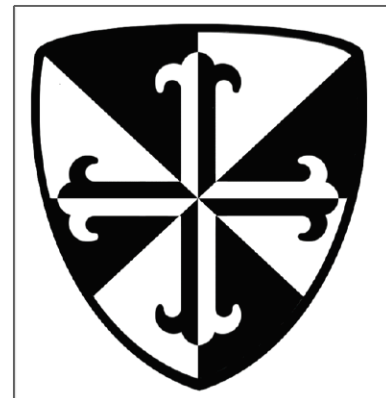


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those of you who attended parents' evening this week. It is lovely to see so many of you, and I do hope you were happy with the reports that you have had on how your child has settled into this new academic year. I will let you know the outcome of the parent questionnaire once it is analysed. Thank you for your feedback, it is much appreciated!

Last week we enjoyed welcoming parents into school for a number of events. In Year 1 and Year 2, parents took part in Forest School sessions with their children – it was lovely that so many of you were able to attend. We also had successful Family Learning sessions on reading for parents of children in Reception and Year 1, and a fabulous story-telling session in Nursery and Reception. Following both these reading events, children were able to take home a FREE book. I hope that you enjoy reading them with your children.

I do hope that many of you will be able to come along to our Harvest Festival Mass on Thursday 18th October, at 2:15pm.

Ms Gail Neill
Head Teacher

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 17th October

Individual school photographs

Thursday 18th October

2:15pm – Harvest Festival Mass, parents welcome

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Thursday 1st November

9:05am – Mass for the Feast of All Saints

Harvest Festival Mass – 18th October, 2:15pm

You are welcome to attend our Harvest Mass at school and we would be grateful for any contributions of produce for our display. Please send items in with your child. Thank you.

The Daily Mile

You may have heard your children talking about the Daily Mile or the Daily Fun Run. So, what is The Daily Mile? Well, it is a national initiative to get children out of the classroom for ten to fifteen minutes every day to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate in the classroom. The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children – regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances. To find out more visit:

<https://thedailymile.co.uk>.



Live, grow, learn and pray together in faith.

Drinking Water in School

We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day to keep them hydrated. Therefore we ask parents to provide a named water bottle for your child to use daily in school. Please note that children may only bring in plain water to drink during the school day. Thank you for your help with this.

Free School Meals

Please remember to apply for free school meals if you are eligible. You can apply at: <https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk> All you need is your National Insurance Number and an email address. If you need help applying, please ask Mrs Routledge or Mrs Neville.

Starting Secondary School

Parents must apply for a secondary school place with the local authority by the deadline date of 31st October; please do not delay or you may not get your choice of school. If you would like help with this please ask. We can help you.

To apply visit: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions> or ring: 0116 454 1009 (option 1).

Resolving problems

If you have a concern about your child, please speak to the class teacher, to Mrs Neville or to Ms Neill. We are happy to help you. Please do not try to solve matters yourself by approaching other people's children. Thank you.

Bicycles

Some parents have started leaving bicycles and scooters along the school railings. If you do leave a bicycle at school during the day, you do so at your own risk. **The school will take no responsibility for any loss or damage.** We do have plans to install a bicycle rack at the front of the school.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion programme has started now. It takes place on Thursday in our school Chapel, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, and is run by Mrs Chetwood. If you would like your child to join in, it is not too late. Please ask for details from the school office. Children from age 8 upwards can join in if they are baptised Catholics. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic please ask Ms Neill or Mrs Chetwood.

NUT ALLERGY – we are a **nut free school** as we have a child with a very serious nut allergy. Please do not send nuts in any form to school in packed lunches. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Car Parking

Just a reminder that the school car park is for staff use only. It is locked at the start and end of the day to keep children safe.

When outside school, please park safely. Please **do not** stop or park on the pavements outside the school when dropping children off or collecting them. This is very dangerous for pedestrians, including our children. It is also annoying for our neighbours whose drives are being blocked. Last term, an ambulance was prevented from accessing a property due to inconsiderate parking.



It is better to park somewhere safer that may be a bit further away and walk the rest of the way.

Applications for Secondary School

Deadline 31st October 2018

Apply today!