

We have ended the half term on a high as we found out yesterday we have been awarded the 'Primary Science Quality Mark'. This achievement has been led by Mrs Lea who has worked so hard to improve the quality of provision in science across the school. Mrs Lea has worked with the staff to raise the profile of science through science competitions, workshops and science week. We are all delighted that her hard work has been recognised and most



importantly many of the children now report that science is their favourite subject! It has been a very busy half term with residential, a coronation, bank holidays and SATs! The children have worked incredibly hard and I know are ready for a break and the chance to recharge their batteries and hopefully enjoy the sunshine! Next half term is the last one of our academic year and we have lots of wonderful things planned. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on TUESDAY 6th JUNE.

We have been informed by Edsential (who provide our school catering service) that the price of a meal will rise from £2.41 to £2.68 with effect from 1st June 2023. Therefore, after we return to school on Tuesday 6th June the new meal price will come into force. I will update parentmail with the increase after meals have been entered onto parentmail tomorrow. If your child currently pays for a school meal but you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact myself or use the free school meals eligibility checker on the school website. If your child currently has free school meals, this change will not affect you.



If you wish to purchase a class photo the money and order form needs to be returned to school by Tuesday 6th June.



IMPORTANT NOTICE – Our After School Club will not be open on Tuesday 6th June.

ALL SCHOOL STAFF HAVE TO DO MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING and so we have no choice but to close on these evenings.

Friday 26th May - Break Up for Half Term

Monday 5th June – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Tuesday 6th June – School re-opens to pupils

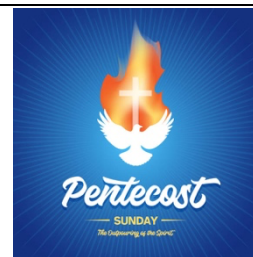


Nursery & Foundation 1 Places - We still have a very small number of places available for our September 2023 Nursery (2s) & Foundation 1 intake.

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be 2 or 3 years old before 31st August 2023 and would like them to start in Nursery or Foundation 1 in September, please contact the school office for an application form and return it to school as soon as possible.

It is never too early to apply for a place in our school Nursery or Foundation 1 class, so even if you have a younger child, please also complete an application form.

PENTECOST Sunday 28th May – It is a very special day on Sunday when we celebrate the feast of Pentecost when the church remembers the gift of the Holy Spirit. The 11am Mass at St Michael's will be a very special celebration Mass and the Parish would love as many children to be there as possible, especially the children who made their First Holy Communion who are invited to come in their special communion clothes. There will be tea, coffee & cake served in the school hall after Mass.



This week in Assembly we reminded ourselves of the events of the Ascension before looking ahead to Pentecost. When thinking about the Ascension, we thought about how we would feel if we found out one of our very special friends was going away and how upset this might make us. We then discussed how when Jesus went back to heaven, he promised the disciples to send a Helper – the Holy Spirit – to be with us forever. The Holy Spirit is our helper and our guide, pointing us to Jesus, and the way that Jesus told us to live. We can know Jesus through the Holy Spirit!

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Well done to Year 5 for having the best attendance this week.

F2 – 92% Y1 – 95.7%

Y2 – 94.1% Y3 – 91.4%

Y4 – 94.4% Y5 – 95.8%

Y6 – 90.9%. Holidays will not be approved during term time.

This week in school.....

It's been 'bee week' in Nursery, they have made some honey play dough, explored hives and honey combs and had some honey on toast for snack.

Our Foundation 1 children have had a special 'communication week'. They have learnt new Makaton signs, followed directional instructions and

have used actions and gesture. They loved learning how to play Charades using action cards!

Little Angels have

been learning about Pentecost and have been identifying fruits of the Holy Spirit.





Foundation 2 had the most amazing morning in Forest School. They followed Forest School rules to safely make a fire to then cook their own toast. Children developed their physical skills by spreading on chocolate spread. Forest School



provides so many learning opportunities. F2 developed physical skills through digging, climbing, balancing and pushing. They developed their knowledge of planting and growing plants and vegetables. They explored nature and talked about the colours and sounds of the forest.

Two children led Year 5 in Liturgical Prayer focusing on the story of Jesus healing the Paralysed Man. They thought about how they can help others.



Year Six have been developing their skimming and scanning techniques in reading. They have read newspapers to rapidly find facts.



PE News..... a group of Year 6 children enjoyed playing cricket today at Irby Cricket Club. The children played well and displayed some great sportsmanship!

Our football team won their last game 4 -3. We are very proud of them!

Well done to Year 4 who have been swimming each day over the last two weeks.

We are again working towards achieving a School Games Award.

This year, Mr Hinds believes we stand a good chance of achieving the Platinum Award! You can visit the school games website www.yourschoolgames.com Please also visit the PE page on our own school website where you will find a calendar of events.



Enjoy your half term, Mrs Ralph