

## Headteacher's Update - 4.10.24

Dear Parents,

### October – Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary which the children will do during their visits to the chapel this week. They will also be learning one of my favourite hymns, As I Kneel Before You and the cloths on the prayer table have been changed to blue in celebration of Our Lady.



### Parents Evening and Drop In

The parents evening letter goes out today at 5pm and that **bookings go live at 6pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please also remember there is the opportunity to come in to school to meet the class teacher and look at your child's work on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 3.15-4.30pm. We hope to see you there.

### PSHE lessons

These will start after half term. Attached is a parent overview and you are also able to access the parent portal of the Ten Ten website to see what your child will be covering in this aspect of the curriculum.

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The PSHE lessons from Ten Ten cover the statutory requirements of PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) as well as relationships from a Catholic viewpoint. We have reviewed the content and have created a St Louis overview of units as some are optional for some year groups and we want to ensure what is covered is age appropriate for our pupils. Please make sure you look at the school overview in conjunction with the parent portal to understand what your child will cover. The overview is also attached to this letter.

### Macmillan Cookie Day

Thank you all for your generous donations last Friday. We are pleased to let you know that we raised £618.11, which has gone straight to Macmillan.



### Harvest Charity

Macmillan is a national charity that we have been pleased to support. Our thoughts now turn to a local charity and our School Council are asking for your support for an Aylesbury foodbank. There will be an assembly in school next week so the children understand who is in need and what we can do to help them. We will then ask for your support, so please look out for further details next week.

In the Lent term, our charitable focus will become global when we join in with the Lenten work of CAFOD. By supporting various charities throughout the year, the children are putting

into action the Catholic Social Teaching values of helping their neighbours and those less well-off than themselves.

### **Y5 Bikeability**

We were thrilled to have good weather for once for the children undergoing their bikeability training. This is a fantastic way for children to understand how to ride their bikes safely. As you know, we encourage children to ride their bikes to school if possible, but I also see many of our former pupils ride independently to secondary school, and it is great to know that this training has given them that confidence.

### **Well done!**



I was super proud to hear that Athena in 5S received a Gold Medal in the Freestyle Swimming competition held last week at Aquavale during the Aylesbury & District Swimming Club Champs. It was her first swimming competition so was a huge achievement. I hope she is very proud of herself.

**Enjoy the weekend,**

**Mrs Machin**



Nursery

**We have been learning:** Exploring our fine motor skills with threading and mark making activities.

**You can help at home by:** Singing our nursery rhyme with your child - Old Macdonald had a farm.

**Going through the sounds of each animal.**

Reception

**We have been learning:** how to blend the sounds together in CVC words (cat, mat, peg).

**You can help at home by:** encouraging your child to say the sounds in different words and blend them together.

Year 1

**We have been learning:** to write sentences about dinosaurs.

**You can help at home by:** finding out facts about dinosaurs and encouraging your child to write a sentence about it with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.

Year 2

**We have been learning:** about habitats after our science trip.

**You can help at home by:** talking to your child about how we made our bug hotel in school.

Year 3

**We have been learning:** to identify right angles in 2D shapes.

**You can help at home by:** asking your child to find objects in the house with a right angle.

Year 4

**We have been learning:** our 9 and 6 times tables.

**You can help at home by:** asking multiplication questions on these times tables and encouraging use of TTRS.

Year 5

**We have been learning:** about writing with suspense.

**You can help at home by:** asking your child how they could build up suspense within a piece of writing.

Year 6

**We have been learning:** about rationing during WW2.

**You can help at home by:** asking your child what items were rationed during this time and how it impacted Britons.