

NEWSLETTER

No. 11



Who is my neighbour?

Luke 10: 25-37

Headteacher's Message

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year.

The Gospel this week tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. It's one of my favourite parables because in it comes the message that, in difficult times help and support comes perhaps from the place you least expect it to. It also tells us that we shouldn't pre-judge the actions of anyone based on our own preconceptions; everyone is our neighbour and everyone should be treated with love and respect. I have seen that our community upholds these values and lives the Gospel Truth every day in the way that staff, students and parents interact with one another.

Last night we held our Year 10 results evening where parents were given the opportunity to go to workshops on revision techniques, using the summer holidays effectively, stress management, GCSE Pod and also received their Prom Passport. I think that perhaps this generated a lot of interest in the evening from our pupils but I would like to thank

the year team for their efforts in both organising the event and also keeping parents informed of how important it was to attend. Can I also thank parents for supporting this event in such large numbers.

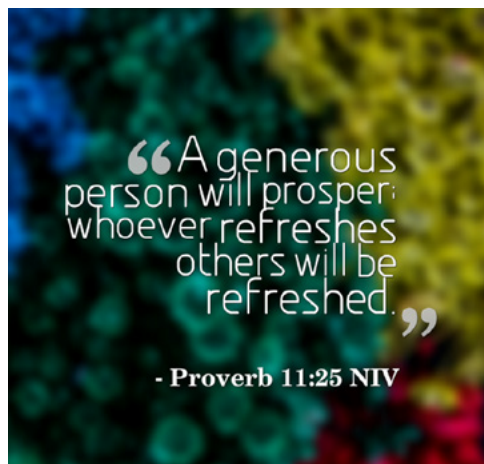
Next week is the last week of term and whilst in some schools and perhaps this one in the past, this is seen as a "wind down" week we will be expecting our young people to come to school and make the most of every opportunity to learn to it's fullest. We will celebrate Mass together as a school on Friday and we will wish those members of staff who are leaving us to head onto pastures new the very best of luck in their new endeavours. We would ask that you as parents support attendance to school as much this week as you would in any other week of the year, pupils will have 6 weeks to relax and enjoy their spare time, a school week is a school week after all.

So, looking forward I am full of hope for our lovely school. This week I was privileged to observe some outstanding practice in classrooms. Students were being challenged and were responding beautifully to that challenge. How many of you for example could say what a

"Pathetic Fallacy" was or what units we measure resistance in? How many of you would be able to tell me what Hooke's Law is or what Willingham's opinions of Learning Styles are? Not only did our pupils have this knowledge they were able to apply it to exam questions. Behaviour in these and other lessons I have visited has been exemplary and this is supported by the most recent data showing that behaviour incidents have declined by 73%. Our staff and pupils are brilliant!

I'm going to keep it brief this week as I need to go home and pack ready for a 2-day residential course with the Senior Leadership Team this weekend which focuses on change management. Next week we will be sending out an information sheet which will have all the key dates you need to know for the new term. It just remains for me to wish each and every one of our families a fantastic summer holiday and ask that you keep in your prayers those pupils who will be collecting exam results in August.

God Bless,
Mrs Morris



Charity Day 2019!

Tuesday 16th sees us come together to hold our annual charity day where we have fun as a whole school community to raise money for our school charities – CAFOD, Smile for Joel and Papyrus.

All students are invited to contribute to our fund raising by participating in events such as the Charity Netball match between staff and students, or by taking a bounce on one of three bouncy castles or by enjoying a scrumptious burger or hotdog from Mr Summers and his team running the BBQ!

As we approach the Summer holidays we would like to thank all parents, carers, students and staff for supporting all of our charitable endeavours throughout the year and we look forward to many more as our House system truly takes off in the next academic year!

Catholic News – A Beatification! News from Vatican City...

This week saw Pope Francis approve a miracle attributed to Archbishop Fulton Sheen Friday, making possible the American television catechist's beatification.

