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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

It has been a short but action-packed week as we returned raring to go for the new academic year ahead.

Students have quickly got back into the routine of school life and the new members of our Laleham Lea family are settling in well as they make new friends and get to know our staff and routines.

There has been lots of hard work already and we enjoyed our celebratory 'Star Tea' at break time this morning with our first 'Stars of the Week' of the new year. I am in the process of organising our Start of a New Year Mass and will be in touch once the details are finalised.

Next week our extra curricular activities start back with exciting new clubs added to the roster including Chess, VR and Lego. Spaces still remain in some clubs so please do contact the school office/club providers if you would like to book a space. Likewise our peri-music teachers also have some space remaining for guitar, woodwind, violin and drum lessons; again contact the office for full details of these.

Wishing you all a restful and hopefully dry weekend as we prepare for the first full week of term.

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary this term

- Year 5 and 6 Swimming on Thursday
Sept 12th & 26th, Oct 10th, Nov 14th & 28th, Dec 12th
- Sept 20th—individual and sibling photos (Fresh School photography)
- Sept 23rd-27th—Open Week
- Sept 25th—Curriculum Evening
- Sept 30th-Oct 4th - Parent Consultation meetings
- Oct 14th—Nasal Flu (forms to follow)
- Oct 21st—Half term
- Nov 4th—Return to school (winter uniform)
- Nov 13th—Anti-Bullying Week
- Dec 3rd—Christmas Carols (Yrs. 3-6)
6pm
- Dec 6th—EYFS/KS1 Plays
- Dec 13th—End of Term 2pm.

Nursery

This week we have welcomed lots of new friends to our Nursery Class and have been exploring the topic 'All about me'.

The children enjoyed listening to a story called 'Marvellous Me' and discussed what makes us unique. We then made self portraits using a variety of sticking materials and mark making tools.

We have also been discussing the meaning of being unique and how we are all made in the image of God, linking this with our Catholic Social Teaching.

Finally, using the maths cubes and small world people, children recreated their own house and used role-play in the home area to share their own experiences and special family events.



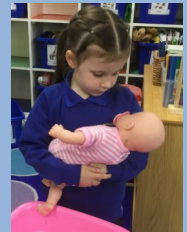
Reception

Reception Class have had a fantastic first week in school and are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning! We've started our year by helping the children to get acquainted with their new classroom and with each other.

The children have enjoyed some lovely stories all about friendships, kindness and starting school. They have also enjoyed exploring the various learning areas, from our cosy Reading Corner to the familiar Home Corner. They are already showing great enthusiasm for learning!

A very big thank you for working with your children over the summer to produce some beautiful and informative 'All About Me' posters. It has been very reassuring for the children to see these in their new classroom and they have loved discussing them with the class.

It has been a truly wonderful start to the year and an absolute pleasure to see all the children's smiling faces each morning - Well done Reception Class!



Year 1



This week in RE the children have been introduced to 'Daisy the Dove' the peacemaker in our Catholic Social Teaching. The children will follow her example throughout Year 1. They wrote beautiful prayers promoting peace.

Year 2



In RE this week Year 2 drew these colourful pictures of their interpretations of the school prayer.



Year 3



Year 3 have been reminding themselves the meaning of the school mission statement this week and learning how we can all make the most of all our talents.

Year 4



Year 4 have had a superb start to the year creating their own super heroes accompanied by a short story.

Year 5



Year 5 worked incredibly hard over the summer on various tasks including menus, pictures and models to prepare them for their new History topic 'The Victorians'.

Year 6

It has been a fantastic start to the Autumn term for the students in Year 6. They have shown super teamwork skills, enjoying a Geography task where they had to find clues around the classroom to complete a quiz on 'Extreme Weather' (even more extreme than yesterday's rain!).



Stars of the week

