



Weekly Parent Update - Summer Week 8

Dear Parents,



In Celebration of the Word this week, we heard how Jesus sent out his disciples, commanding them to serve the people in need with a spirit of self-sacrifice, "You received without charge, give without charge." We have been reflecting this week on the Gospel value of sacrifice - we want to be a school community where children and adults freely offer their time and talents without thought of reward or personal gain. Children offered beautiful, practical examples this week of how they will make sacrifices for you at home - my favourite was, "Turning the hose off for Dad when he's finished watering the plants." You can also do your part by supporting the upcoming PFSA Summer Fayre!

St Oscar's Class taught us all about the importance of sacrifice and the difference it can make to our community in their fantastic class worship this morning. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

Wishing you every blessing this weekend,
Mr Collins

Arbor Parent Portal



Now that you have successfully connected to the Arbor parent portal, you can log your child's absences using the app. Below are instructions on how to do this. Please note the app only allows you to log same day absences.

For planned absences (e.g. medical appointments), please continue to email/phone the School Office.

For exceptional circumstances, please continue to complete the [Leave of Absence Request Form](#).

Logging your child's absence on Arbor Parent Portal:

1. At the bottom of the app (left side) are 3 lines
2. Tap on the 3 lines and tap on the Attendance icon
3. At the top of the page is a green tab 'log absence'
4. Tap on that tab and this allows you to log your child's absence

5. When providing a reason for your child's absence, please provide a detailed reason. Do not add the reason as 'unwell' or 'sick' as this will prompt a follow up phone call from the School Office.
6. If the reason for your child's absence is vomiting or diarrhoea, they will need to be off for 48hrs from the last time they were sick or had an upset stomach.
7. Please log the date of the last time they were sick or had an upset stomach so we can correctly log their 48hrs absence from school.
8. For medical/dentist appointments or school visits please let us know if the child will be returning to school and the reason for the appointment.

House Captain Snacks - Junior Trial



As part of the pupil voice work diligently carried out by our House Captains, we understand that children would like the opportunity for break time snacks outside of the school rule, "Fruit or Veg Only".

After lengthy negotiations with Mr Collins, the House Captains have agreed the following Junior trial:

- Starting Friday 19th June
- Alternative "healthy" snacks will be available to buy on Friday breaktimes: mini breadsticks, mini cheese, Soreen bar or popcorn
- 50p per snack - a maximum of 2 snacks per child
- Cash only
- All profits go towards a school improvement project of the House Captains' choice
- All other snacks (brought in from home) remain "Fruit or Veg Only" - please

🔥 SUMMER FAYRE Sat 4th July: BOOKINGS NOW OPEN! 🔥



Parents, now that you've saved the date, it's time to lock in the fun!

We have 3 amazing major attractions at the fayre, and because numbers are strictly limited for these, pre-booking is essential.

Pre-book on our PTA Events website NOW:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/pfsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=117321>

Here's your quick booking guide.

- 🍩 1. Krispy Kreme Doughnut Boxes:
Boxes of 12 are PRE-ORDER ONLY! (£12)
(£1 per donut at fayre, 1st come 1st served!)

🏎️ 2. Little Racers Go-Karts (12-2pm)
For kids aged 4-11 years (£5 per ride).
Pre-Book your ~5 min ride before they sell out!

🎨 3. Grand Finale: Colour Run (2:45pm)
Everyone participating (running OR throwing paint) MUST have a ticket!
Booking Options:
- £6 Full Package: Includes white T-shirt, sunglasses, and paint (collected at entry gate on day of the fayre)
- £3 Entry: Paint only (bring your own white t-shirt & eye protection)

NB: Entry tickets to fayre (£1 for everyone aged 3+) can also be pre-booked online here, as well as on the entry gate on the day."

Infant Sports Day - Wednesday 17th June



Year 1&2 - 9:20am-11:45am approx on the field
Year R - 1:45pm - 2:45pm approx on the field
Children will need to wear their house colour t-shirt.
They need to bring in a water bottle, sun hat and have sun cream applied.

As this event is during the school day, for safeguarding reasons, the perimeter gates will be locked once Sports Day has started. Please enter via the junior gate by the church.

Attendance



As we approach the final half term of the school year, we would like to thank all families for your continued support in maintaining good attendance and punctuality.

The Department for Education highlights that regular attendance and arriving on time are essential for children's learning, wellbeing and long-term success. Even a few minutes of lateness each day can disrupt routines and result in a significant loss of learning over time.

Arriving promptly helps children to:

- Begin the day calmly and confidently
- Take part in important morning routines and learning
- Develop positive habits for the future
- Feel settled, included and ready to learn from the start

We kindly ask for your ongoing support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please do speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Sue Hua (Deputy Headteacher), who will be happy to support you.

Please may we also remind you that term time holidays can lead to a penalty notice for unauthorised absences.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to help every child make a positive start to their day.

From Xavier Catholic Education Trust...



Suicide Prevention: Supporting Children and Young People Free 45 minute information session for parents and carers delivered in partnership with Xavier Catholic Education Trust and Papyrus.

Dates: 3 June, 17 June & 1 July

Time: 18:00 - 18:45 (including time for Q&A)

Location: Online This friendly, informal SPARK session is designed for parents and carers, and no previous knowledge or experiences is needed.

A poster with registration details is attached.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th June

Infant Sports Day (Years 1&2 morning, Year R afternoon)

New Reception Stay & Play

Friday 19th June

PFSA Jolly Jars Mufti

2R Swimming

RF's Class Assembly - 10:10am

Monday 22nd June

Year 3 Egyptian Day

Tuesday 23rd June

Reception Bocketts Farm Trip

Wednesday 24th June

New Reception Stay & Play

Thursday 25th June

Year 2 Movie Night

Friday 26th June

INSET Day - School Closed