The miracle involves the unexplained recovery of James Fulton Engstrom, a boy born apparently stillborn in September 2010 to Bonnie and Travis Engstrom of the Peoria-area town of Goodfield. He showed no signs of life as medical professionals tried to revive him. The child's mother and father prayed to Archbishop Sheen to heal their son.

A seven-member panel of medical experts advising the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints gave unanimous approval of the miracle attributed to the famous television personality and evangelist in March 2014.

Archbishop Sheen was a beloved television catechist during the 1950s and 60s in the United States. His Emmy-award winning television show "Life is Worth Living" reached an audience of millions. Such events remind us that God is never far from us and with faith anything is possible.



Virtues Awards

Each week we will be commending students who have demonstrated one of the Catholic Virtues, either in their studies or their actions. This week's Virtues Awards go to:

Year	Student	Virtue Award
Year 7	Eunice Nubiga	Attentive & Discerning
Year 7	Madaniyah Saleem	Attentive & Discerning
Year 8	Bradley Clews	Compassionate
Year 8	Stefan Gayle	Loving
Year 9	Alicia Nightingale	Learned & Wise
Year 9	Hajrah Mehmood	Learned & Wise
Year 10	Megan Stokes	Attentive & Discerning
Year 10	Lewis Parker	Eloquent
Year 12	Sophie Wain	Grateful & Generous
Year 12	Thomas Bradnick	Grateful & Generous

SUNDAY WORSHIP AND REFLECTION

Sunday Focus – Time to be a Good Samaritan

We know the parable of the Good Samaritan is a lesson to teach us that we must love our neighbour, and that there's no one in the category of non-neighbour, but beyond that, Pope Francis asks us, have we also learned the parable's lesson that God treats us with the compassion of the Samaritan?

"In the gestures and the actions of the Good Samaritan we recognize God's merciful action in the whole history of salvation. It is the same compassion with which the Lord comes to meet each one of us: He does not ignore us, He knows our sorrows; He knows how much we need help and consolation. He comes close to us and never abandons us. Each one of us should ask himself the question and answer in his heart: 'Do I believe this? Do I believe that the Lord has compassion for me, just as I am, a sinner, with so many problems and so many things?' Think of this and the answer is: 'Yes!' But each one must look into his heart to see if he has faith in this compassion of God, of the good God who comes close, who heals us, who caresses us. And if we refuse Him, He waits: He is patient and is always at our side."

The Samaritan's concrete, personal actions teach us "that compassion, love, is not a vague feeling, but it means to take care of the other even to paying in person," Francis said. "It means to commit oneself, taking all the necessary steps to 'come close' to the other, to the point of identifying oneself with him: 'you shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Behold the Lord's Commandment."

FUNDRAISING

Congratulations to Sixth Former Stacey Atkins who has personally raised £66 for Papyrus - the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide.

Papyrus provide confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person through their helpline, HOPELINEUK:

0800 068 41 41

100,000

With over 100,000 Pods streamed, we are delighted to say that we have won the regional middleweight division GCSEPod competition for this year!

This competition places us top out of 100 schools across the Midlands. This is a huge achievement by pupils and staff. Well done to all who podded!

8W	13
8I	3
8S	17
8D	1
8O	12
8M	6

9W	10
9I	16
9S	3
9D	23
9O	1609
9M	156

10W	8
10I	30
10S	17
10D	334
10O	46
10M	7

7W	59
7I	9
7S	36
7D	12
7O	17
7M	12

Learn to play an instrument during the school day!

From September we are pleased to be providing instrument tuition again!

Working with our excellent Music Hub in Sandwell - we will be visited each week by a range of talented instrument teachers. These teachers will be offering one-to-one, paired, and group lessons on the following instruments:

- **Piano & Keyboard**
- **Guitar - Acoustic, Electric, or Bass**
- **Drumkit**
- **Vocals**
- **Strings - Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass**
- **Woodwind - Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Saxophone**
- **Brass - Trumpet, Trombone, Cornet, French Horn, Tuba**

The cost for these lessons is extremely competitive compared to private instrument tuition, with the bonus that group classes can reduce the cost even further. A 20 minute paired lesson will be approximately £12.

