



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Monday 1st July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had an enjoyable weekend and if you were watching the football, hopefully you had the chance to celebrate in the end. We have held back the newsletter until today as we wanted to share some of the images from last week's residential with years five and six. The children spent almost three days engaging in a range of activities, including abseiling, rock climbing, zip wire, archery and axe throwing. They certainly tested their skills and talents. For some children it was an opportunity to refine skills and challenge themselves further, and for others it was a chance to recognise skills they didn't know they had. What became abundantly clear was that regardless of the challenges, this group of children were there to support and encourage one another and brought fun and enjoyment throughout. Mrs Fairman and I agreed that it was a privilege to be away with this remarkable group of children.

On Saturday, the children who have been on this year's sacramental programme celebrated their First Holy Communion. Again, it was a privilege to be part of such a momentous occasion. On Wednesday, we will join together as a whole school with a mass of celebration. Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us at 10 am on Wednesday morning at St. Luke's Parish Church.

You will have already received communication regarding the Sports Day on Thursday 4th July. This year we are combining a carousel of skills-based activities in the morning with a more traditional sports afternoon. Parents are very welcome to join and support the children in all their achievements. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **93.3%**.

Across the school, **2 hours and 3 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
Class 6	Class 4 Class 5	Reception Class 1 Class 2 Class 3

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Friends of St Luke's

FoSL would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make our summer fair such a success last week. We managed to make over £800 in profit, all of which will go back to fund various projects at school.

Please could we remind everyone to return their raffle ticket stubs and money by **Friday 5th July**.

Also, we have some exciting news...

Friends of St Luke's are in the customer vote for Tesco Stronger Starts. It's a scheme which gives community projects like us grants of up to £1,500. Tesco customers will now vote in the Tesco Helsby store from the first week in July 2024 until the end of September 2024 to decide how much funding we get, so please support us next time you shop at Tesco! To vote, you will need to make a purchase within the store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction.

For more information about Tesco Stronger Starts, please visit their website: <https://www.tescopl.com/strongerstarts>

Lion Cubs

We had a great time at Lion Cubs last week! Come and join us again this Wednesday!

Tennis Festival

Some Year 3 and 4 children had a great time at Helsby Tennis club this week taking part in tennis workshops with other local schools. We played lots of different games to develop our skills and took part in a huge game at the end of the afternoon!



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd July—Year 6 transitions for St Nich's

Wednesday 3rd July—Whole school celebration Mass 10am

Wednesday 3rd July—Party for First Holy Communion (Yew Tree Class)

Thursday 4th July—Sports Day 9am

Friday 5th July—Year 6 transitions for St Nich's

Tuesday 9th July—Year 6 transitions for Helsby High School

Tuesday 9th July—Choir at AmaSing

Wednesday 10th July —KS1 trip to Llandudno

Thursday 11th July—Year 6 performance

Friday 19th July—School closes for summer

Cherry Class

We have had good fun this week designing our own street, practicing using capital letters for proper nouns by naming shops, buildings and places and creating characters that might visit our establishments. Harry Hammerhead regularly visits the Great White Dentist in Aquarium Avenue!

In maths we have been visiting the Cherry Class shop, practicing recognising coins and making different amounts.

In history we have been creating huge timelines of how holidays have changed over time. We have found out when sun cream was first used and when people started booking holidays using the internet.

In science we have been learning about Charles Rennie Mackintosh and how he came to invent waterproof coats by carrying out experiments. We are going to plan our own investigation to test waterproof materials.



Elm Class

Elm Class have been working incredibly hard this week, In Maths they have been learning all about time! They have learnt all about O'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. I am very proud of their hard work.

In English, we have been writing cinquain poems, and the children have written lovely poems about people in our school community, and about their friends, families and even pets!

In History, Elm class have compared famous explorers, Christopher Columbus and David Attenborough. They compared how they travelled, their reasons for exploring and how they share/shared the things they discovered.

In Science, we completed a bug hunt, searching for mini beasts in our outdoor area, we compared our findings to when we did this in March. The children explained that we found much more this time, because it is now summer.

We hope everyone has a great weekend!



Yew Class

This week some members were fortunate enough to attend a tennis event at Helsby sports club. They had a wonderful afternoon and learned lots of skills.

In History, we learned about the Domesday book. We used a translated extract from the book and interpreted the information to answer questions about land ownership.

In Science, we set up our investigation on tooth decay. We placed boiled eggs in different liquids such as lemon juice, fizzy drinks, orange juice and water. We are looking forward to observing the effects over the next couple days.

In DT we researched recipes and methods for creating fruit tarts using seasonal produce.



Cypress Class

We had an amazing time on our residential to Culmington Manor! From archery to aero ball, axe throwing to climbing, we all thoroughly enjoyed each activity and demonstrated incredible determination to achieve our own personal goals. Everyone was a great support for each other and worked really well together. We were blessed with beautiful weather which meant that, during the free time, we were able to make the most of the vast grounds that the centre had to offer. It was a wonderful trip and the children left with memories that they will treasure for a very long time. Keep a lookout for the gallery of photographs on the school website to see the activities we completed and see how much fun we had over the 3 days we were there.



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