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Dear Parents

Value of the Month: **Courage**

Welcome back to the Autumn Term, it has been lovely to see children back full of news about their exciting holidays

During our INSET day, we discussed the year ahead and the development areas for the school. Our priorities for this year are-

1. To improve assessment in Mathematics, Reading and Writing.
2. To improve the provision for more able pupils across the curriculum through establishing a more able program of work in Literacy, Maths and Science.
3. To establish a working community through the Virtual Learning Platform.
4. To improve the spirituality of our pupils.

School improvement up date

As you can see, over the summer the builders have nearly finished the Year 1 and Foundation Stage classrooms. The cloakrooms and toilets and outside area will be finished by 8th October! In the meantime, the Year 1 children will use an area of the hall as a cloakroom and Foundation Stage will use an area of the library.

We have also had an intercom system installed over the holidays. This means that you will need to be buzzed into the school through the main entrance. We have also installed a 'card swipe' system to enter the school. Other than children and staff, no one will be allowed into the school during the school day, except for Assemblies and Masses. I do hope that you all appreciate that this is for your children's safety. So parents should say good bye to their children on the playground, (not in the cloakroom), at lining up time in the morning and should wait for their children on the playground at the end of the day. If your child is late for school they need to enter the school through the front door, where they will be buzzed in

Foundation Stage parents are welcome to come in and settle their children at the beginning of the school day from 8.50am, but when Miss Lumb claps her hands at 9am we will ask you to leave so that the children can quickly settle into the school routine. When you leave please do so through the playground and not the main entrance; this is essential as for the first two days the children will be in the small hall and we have whole school assembly at 9am.

You are welcome to come and celebrate Mass and Assemblies with us, please enter the building through the front entrance, where Mrs Fletcher or Mrs Waite will let you in together at 9am.





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Learning this term

You are warmly invited to attend our curriculum information meetings at 3.30pm. On Tuesday 7th - Y6, Monday 13th September- Y1&Y2, Tuesday 14th September- Y4, Wednesday 15th September- Y5, Y3 & FS; these meetings will give you general information about homework, PE days and Kit and information about the curriculum this term. There will be a crèche available for FS meetings in the hall. We hope to see many of you there.

If you would like to come in and see your child's new classroom and where they are sitting etc, please feel free to come in after school on Friday at 3.15pm.

Diary dates

I have attached a list of dates for this term, including assemblies, Masses, Christmas plays, photographs etc, highlight the ones relevant to you and put it on the fridge! If you do lose it, all letters and dates can be found on our school website.

Mass

We will be having our beginning of the school year Mass on Wednesday 8th September at 10am in Church, please do come along.

Reconciliation and Holy Communion Preparation

There will be a parents meeting on 4th October at 7pm in the Parish Hall, for those wishing their children to take the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year (Y3 and above). If you wish your child to take part in the preparation sessions, please see Fr Pat as soon as possible for an enrolment form.

The preparation sessions will begin after the October holiday and will be held on a Tuesday after school led by Mrs Ryan.

Extra curricular activities

Please see below the table of school clubs which we are able to offer this term. My thanks go to staff running these activities- as we all know they benefit the children and it is good to see how many of them want to take part in and we will collate lists, confirming with you, ready to start week beginning 20th September. It maybe, that if numbers are high a waiting list will be compiled for next term.

Day	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		Hockey Club Years 5/6 Mrs Haynes 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday		Art - Years 1&2 Mrs Ryan 3.15pm- 4pm ICT- KS2 Film Making (Turn it on! £2 per session) Netball- Y5&6 (Miss Arthur) School Magazine- KS2 (Mrs Nelson & Mr Rush)





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Wednesday		ICT- KS1 Film Making (Turn it on! £2 per session) Drama- Y3&4 (Miss Plant) Football- Y4,5&6 (Mr Long)
Thursday	Gardening (Miss Lumb)	School Council/ Eco Schools (Mrs Jones & Miss Arthur)
Friday		

Friends (message from Friends)

Friends AGM is on Wednesday 15th September 7.45 for 8pm in the Fleece. All welcome.

Newsletters

If you would like to receive your newsletter via e-mail please provide the relevant address to Mrs Fletcher in the school office. Newsletters can also be viewed on our website.

You should expect Newsletters fortnightly on a Monday, unless anything urgent arises!

School correspondences

If you require more than one copy of school information, for family reasons, please call into the office to ensure that you are included in our mailing list. If you do not call visit the office we shall assume that one letter /school information per family is adequate.

Times of the school day

Can I remind you that supervision is available on the playground in the morning from 8.40am. The morning bell rings at 8.50am, for assembly or morning lessons at 9am. School ends at 3.10pm.

Walking home

Please can you let us know in writing if your child is walking home without an accompanying adult. All children should be met on the playground at the end of the day; not by the roadside as it is unsafe.

Have a great term!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jenny Walker
Headteacher