We expect these lessons to be extremely popular.
Over 60 new Y7 students have already expressed an interest!

Please register your interest as soon as possible by following this link:

[Instrument Tuition 2019-2020](#)

(clickable link if viewed online)

Alternatively, contact our Head of Music, Mr Pepper for further details: aidan.pepper@stuart-bathurst.org.uk

Meet the ICT & BUSINESS Team



Miss Brookes

Head of ICT & Business

Favourite Book: Amy's Honeymoon – Julia Llewellyn

Favourite Film: Grease (1978)

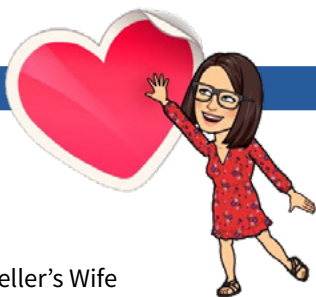
Favourite Hobby: Shopping for shoes and handbags!

Favourite Teacher: Miss Jones – My health and social teacher who was young, fun and nothing was never too much.

Favourite Quotation: "In order to be irreplaceable, one must always be different!" Coco Chanel

Fact or Fiction?

1. I used to date a premier league footballer.
2. I used to be a drummer in a band.
3. When I was younger I wanted to own a hair and beauty salon.



Mrs Hussain

ICT Teacher

Favourite Book: The Time Traveller's Wife

Favourite Film: Love Actually

Favourite Hobby: Eating out, travelling, watching TV, reading – although I don't get much time for any of these with very small children running around!

Favourite Teacher: I was a pupil at Stuart Bathurst so this could be controversial! My Spanish teacher, Miss Reavenall was always so bright, bubbly and inspirational (even though I wasn't very good at Spanish!)

Favourite Quotation: A journey of a thousand miles, always begins with one step. Lao Tzu

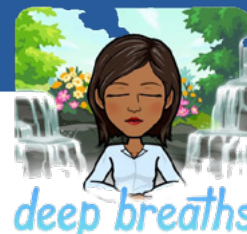
Favourite Scripture: "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:34

Fact or Fiction?

1. I have been on TV
2. I have 11 children
3. I previously visited a number of schools in India as part of a project with Stuart Bathurst

Miss Mahey

ICT & Business Teacher



Favourite Book: Full Catastrophe Living - Jon Kabat-Zinn

Favourite Film: Titanic

Favourite Hobby: Beach walks, circuit training/boxercise, going for meals with friends and meditation.

Favourite Teacher: Mrs Lyle- an Art teacher who pulled me aside when I was in Year 7 to tell me that if I ever had any problems with other students, I could go and see her. I never needed to but knowing that she was there was comforting.

Favourite Quotation: "Pray, hope and don't worry" Padre Pio

Fact or Fiction?

1. When I was younger I wanted to be a scientist.
2. My family business is Finishing Touch Cars.
3. I have met Richard Branson.



Mr Demitri

ICT Teacher

Favourite Book: The Girl on the Train

Favourite Film: The Dark Knight

Favourite Hobby: Playing Tennis – Been playing since I was 10 and still not bored of it!

Favourite Teacher: Mr Sandhu – My maths teacher who still teaches at this school now! He wishes I'd have got a better grade but I was having too much fun in his lessons!

Favourite Quotation: "Success usually comes to those too busy to be looking for it!"

Fact or Fiction?

1. I have met Roger Federer
2. I enjoy my job
3. I'm Italian



Mrs Martin

ICT & Business Teacher

Favourite Book: Da Vinci Code – controversial as I'm a RE teacher also.

Favourite Film: Shawshank Redemption

Favourite Hobby:

Watching TV - it is my way to chill out after a long day, travelling and reading

Favourite Quotation: "For with God nothing shall be impossible" Luke 1:37

Favourite Teacher: Miss McKay, she was my GCSE and A Level Business Studies teacher and definitely who I aspired to be. She made learning so easy and all lessons were fun.

Fact or Fiction?

1. I was an award-winning Irish Dancer when I was younger.
2. I am a twin.
3. I watched Barack Obama do a speech live in Belfast.

