

Dear Parents & families,

CLASS 5G LETTER

WELCOME: We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. As we return to school for the start of the new academic year, we aim to build on all the hard work we have done so far. Thank you, in advance, for supporting your child and staff to ensure that this school year is as successful as it possibly can be.

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with the following items:

- Water bottle
- PE kit (Brought in on Monday and left in school until Friday)
- Homework Diaries and Reading Books (every day)
- Colouring or puzzle book for wet break times (optional)

LEARNING THIS YEAR:

English

During the year we will be looking at a range of texts and genres of writing which will include:

- Explanation Text
- Narrative
- Diary
- Letter
- Short Story
- Play Script
- Persuasive
- Newspaper Report
- Balanced Argument

Class Texts:

- Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo
- Usbourne Book of Greek Myths
- Warhorse by Michael Morpurgo
- The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes
- The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman
- Twelfth Night (Adapted and abridged)

MATHS

Below is a list of the strands we will be covering over the Year;

- Number and place value
- Decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions
- Problem solving, reasoning and algebra
- Mental addition and subtraction
- Written addition and subtraction

- Mental multiplication and division
- Geometry: properties of shapes
- Measurement
- Statistics

Please ensure that your child continues to practise their Times Tables at home as these will help support their work in class.

RELIGION:

The 5G Class Marian Saint is Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and our Class Saint is St John Southworth. It may be useful to find out a bit about these saints in preparation for the work that we will do in class and for our assemblies later in the year.

Look out for the class prayer sack that will visit your home over the course of the year. Inside are activities and prayers that you may choose to share with the family, and a book to write a brief message about how the prayer sack was used and/or a reflection on the message it gave. Please return the sack to school after the weekend so that it may be passed along to our next family.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Geography What's so special about the USA? History Westhoughton under siege [KS2] Film fortnight – November Science Animals including humans – How different will you be when you are as old as your grandparents? Art Sketching	History Why should gunpowder, treason and plot never be forgotten? Design and Technology How weatherproof is our hat? Science Earth & Space – Will we ever send another human to the moon? Art Printing	History Were the Anglo-Saxons really smashing? Design and Technology Who will win the great Y5 bread bake-off? Science Properties & Changes of Materials – Could you be the next CSI investigator? Art Painting	Geography Why should the rainforest be important to us all? Science Living things & their habitats - Do all living things start life as an egg? Art Collage	History LAW makers & breakers: Why did the Luddites take the law into their own hands in Westhoughton 1812? [KS2] What happened in Westhoughton on 15 Dec 1642? How did the great artists see themselves? Would you have survived Medieval England? FORD CASTLE RESIDENTIAL Art 3D sculpture	History How can we rediscover the wonder of Ancient Egypt? Design and Technology How will that boat fit under that bridge? Science Forces – Can you feel the force? Art Textiles

MFL: The children will continue developing their understanding of French throughout Year 5 with Madame Harrison on Thursday afternoons.

Computing

Autumn	Spring	Summer
• Sounds and scratch	• Shapes and Weather	• Find out and share

P.E.

PE kits must be brought in on Monday and left in school till Friday. Indoor P.E is on Thursday afternoons and Outdoor P.E is on Friday afternoons. Please send in appropriate clothing for outdoor P.E, tracksuit and trainers (if possible) as we move into the colder months.

Autumn 1 Gymnastics	Autumn 2 Dance	Spring 1 Agility balance and coordination	Spring 2 SAQ	Summer 1 Orienteering	Summer 2 Striking and fielding
Tactics and strategies	Send and receive	Attack and defend	Agility balance and coordination	Competitive	Athletics

WORSHIP: You are also invited to all of our liturgies of the Mass and class-led para-liturgies (assemblies). See Below for dates.

READING BOOKS: This year we have spent a lot of money purchasing new reading books for the children, if more than one book goes missing there will be a charge of £5 per book. Please look after them.

