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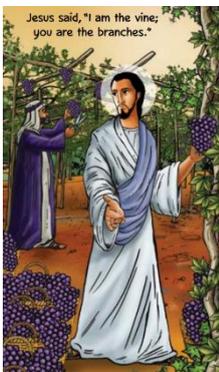
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30th April 2021

Dear Parents,

All parents want to help their children to grow into the best people that they can be. Growing in goodness is for parents and children alike. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses an image that would have been familiar to people of his time and he reminds us that we all depend on God for life. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be. Each new day is an opportunity to grow in goodness. Regularly praying together is a powerful way for the family to keep growing in love.

“Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word.”



Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.”

Adapted from John 15:1-8 The 5th Sunday of Easter



“We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family.”

Pope Francis

**The Wednesday word is
Growing**

Bank Holiday Monday

Please remember that school is closed on **Monday 3rd May**. Children will return to school on **Tuesday 4th May**.

Google Classroom

All children, with laptops at home, are being provided with homework each week on Google Classroom. Those children without devices will be given paper based homework to complete. Thank you for all of the support you give in ensuring that all homework, and reading, is completed. It makes such a difference to your child's education.

Year 2 art and science projects

Over the next few weeks, Year 2 will be creating habitats in their science topic and box monsters in art and design. We would really appreciate any shoe boxes, small cardboard boxes, wrapping paper, foil or any other recyclable materials you could donate for them to use. Thank you.

Parental phone calls

Thank you to all the parents who took time to talk to their child's class teacher regarding their child's progress. It was lovely to hear some feedback from parents about how happy their children are to be back at school.





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Attendance

We understand that children can be unwell from time to time which stops them from attending school. However, your child's good attendance at school is vital to ensure that they make as much progress as possible and achieve to the best of their ability. Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Those children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well academically
- find it difficult to maintain friendships

Regular absence has a negative effect on children.

- If your child is absent from school, parents **must** phone school **before 9.30am** to explain why.
- If no contact has been made by parents or guardians then school will phone the contact numbers provided.
- If no contact can be made, then a **home visit** may be carried out by school to find out the reasons for the child's absence.

These steps are to ensure the safety and welfare of the child.

Please ensure that school always has the most up to date contact details. Every parent should provide an emergency contact number for more than one person.

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

If your child's level of absence is of serious concern, the school will offer advice and support to improve attendance. After this, any unauthorised absence may result in the School and the Local Authority taking legal action.

If you have concerns about your child's school attendance or punctuality, please contact the school urgently. They may be able to assist you or even offer you an Early Help Assessment.

Again, we would like to thank those parents who make sure their children are attending school regularly and are therefore benefiting fully from their educational opportunity.

Gospel Virtues

This half term, the children are learning to be **loving and compassionate**. Pupils will be growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

Congratulations to the following children for living out these virtues: Adela, Bietab, Kayla- Rose, Elnabi, Helena Nikola and Meliyah.

Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school: Aryan, Tomass, Year 3, Monae, James and James.

Presentation Awards

Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in the presentation of their work this week. Angelo, Khalisa-Mai, Joaquin, Noemi, C'Asia-Amae, Adjatae and Elijah.

Yours sincerely

Mr G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs G Elliott
Acting Head of School

Mrs D Cooper
Acting Vice Principal