Meet the Geography Team

Mrs Timmins

Head of Geography



Favourite Book: The War of the Flowers - Tad Williams

Favourite Film: I can never choose between these two films - Rio Bravo and The Quiet Man. I grew up watching cowboy films and love John Wayne the most!

Favourite Hobby: I love baking, especially lemon meringue pies and going swimming.

Favourite Teacher: Mrs. Lycett who was my Year 3 teacher. I had always wanted to be a teacher since the age of 3 and with her kindness, ability to help me succeed and make me enjoy school even more, my future career was without a doubt set in stone. My favourite teacher in High School was Miss. Hassell who was my Geography teacher. Her love and passion for Geography was definitely something that spread to me and made it my favourite subject.

Favourite Quote:

This is from a prayer called 'footprints in the sand'.
He whispered,
"My precious child, I love you and will never leave you.
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

Fact or Fiction?

1. I played in a women's rugby team
2. I am the national record holder for fastest pancake flipper
3. I have jumped off the top of a waterfall

Mr Smith

Geography Teacher



Favourite Book: 'Das Boot' by Lothar Gunther Buchheim – one of the classic stories from World War Two.

Favourite Film: 'Silent Running' or 'Zulu'.

Favourite hobby: Full contact medieval combat (blunted weapons)

Favourite Teacher: My Year 5 class teacher Mr Marlowe. Seriously crippled in a car accident he was wheelchair bound. He was an inspiration to me with his unstinting cheerfulness and refusal to allow his condition to get in the way.

Favourite Quote: 'Any good that I may do let me do it now, for I will not pass this way again'.

Fact or Fiction?

1. I have represented the UK in an international tournament every year since 2013.
2. My mother taught me English for Year 8 and Year 9.
3. I was mobilised for the Gulf War in 2003.
4. I own over six thousand books.
5. I love clay pigeon shooting and own a semi-automatic shotgun.



Miss Snapper

Geography Teacher



Favourite Book: That's an easy choice: 'A storm of Swords' by George R.R. Martin. This book has had me laugh, cry and in despair by the events happening to some of the characters within the story, I could not put it down the first time I read it.

Favourite film: Two polar opposites here really; Labyrinth and Underworld; The rise of the Lycans.

Favourite hobby: I like running (fingers crossed I'll be gaining a place at London Marathon this year!), reading as well as baking cakes.

Favourite teacher: My English teacher Mrs Hasselt. She had a good sense of humour but could be very strict at times. She was a very skilled language teacher and I suppose I am the living proof of that! :-D

Favourite quote: Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Fact or fiction?

1. I have backpacked around Australia
2. I have jumped out a perfectly safe aeroplane to do a skydive after it was cancelled 7 times....
3. I have done a bungee jump at Kawarau Bridge in Queenstown, New Zealand.

“When in doubt, go to the library.”

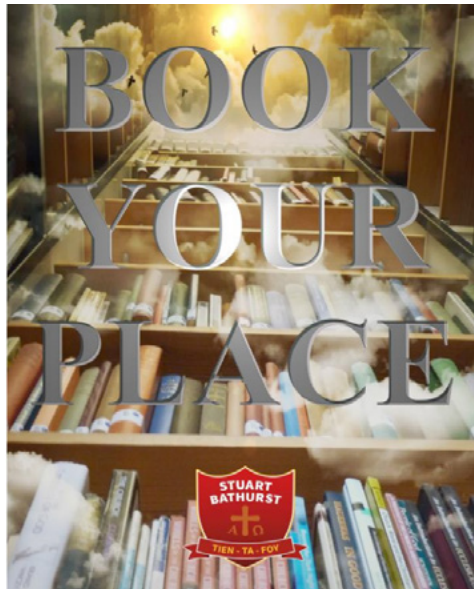
In May I wrote about the excitement I felt at the prospect of a new library at Stuart Bathurst; the excitement at the library is spreading throughout the staff and students as we watch the project unfold. The year is drawing to a close but the project is only just starting – the academic year of 2019-20 will be a fantastic year for all things Literacy!