HOMEWORK:

- Homework Diary **MUST** be signed weekly by parents and it is also to be used as a reading record. Please write in on the day your child has read and what page they are up to. These homework diaries must be brought into school every day. Please do not use the homework diaries for messages that are unrelated to your child's homework. Teachers can be contacted via the office.
- Reading Books need to be changed at least once a week.
- Maths homework will be set on <https://www.mymaths.co.uk> and <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/> weekly or fortnightly. These can take the form of answering questions or games.
- Spelling are given out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.
- Maths homework will be set on MyMaths on a Friday
- Times Tables Rockstars and spelling shed will be available to continue their learning at home. Their usage will be monitored. Computers are available at the back of the classroom for those who cannot access these resources at home. Passwords will be printed and sent home as soon as possible.

SNACKS: Our morning snack operates daily at break-time (40p / day). This is 'pay as you go' only, and served in the main hall. Until the end of Y2 all children are provided with a daily fruit / veg snack free of charge. Children in KS2 are only allowed to bring a healthy fruit or veg snack to eat at break-time – they will keep this in their classroom tray, not packed lunch boxes. All children must bring a clean, named, filled water bottle to school daily.

HEALTHY SNACK: no packaging...
Do not send packaged foods for morning break-time snack: fruit or veg only.

 UNIFORM			
ALL YEAR ROUND UNIFORM:	SUMMER TERM UNIFORM OPTION:	P.E. UNIFORM:	NOTES:
White collared long or short sleeve shirt	Option A: ☒ White polo shirt ☒ Grey long or short trousers ☒ Grey / white socks ☒ Black low-heeled school shoes	White <u>round neck</u> t-shirt (not polo shirt)	Label <u>all items</u> of uniform with name.
Sacred Heart tie		Black shorts	Tie must be worn with year-round uniform.
Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirt)		Dark grey / black pumps	<u>No jewellery</u> is allowed.
Grey long or short trousers, <u>knee-length</u> skirt or pinafore	Option B: ☒ Red & white gingham dress ☒ Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights ☒ Black low-heeled school shoes	Track suit & trainers for necessary outdoor use	Coat <u>must have a hoop</u> for hanging onto cloak-room hook.
Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights		<u>Draw-string pump-bag</u> to hang onto cloakroom hook. School stocks some logo pump bags – available from the office.	School book bag should have a <u>long strap</u> to hang onto cloak-room hook. School stocks some logo book bags – available from the office.
Black low-heeled school shoes (not trainers) [Velcro fastenings preferred for Reception]	Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan may be worn with both options.	UNIFORM STOCKIST: Rainbows Schoolwear (Church Street) are the approved stockist of official logo uniform & bags etc.	Water bottle & lunch box must be sealable and named. Only plain water is able to be brought into school in water bottles. (Please do not use one-use plastic)
Reception <u>only</u> uniform also includes: round-neck maroon sweatshirt, white polo-shirt & grey joggers option. Wellies must be provided. Waterproofs are ordered via the school scheme, and remain in school for everyday use. Spare socks / underwear may also be kept in school. <i>Shirt & tie uniform is to be worn on special occasions.</i>			

UNIFORM: Correct uniform is to be worn for school. P.E. kits should stay in school throughout the week. Note that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school, including no earrings.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: The Sacred Heart Herald is produced by the school office each week, and is emailed to all parents. If you do not receive your copy, please let Mrs Johnson, our Head's P.A. know. Paper copies are available to collect from the office. Up to date diary dates are included each week, and are also available to view at www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters

FACEBOOK PAGE: Our facebook page is updated by class staff when time permits. You may leave positive comments if you wish. This is not the forum to ask something which is better said in person to the class teacher or to make a negative remark.

DIARY: Key dates for this year (subject to change – but include them in your diary now!):

Class-led para-liturgy [assembly]: Class Assembly- 23rd November 2018 and 10th May 2019

Class visit to weekday Mass: 8th October 2018, 25th February 2019 and 1st July 2019

Whole school Masses:

- 12th September 2018
- 1st November 2018
- 19th December 2018
- 9th January 2019
- 6th March 2019 – Ash Wednesday in school
- 16th April 2019 – TBC

- 30th April 2019
- 16th July 2019

Christmas productions: 12th December 2018 2pm and 7pm

Residential visits: FRANCE 2017 23th-28th September 2019 and Ford Castle 20th-22rd May 2019

Parent / Teacher / Pupil evenings: 7th November 2018 and 13th March 2019

Should you have any queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate, in the first instance, to get in touch with me.

Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership together...

Yours sincerely,

Mr Goulding
Class teacher.