



“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever. He is the Spirit who reveals the truth about God.”

John 14:15

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Dear Parents,

As you know, May is the month of Mary and we will have our annual May Procession next Monday, 22nd May, at 2:15pm, led by Fr Kevin. All donations of flowers to adorn Our Lady, our heavenly mother would be greatly appreciated. We will remember all our families as we say a decade of the Holy Rosary - those in trouble, those suffering from bereavement, those with personal heartache.

Year 6 are presently enjoying their residential trip at Windmill Hill, Sussex until Friday - apart from sleep deprivation, they are all having a ball. Jemima and Alex, their team leaders have bonded with them from the start. It is a joy to watch our young people gel together as well as demonstrate independence and resilience. Wet clothes are hanging on the fence drying off!

We congratulate Year 6 on turning up every day last week, bright and breezy and performing their SATs calmly and collectively. Well done children! We are now busily getting in to the swing of Aladdin (this year's production), with "You've got a friend to me", being our number one song at the moment.

Congratulations to those children in Year 3 who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes and pray they will always stay close to Jesus and continue to visit and receive Him often at Mass, as he asks them to do from this day forward.

Congratulations to ***Phoebe Humpage, Nicole Bertella, Isla Church, Harry McDonagh, Mikey Bernier, Isabel Holland, Eva Stimpson-Cook, Ella Knight, Oliver Millott, Ollie Hyams, Gabriella Berridge, Emma Clarke, Roxy Rutherford, Scarlet McPherson, Isabelle Morgan, Lilla Naveda, Lauren Snell, Grace Campbell, Lily Chapman, Elijah Meek, Kevin Mohan, Frankie Bernier, Lewis Jones, Augustas Dambrauskas.***

Quotes from some Year 6 children on Windmill Hill:

Coco - Really fun and the bedrooms are really nice. Fencing was cool with Ollie.

Niamh - The trip has made me ecstatic. I love it all.

Rachel - I really am enjoying - very exciting and we get to experience lots of different things.

Stan - Enjoyable and the best trip ever.

Jack - Epic! I think it has great friendly staff.

Johann - So far, so good, - I need some sleep!

Jonah - It's really good; the accommodation is really nice.

Harry W - Definitely would recommend for all ages and the staff here are really nice. Very family friendly.
Sam - Zip wire was fast and I was very excited.
Colm - Zip wire was scary at first but exhilarating.
Ollie - Zip wire was at first a bit scary but once you jump off...go for it!
Austin - Zip wire - once you go, you are on your way!
Rhine - The bus journey was long and boring but it was worth it.
Jake PGL leader in canoeing - highly amusing group, sometimes strop! Enjoying the children- they are very energetic and enthusiastic.
Ollie PGL leader in fencing - the group gave it all a good go, listened very well and all around they were a good laugh.

Our anti bullying committee are preparing a special assembly for school and their message is "Be a buddy not a bully". Our committee have worked steadfastly throughout the year, supporting our zero tolerance policy towards bullying. Well done ABC committee for being wonderful ambassadors and young leaders in delivering this powerful message, acting as upstanders, not bystanders.
A considerable amount has been raised for NSPCC and news to follow on this from Mrs Hopkinson next week. Many, many thanks for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause.

Philippine Evening

Our next community evening is our Philippine Evening on Friday 9th June 2017! After the wonderful Indian Summer Evening in the autumn term, the Filipino community wish to share their culture, food, music and costumes. I hope that many families will come and celebrate with us and we look forward to seeing you there.

Our Summer Fete is going to take place on Saturday 8th July 2017. The Friends of the School will send out information this week regarding the event which we hope will be another wonderful community end of year celebration

Children's achievements

Cup Winners! Congratulations to Jonathan Wiley, Jonah Vesey, Billy Hyams, Joseph Nelson and Harry Weaver (6B) and their team mates from Catholic United's Under 11 South team, for winning the Cup Final against Ashingdon on Sunday. It was a hard fought 2-0 victory. Well done!

Race for Life. Issy Blainey (1L) ran the 5K in 32 minutes 46 seconds and was very pleased with herself as she ran the whole way. Issy has now raised £500 for Cancer Research UK. Very well done Issy!

Julia Davey and Ava Dobisz have raised £25.70 for HARP by running a raffle to name the toy dog. Well done!

100 Club Winners

April draw – 1st prize – £100 - Roy Nolan
2nd prize - £50 – Liz Payne
3rd prize - £25 – Janine Sole

May draw - 1st prize - £100 – Majella Webb
2nd prize - £50 – Imelda Ryan
3rd prize - £25 – Danielle Cotgrove

New members are needed for the 100 Club. If you are interested please collect a form from the school office.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop **is now taking card payments** as well as cash. Cheques will be accepted up until the end of July 2017 only. After Easter the shop will be open every Friday unless advised otherwise.

Contact Details: ololuniform@outlook.com / 07764222825

Danielle Bertella

50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

This year is the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School, Rayleigh and the highlight of their celebrations will be a special Mass in a marquee on the school playing field on Friday, 14th July at **10.30am**. Bishop Alan Williams will be the main celebrant. They would love to welcome past pupils and staff to the Mass. If you would like to attend, please contact the school on 01268-785741 as they wish to ensure that they have adequate seating for everyone. Thank you.

Dates to remember

May 19th	Diocesan Citizenship Awards with Bishop Alan
May 22nd	May Procession 2.15pm
May 24th	Class photo's
May 24th	Year 4 Assembly
May 25th	KS1 Pentecost Dash
May 26th	Football Day
June 6th	Year 1 trip to Tropical Wings
June 9th	Philippine Evening
June 14th	Year 6 London trip
June 20th	KS1 sports day
June 21st	KS2 Borough sports
June 22nd	KS2 sports day
June 27th	Year 6 production
June 28th	Year 6 production
July 5th	KS1 Catholic Sports
July 6th	KS2 Catholic Sports
July 12th	NSPCC workshops Year 5 & Year 6

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Mrs. M. Sullivan
Headteacher