St. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

2023-2024 Term 4

After School Club Cancellation

Please note that due to staff training there will be no after school clubs running on Tuesday 30th April. Please make sure you make alternative arrangements for your children on this day.

Contact with Teachers

We have recently seen an increase in parents contacting teachers out of school hours.

We would like to remind parents that our staff have families too.

Any email sent out of school hours, will be addressed at a convenient time, when not teaching, during the school day.

School Trips

As we move into the warmer months, you will notice more outdoor learning and visits. While we do our best to keep the costs of these experiences low, there are some trips/visits/workshops that need some parental contributions to allow us run them.

When we set up a trip, you get a notification to pay for it on ParentPay. The majority of our trips are set up to allow multiple payments or a payment plan. Please use the payment plan where available. We do not want any of our families to feel under pressure when paying for trips and experiences.

If a trip/visit/workshop is allocated to your child's class and you do not feel you can contribute, please speak to the finance team. We can always look at payment options with you to find a way for your child to partake in the experience without any embarrassment or pressure to our families.

School Uniform

When we return to school in April, we are hoping we may start to enjoy some nicer weather. Therefore, the children can return to school wearing their summer uniform.

Our summer uniform is a red polo shirt to be worn with either shorts or trousers for the boys, and the usual school kilt for the girls. T-shirts can be purchased from Channel Uniforms or the children can wear a plain red-collared t-shirt.

Please remember to adhere to the uniform guidance on our website. Recently we have noticed lots of jewellery and branded t-shirts. Comments are often made about how smart our children look and we want to keep this positive reputation.

If you need any help please come and see us in the office.
https://st-richards-catholic-primary.secure-primarysite.net/school-uniform/

Dates for your diary:

Mon 15th April – School reopens
Tues 30th April – No After School Club
Fri 3rd May – Mass for Mary
Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday- School closed
Thurs 9th May – Whole School Maths Workshop
Mon 13th May – YR1 Trip to Transport Museum
Mon 13th – Thurs 16th May – KS2 SATS
Fri 24th May – Last day of term
Mon 3rd June – School reopens

Term Dates 2023/2024

Term 1

Fri 1st Sept – Fri 20th Oct

Term 2

Mon 30th Oct – Tues 19th Dec

Term 3

Thurs 4th Jan – Fri 9th Feb

Term 4

Mon 19th Feb – Thurs 28th March

Term 5

Mon 15th April- Fri 24th May

Term 6

Mon 3rd June – Tues 23rd July

Staff Development Days – School closed to all pupils.

Fri 1st September
Mon 30th October
Mon 19th February
Thurs 27th June
Fri 28th June

Links to Church websites:

Please find the links to our affiliated Churches for information about the Parish.

St Paul's Roman Catholic Church: https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/

Our Lady of Dover Church: http://ourladyofdover.cloudaccess.net/

Words from the children

As part of a Head Teacher's role I have to talk to the children about what they have learnt each term.

As a school we thought it would be nice to share with families so you can read the summary of what your children have been learning.

The question is what have you been learning about this term?

Year 6 Brody and Olivia

We have been learning about shape, perimeter and area. Area is the amount of space inside a shape while the perimeter is the measure of the length outside. In English, we have been learning about lots of different clause and the plant Pandora. There is a subordinate clause and a main clause. A main clause can be left on its own. In RE, we had a Judaism day where we especially focused on a Bar Mitzvah. This is when a child turns into a woman or a man. It is celebrated and there is a party afterwards. A girl should be 12 years old when this happens and a boy should be 13 when it happens.

Year 5 Subiksha and Lukas

In Maths, we learnt about decimals and equivalent fractions. It was tricky at the beginning but we have slowly improved. In English, we have been focusing on a non-chronological reports about the Norse Gods. We are starting an advert about a hotel so we can use powerful adjectives and sentences. This term we have been learning about the Vikings, we created a menu and we had to create a product everyone would eat. We learnt about the construction of Viking houses, animals would have to stay inside. The house and roof was constructed of hay and grass. In RE, we have studied Judaism, we learnt about the Ark where the Torah scrolls are kept. No one is allowed to touch it, they use a stick to follow the words. Caps are worn to shown their respect to God.

Year 4 Bonnie and Poppy

We have been learning about fractions. There are improper fractions and mixed fractions. We have learnt how to split two whole numbers into 2 parts or we have worked out what different fractions are equal to. An example is if you have five over four, that's one whole and one quarter. They are both the same. The first is an improper fraction and the second is when it becomes a mixed number. In English, we have been looking at witnesses as we have used a Disney Pixar song called lava. We have been speaking to witnesses to find out what they have seen. At the end of term we will write a newspaper report which will tell you what happened at the scene, what people saw and the time it happened. In class we have also been learning about certain volcanos, this is geography, an example is a shield volcano which has a little side vent and the magma comes through the chamber or it can come through the side vent. In RE, we have been learning about self-discipline as well as Isaac, Sarah and Abraham. God told them they would have as many children as stars in the sky.

Year 3 Amelia and Roksanna

We have learnt about mass and capacity in Maths. At the start, it was hard and we did more on the board which really helped so now it has become easier. In English, we have been reading a book called, 'The boy who biked the world.' In that book he bikes everywhere, meets people and makes friends. It all came from a daydream in class.
In Geography, we have learnt about where we are and different biomes such as the Tundra. We also learnt about temperatures. We just had Judaism day and we learnt all about that faith, but in RE we have been learning about the Beatitudes which is God's way of loving the world such as with kindness or being a peace maker.