The library will be called the ‘Learning Resource Centre’ and will be an integral part of the school community in its position, the members of staff associated with it and the day-to-day activities that will be offered to support, scaffold and stretch the imaginations, literate abilities, communication strengths, enthusiasms, morale and well-being of our pupils.

A designated Learning Resource manager has been appointed following interviews in June. Mrs Finch will be an asset to the school and I am looking forward to the collaboration in promoting and developing a reading culture that has started to grow roots throughout the school. Construction work in the new library space has begun, plans for library layout are being finalised and a 1,000 glossy, new and engaging books are waiting to fill the shelves. The interior of the library has been discussed with students and I am currently hooked on searching and scrolling through

images of displays of books in libraries throughout schools, universities; libraries of film fiction and the libraries of towns and cities around the UK to see what exciting, comfortable and engaging spaces we can create in our own little book haven.

From September, all Year 7 and Year 8 students will be completing an Accelerated Reader assessment to launch their profile on the programme so that their reading can accrue valuable AR and House points but, most importantly, so that their reading can empower their intelligence and their curiosity for language and ideas.



GET CAUGHT READING COMPETITION!

To start a buzz about books, I am launching the ‘Get Caught Reading’ competition for staff and students.

The winner will receive 25 house points. Pictures can be sent at any point throughout the holiday via email to Miss Kerr or can be printed and handed in to Miss Kerr by Tuesday 10th September.

The images will be used to create one of our first library displays so get your best books out and smile!



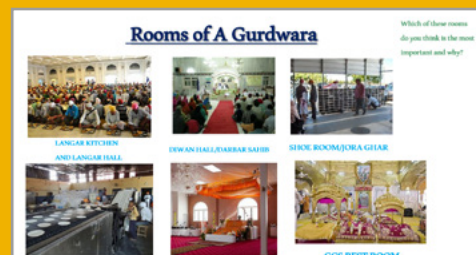
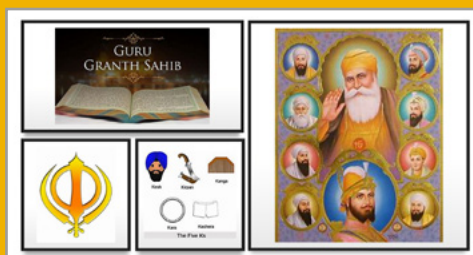
UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Showcasing Student Excellence

High quality work that our students have produced this week.
Well done to everyone below. Keep up the great work!



Well done to Cassey for her excellent model of a mosque.
Year 7 have been studying Islam and Mr Thompson set his groups a homework where one of the options was to make a model.
Thank you Cassey for all your hard work and effort.



Another excellent piece of homework from Anisa Hafjesi in Year 8.
Researching the features of a Gurdwara, she explained their importance to the Sikh community. Well done Anisa and thank you for your hard work and effort.

YEAR 7

Mrs McCallum & Mrs Letford

CLASS CHARTS

Top 3 students - last week:

1. ARUN KAILEY
2. CASSEY CLEWS
3. SINAAN JAHANGIR

Top 3 students - this half term:

1. CASSEY CLEWS
2. CALLUM McLAUGHLIN
3. TAKIRA KELDO

Top 3 students - since September:

1. CASSEY CLEWS
2. TAKIRA KELDO
3. JONATHON SMITH

Congratulations to Eunice Nubiga and Madaniyah Saleem who were awarded certificates for putting into practice some of our school virtues.

As we approach the end of the school year, the year group are still working hard in lessons and making great progress, there are no signs of them slowing down as we race towards the summer break. Next week we will be recognising the hard work and achievements of our pupils during the rewards assembly.

Over the summer break pupils should make use of GCSE Pod to revise and recall some of the information that they may have learned in class during the course of the year. All pupils have been provided with a password to enable them to access the online site. Don't be misled by the title the pods are useful for all pupils, not just pupils studying for their GCSE's. The earlier pupils begin to become familiar with the resource the more it will help them as they move up the school.

