
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 Heights & Weights Checks	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	End of 1st Half Advent Term	3.00
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Advent Term	8.15
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6A Class Assembly	2.30
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1st Friday Mass for Year 5 at SMOS Church	8.30
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4U Class Assembly	2.30
Fri 14th Nov	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov St Margaret of Scotland Feast Day Mass	
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6D Class Assembly	2.30
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3W Class Assembly	2.30
Mon 1st Dec	Meditation Monday (Y2 – Y6)	8.30
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1st Friday Mass for Year 4 at SMOS Church	8.30
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 Pantomime Trip – Dunstable Theatre	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts Reception & Y3	8.30
	Christmas Service at Church	5.00
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts Nursery & Y6	8.30
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts Y2 & Y4	8.30
	Tasty Treats	2.00
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts Y1 & Y5	8.30
	Carols on the Playground	2.30
	Y2 Pantomime Trip – Dunstable Theatre	
	End of Advent Term	3.00
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	All Children Return to School for Lent Term	8.15