Year 2 Orla and Oakley

In Maths, we have been learning about the four operations which are addition, subtraction, multiplication, division as well as mass volume, capacity and temperature. It has been hard but we are getting better. We have been learning about King Charles III in English. One book we read is called the King's Pants. Afterwards, we wrote a letter to the king. In History, we have been learning about the Kings and Queens … the monarchs, such as Queen Victoria and Queen

Elizabeth. In RE, we have learnt about Judaism and how you use a yad stick to turn the pages. There as a light which never goes out so everyone knows he is always with them and there is 1 flame as there is 1 God. We have also learnt about Mass and the Eucharist.

Year 1 Sophia and Verity

In Maths, we have measured pencils with rulers and learning about volume and if it is more or less. You measure in centimeters which is a 'cm' we measure things which were long or short. We have also read 'Emma-Jane's aeroplane. There are lots of animals such as a fox, rooster, dancing pigeon, a lion, a wombat and a dragon. We made a great story in class. We also had a Judaism day in class this week. We have enjoyed our reflection time and singing the songs ready for our assembly especially, 'Joy, joy, joy.'

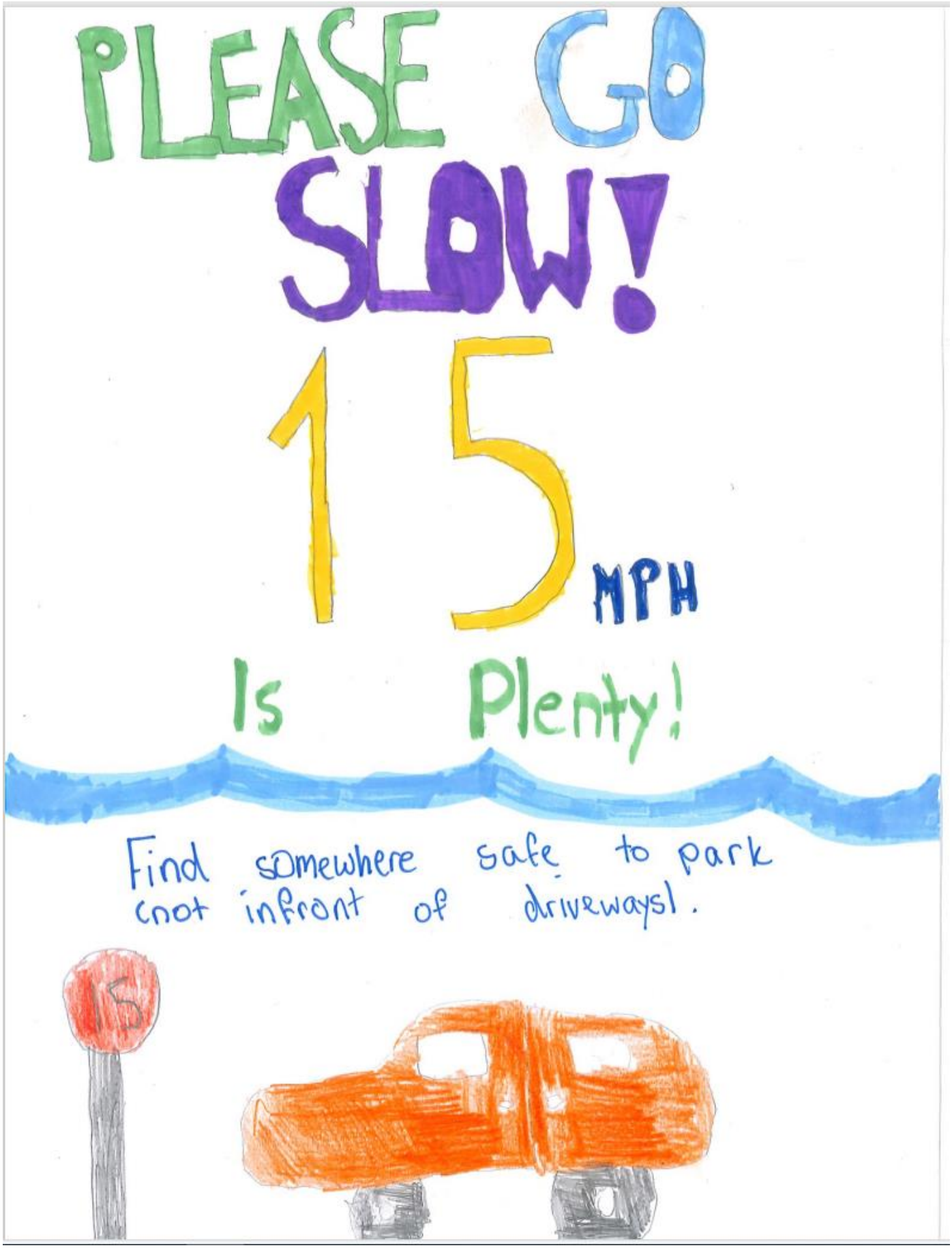
Year R Amelia and Laker

We have been learning about the soil, plants and creatures. First we have the soil, we plant a seed, it grows roots and it has water and sunlight so it grows more. Then a flower is made. We have learnt about ladybirds, caterpillars, butterflies, snails, worms and slugs. Caterpillars start from an egg, which the caterpillar comes out of. It makes a cocoon and then turns into a butterfly which lays more eggs. Caterpillars eat leaves so they get really big, it is then they will turn into a cocoon. To do this a caterpillar hangs from the tree so they can build it themselves.

St Richard's Prayer

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly,
day by day.
Amen

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April.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Is Plenty!
Find somewhere safe to park (not infront of driveways!).
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