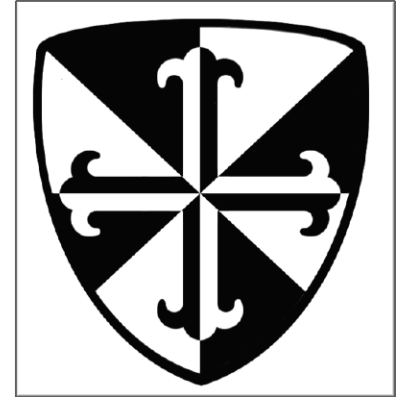


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school; we also welcome a number of new children and their families to our school community. The children have had a good day today and are settling well into their new classes. They do look smart in their new uniforms, thank you!

Over the summer the building work in the Key Stage 2 classrooms began. The Year 5 and Year 6 rooms have been completed, and work will begin in the Year 3/4 classroom shortly. An outdoor space has been made for Year 1, so that they can continue to enjoy outdoor learning as is appropriate for this age group. I am delighted with the new play equipment that has been made for us by a local firm – Red Monkey Play.

We will be celebrating the Feast of the Holy Cross on 14th September, with Mass at the Holy Cross Priory Church on Wellington Street. Parents are very welcome to attend this special celebration.

Ms Gail Neill

Head Teacher

Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their new uniforms and plain black shoes. Thank you! May I also remind parents to make sure your child has a P.E kit in school every day – white T-shirt, black shorts and trainers/ plimsolls. Thank you for your help with this. Our uniform is available at **Uniform Direct** on Humberstone Gate.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 6th September – 9am
Coffee and Croissants for parents and carers – all welcome!

Friday 14th September - 10:15am
- Mass at Holy Cross Church to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross (KS2 children only)

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th September – Forest School begins for Year 1 and Year 2

9th & 11th October – Parents' evenings (details to follow)

22nd-26th October - half-term holiday

Parents Welcome

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend school events. Please note that the Mass on 14th September is at **Holy Cross Church on Wellington Street**. Parents would need to make their own way to the church.



Snacks

Children in the Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 are given toast, milk and fruit at school and so they do not need to bring in any other snacks from home at all. These children are also entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

For morning playtime, Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring in a fruit or a vegetable snack, and a bottle of **plain water**. Please note that other snacks (e.g. cakes, biscuits, crisps, etc) are not permitted at playtime.

We are very lucky that our school has its own kitchen and that the school dinners are freshly cooked on site. I have been pleased to see the children enjoying their healthy school dinners. If you would like your child to have a school dinner, please speak to Elizabeth in the office. **If you are eligible for Free School Meals, please apply to Leicester City Council at www.leicester.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. If you are on income support or other benefits, regardless of the age of your child, please register with the City Council for Free School Meals, as the school also receives additional funding to help the pupils.**

Welcome to our new children!

Nursery and Reception

A very warm welcome to all those children joining our school for the first time in the Nursery and Reception classes. Our staff will help to make sure that they settle in well and I expect that they will have an enjoyable start to their school life. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any worries or concerns.

Other Classes

We have also been welcoming some new children further up the school! I know that the rest of the children and staff will help them to settle and learn the school routines as they begin to make new friends.

Staff Updates

Miss Gardiner – Assistant Head Teacher

I am delighted to announce that Miss Gardiner has been appointed as the school's Assistant Head Teacher. I am sure you will want to congratulate her as she begins her new role. She will continue to teach Year 5 for four days per week, and Mrs Dawson will teach the fifth day.

Miss Griffith – Year 1

Unfortunately, Miss Griffith was involved in a nasty car accident on her way to work last week. Thankfully she was not too seriously injured but was very badly bruised and shaken up, consequently and understandably she had been unable to come into work this week. It is hoped she will return to work on Monday. I am grateful to Miss Scott for teaching the class for the first few days, as she already knows the children well.

As always, if you have any concerns at all about your child, please do speak to your child's class teacher, to Mrs Neville or to Ms Neill. We are happy to help you.