



Weekly Parent Update - Summer Week 11

Dear Parents,



Jesus tells the crowds in this weekend's Gospel reading, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." I think it's helpful to notice what he doesn't say...He doesn't say, "I don't have a yoke or any burdens." We spoke to the children this week about challenges and hardships, that these are a normal part of life and we must all face difficult days. However, Jesus encourages us to yoke ourselves to him, to let him shoulder the burden with us. Our faith can be a great source of strength and insight, even during the darkest times.

Our Tool of St Joseph this week was compassion - the Gospel value that encourages us to show sympathy and concern for others in need; to help shoulder another person's burden. Through prayers of intercession, we practised recognising those in need in our lives and our world, and showing compassion for them.

Talking of shouldering burdens, any and all help in setting up and packing away the PFSA Summer Fayre is always warmly welcome! - The Core Team does an incredible job and anything we can do to share the load would be appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you all there tomorrow!

Wishing you every blessing this weekend,
Mr Collins

FISCH Focus



FUTURE FOR IRINGA STREET CHILDREN

We are delighted, once again, to be teaming up with Rich & Lissie Gercke (St Joseph's parents) in support of their Tanzanian aid work [FISCH](#). In solidarity with the street children of Iringa, we will be raising funds to help bring the FISCH City vision to life, including allotments and livestock land. Children will be invited to bring in £1 (cash) to plant a tomato pot to take home. Tomatoes are a crop that unite both the UK and Tanzania and all money raised will go directly to FISCH.

Junior Pencil Cases



As part of our ongoing work to increase equity across the school community and focus every child's attention on the most important things in the classroom, we are moving to a standardised pencil case approach in Juniors from September. Details will be shared during your child's transition morning but the good news is that you can purchase everything your child needs from the school for just £2.50! Please don't spend your money this summer on unnecessary (and unwelcome) stationery items.

Junior Sports Day - Parent Volunteers



We are looking for volunteers to support Junior Sports Day at the Spectrum on Wednesday 8th July: Years 3&4 in the morning, Years 5&6 in the afternoon.

We would be looking for at least 5 volunteers for the morning and 5 volunteers for the afternoon. It would be 3 people for stickers (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and 2 people for the finish line ribbon. Please let your PFSA Class Rep know if you can help!

Summer Reading



Reading is the number one curriculum skill all children need to master and keep practising daily as their first priority. Please have a think now about how you can support your child to keep up this essential habit over the summer holiday ahead. Getting out regularly to a library, or even buying some new books if you can, will really help to inspire and enthuse your child. Having a daily 30mins of dedicated time of pleasure for reading can be a beautiful addition to your family's daily routine.

You can find lots of ideas and motivation on the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#) - with their theme "Read to the Beat".

Upcoming Diary Dates

Saturday 4th July

PFSA Summer Fayre - 12noon - 3:00pm

Tuesday 7th July

Year 1 to Hampton Court

Year 6 Production - Dress Rehearsal at 1:45pm

Year 4 Residential Meeting - 3:30pm

Wednesday 8th July

Junior Sports Day: Year 3&4 (AM), Year 5&6 (PM)

Thursday 9th July

Year 6 Production - 7pm

Friday 10th July

Parent Prayer Group - 9:00am - All are welcome!

2R Swimming

Year 6 Annual School Reports published

Monday 13th July

Year 5 Residential Meeting - 3:30pm

Tuesday 14th July

Music Day!

Wednesday 15th July

Celebration Evening - 3:30 - 4:30pm

Year 6 Disco

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Wintershall Reflection Day

Friday 17th July

Leavers' Mass at St Mary's - 9:15am

End of Term - 1:30pm finish