YEAR 8

Mr Smith & Miss Newell

YEAR 9

Miss Adams & Mrs Newell

Mr Smith and Miss Adams are away this week accompanying the PE trip to Ardeche in France. They have been in touch to express how proud they are of the attitude and conduct of the Y8 and Y9 students on the trip.



YEAR 10

Mr Connelly & Mrs Booker

CLASS CHARTS

Top student - last week:

1. JOSHUA GREEN
2. SCOTT DETHERIDGE-HEELEY
3. HARLEY TURNER

Top student - this half term:

1. JOSHUA GREEN
2. JAYDEN CHESHIRE-HADDOCK
3. SCOTT DETHERIDGE-HEELEY

Top 3 students - since September:

1. JOSHUA GREEN
2. SABJOT SINGH
3. SCOTT DETHERIDGE-HEELEY

As we fast approach the summer term I have been impressed by the superb work of year 10, Mr Begley in English has highlighted how pleased he is with his classes' work effort.

This Thursday saw our first Mock Results Evening in which students not only got their results but also visited four different workshops about how they can be a success next year. We have now launched the Prom Passport with students, the idea here is that student accumulate 2,020 points in order to gain their entrance to the Prom.

On Monday we will be launching the new tutor groups that are designed to allow to complete meaningful intervention during form time.



keep working
keep going
keep shining
keep growing

Summer Transition Work

Six weeks is a long time to be away from school and our young people can still make good use of their time and ensure that they are ready to make an excellent start to their next academic year.

This week has seen KS5 Taster sessions run by all departments to support our new Year 12 cohort make wise choices about the subjects they will study when they join the Sixth Form in September. These sessions are invaluable to students and enable them to recognise where their skills and interests lie and ensure that they are ready to meet the challenge of their A Level studies.

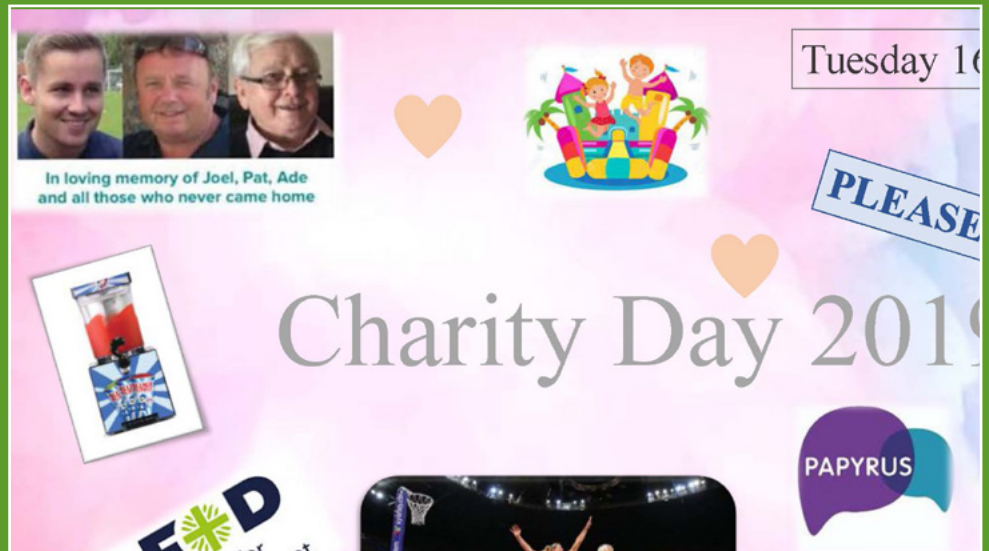
To support our students make the transition to the next stage in their lives, all departments have created Transition Packs which contain exciting activities and information which should be completed during the summer holidays allowing our students to continue to grow and develop a passion for learning. Transition Packs are available via our website under our Curriculum area and then Transition area.

A Level Results 2019!

On Thursday 16th August 2019 at 9am Year 13 students will be coming into school to receive their A Level results and confirm their places at university. Exciting futures await our students and we look forward to seeing you all in August!

