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attentive curious
faith-filled learned wise
generous grateful
eloquent discerning
intentional compassionate
truthful active



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Week Beginning Monday June 11th 2018.

Thought for the week:

“Prejudice is a great time saver; you can form an opinion without having to get the facts”

Dear Parents,

“Attentive and Discerning”. Our new half term began with Mr Barton telling school about our new Gospel Virtues for the weeks ahead. Mr Barton challenged us all to be attentive; to be aware of what God wants us to do. He asked us to consider being discerning, to make the right choices. We spoke together about how sometimes people may hear you but often haven't listened to you. We talked also about how doing the simple things is an easy way of doing God's work. Do we help people when they need our assistance? Do we look after people when they need our help? Do we give people time? Are we patient with those who need us? Are we attentive and discerning?

School Mass. Thanks to Y1 and Y4 for leading our Mass this morning. Our next school Mass will be to mark the feast of St Peter and St Paul.

Building Update. KS1 and EYFS are now using our new playground, what was once merely a redundant space has been developed into a wonderful resource for many years to come. Next to the playground the builders have started laying the foundations for our “Nature Garden”. This will have the pagoda as its central feature but it will also have raised planters for the children to plant vegetables/flowers in; all of which will be encircled by footpaths for the children to use and explore. This will be a lovely feature for us all to use, something we are very excited about. It is hoped that this will be finished in July in readiness for our return to school in September.

The new classroom block is now really taking shape, during half term a significant amount of internal work was undertaken whilst the children were not in school, new doors and new windows were fitted in the relevant classrooms and a new entrance was created providing access to the new playground.

Y3 Visit to Packwood House. Y3 spent a lovely day in Solihull on Wednesday visiting Packwood House. This National Trust property has a fascinating history and is set amidst beautiful grounds with a peaceful lakeside walk that everyone can enjoy. Many thanks to Mr Barton, Miss Riley and their team of helpers for taking the children across to what is always an enjoyable visit.

Father's Day Assembly Friday June 15th at 9.00am. All Nursery/Reception dads are welcome!



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Ash End Farm. On Tuesday Nursery paid a very special visit to Ash End Farm. Before going everyone was very **excited**, on boarding the coach everyone was very **excited**, on arriving at the farm everyone was very **excited** and on departing the farm everyone was **very tired!**

Many thanks to Miss Winchurch, Mrs Chandler and everyone that went along to help; the children had a super and of course **exciting** time meeting all the animals. Well Done Nursery!!

St Chads Cathedral. The Confirmandi toured the Cathedral today as part of their preparations for Confirmation. Thanks to Miss McCarron for overseeing the visit.

Car Park. I met with representatives from the city council on Tuesday, whilst thanking them for the improvements to the car park I reiterated (again) all our concerns about safety due to the car park still being unfinished. They assured me that the remedial work (dropping the kerb to create a proper entrance, additional signage and railings to earmark a designated path for pedestrians) will be completed over the summer holidays. Thank you to everyone who uses the car park for your patience and understanding, it seems like we are now nearing the completion (at last) of the project. On a separate note a word of thanks to Father Simon and some of the parishioners for organising a “litter pick” on the car park recently removing any rubbish and tidying away any debris. Please continue to exercise great caution when using the car park.

Fit 4 Schools Trophy 2018. Good Luck to those taking part today.

End of Term. School breaks up for the summer holidays on Friday July 20th at 1.00pm. The children return to school on **Thursday September 6th.** A further reminder also that both **Friday June 22nd and July 6th** are Teacher days and the school is closed to pupils on that day. All the summer term dates for the half term ahead can be found on the website.

Attendance for week ending June 8th 2018

<i>Year Group</i>	<i>% Attendance</i>
<i>Rec F</i>	91%
Rec W	91%
Y1F	95%
Y1C	94%
Y2L	96%
Y2D	100%
Y3R	98%
Y3W	94%
Y4A	94%
Y4P	94%
Y5	91%
Y6	95%
Weekly Average	95%

Happy Birthday: Caiden Tran, Oliwia Porawska, Malwina Kowal, Connor Neary, Gloria Paradowska, Leon Ofori – Apenteng, Mia Dickens and Rico Joseph

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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