Charity Day - 16th July

Sixth Formers, led by Taylor-Jade Pedley and Sophie Wain, are working hard in preparation for our annual charity day next week. It is always a fantastic day full of activities, competitions, food, fun and laughter. Money raised this year will support a number of charities including CAFOD, Papyrus and Smile for Joel.



School News Round-up

ARDECHE PE TRIP - UPDATE

After the excitement of sports week we have now travelled to the Ardèche in the South of France with 36 pupils. All pupils have fully embraced the range of activities on offer from raft building to rock climbing. The most challenging activity was the 26km canoe including 21 rapids and an open night camp. It was a difficult challenge for everyone but I'm happy to say that everyone arrived back at base camp safe and sound and very tired. We will begin our journey home at the weekend so you can wait with anticipation of all the photos in next weeks newsletter.

REMINDER: SCHOOL LIBRARY REQUEST

In Newsletter 5 we asked for your support with stock for our exciting new library. We are looking to stock the library with literary classics and worthwhile reads.

If you have any books by the writers listed we would be extremely grateful for the donation.

THE WISH LIST

Angela Carter
Cassandra Clare
Roald Dahl
Charles Dickens
Fyodor Dostoevsky
Arthur Conan Doyle
Neil Gaiman
John Green
Patrick Ness
Philip Pullman
JK Rowling
JRR Tolkien
Leo Tolstoy
Sue Townsend
Jacqueline Wilson



WORD OF THE WEEK

ubiquitous

adjective:
found everywhere.

Can you:
Think of a synonym
for this word?

Use this word in a sentence?

Test your friend on the spelling
of the word?

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

OUR TOP
5
FORM GROUPS

8W - 97.0%

8S - 96.2%

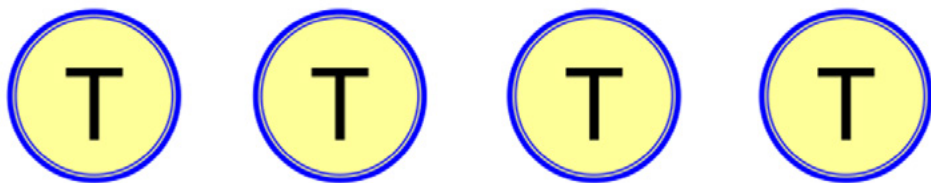
8O - 95.8%

7D - 95.5%

8I - 95.2%

NUMERACY CHALLENGE

Put four coins on a table, in a row, all tails up, like this:



Turn any three coins over: this counts as one move.

You must turn three different coins to complete one move!

How many moves will it take to get all the coins on heads?

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS - MONDAY 15th JULY



AMARE
for love



VERITAS
for truth



PIETAS
for honour

Your House Needs You!

In each house we're looking for:

2 House Captains • 2 Sports Captains
2 Charity Captains • 2 Chaplaincy Captains

Apply Now!

Write a short letter of interest, no more than an one side of A4.
Please include why you should be considered for your chosen role.

Hand your letter to your head of house by Monday 15th July.

Awards and positions will be announced in September.

Forms **S + D + 12P**

Forms **W + I + 12E**

Forms **O + M + 12H + 12O**

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and...Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater."

Mark 12:29-31

HOUSE MOTTO

"Love of God and love for all!"

HOUSE SAINT

St Anthony of Padua:
born 1231, died 1195
Saints Day - June 13th

HOUSE CHARITY

St Vincent de Paul

HEAD OF HOUSE

Mr Virk

"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

John 1:17

HOUSE MOTTO

"What you would appear to be, be!"

HOUSE SAINT

St Bonaventure:
born 1221, died 1274
Saints Day - July 15th

HOUSE CHARITY

Aid to the Church in Need

HEAD OF HOUSE

Miss Merrett

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honour."

Romans 12:10

HOUSE MOTTO

"Honour isn't given, it is earned!"

HOUSE SAINT

St Therese of Lisieux:
born 1873, died 1897
Saints Day - October 1st

HOUSE CHARITY

CAFOD

HEAD OF HOUSE

Miss Brookes