



18th November 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Wednesday Word - please follow this link to enjoy this weekend's Gospel as a family

[Click here for the Wednesday Word](#)

Gospel Virtues

This half term we are focused on being 'FAITH-FILLED' and 'HOPEFUL'. The following children have been seen living out these virtues and have been awarded a wristband this week: Hugo (Y2) & Luca (Rec).

Centrestage Recital - Thursday 24th November

All pupils who participate in Centrestage lessons at school will be involved in a recital concert for parents on **Thursday 24/11 at 4pm** in the school hall. The recital will last for approximately 1 hour and is designed to show you what your children have been working on and which skills they have been developing during their Centrestage lessons.

There is no need to pick up your child from school at 3.30pm on this day if they take part in Centrestage. If you wish to send them with an extra drink and snack to have between the end of school and the beginning of the recital then please do so.

If your child is unable to attend then please let the school office know ASAP so that this can be passed on to Centrestage. Thank you.

Non-uniform day - Friday 25th November

One of our families, The Simpsons, have shown incredible compassion by welcoming into their home a Ukrainian family with a young child who have been displaced due to the war. **On Friday 25th, we will be holding a non-uniform day. In return we would be very grateful if you would visit the link below to make a donation to The Sanctuary Foundation's project to provide every Ukrainian refugee child with a book gift this Christmas to make them feel welcome.** Please, please give as generously as possible.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ukrainian-welcome-book>

The Sleep Charity

Please find attached some information from the above charity. The resources attached are designed to help parents and children develop better bedtime routines and learn more about the value of sleep. We know that sleep is essential to brain function and that, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them succeed in school. Also attached is details of the National Sleep Helpline which has been set up by The Sleep Charity.

Year 4 Maths Challenge - well done team!

Today, accompanied by Mr Porter, a team of four mathematicians attended the King Edward's School Y4 Maths Challenge. Our team has shown real dedication, under the guidance of their coach Mr Reid, giving up lunchtimes to prepare. Huge well done to the team who came 3rd!

Meeting for Year 5 parents - Alton Castle Residential

Please join Mrs Noble-Barton and Miss Gamlen for a virtual information session about the Alton Castle Residential on Tuesday 22nd November at 5pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87162411303?pwd=NDZHcGU1K2RmMUYrWmJjS3N3U3RUdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 6241 1303

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Message from Mrs Burling-Finn

Thank you very much for the generous words, cards and gifts on the occasion of my recent wedding. I was so touched by your kindness - thank you.

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Stories after dark - Years 3 & 4

On Tuesday 29th November, Years 3 & 4 are invited to come back to school from 5:30pm until 6:45pm to read stories with their friends and teachers. Your child is welcome to wear their pyjamas and bring a cuddly toy, favourite book or blanket with them to enjoy. During the evening, they will be given a snack and some hot chocolate. Please sign your child up via ParentMail if you haven't already done so. We can't wait to see you there!
NB - There will be similar opportunities for other year groups throughout the year.

Updated lunch arrangements for KS1/KS2 theatre trips in December

On Thursday 8th December, KS1 will have their lunch before attending the theatre. **A hot meal will be provided by the kitchen if your child usually has one.** Your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack with them to eat during the afternoon.

On Friday 9th December, KS2 will have their lunch upon their return from the theatre. **A hot meal will be provided by the kitchen if your child usually has a Friday dinner.** Your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack with them to eat during the morning.

Residential Meetings

Year 5: There will be a virtual information session for Y5 parents regarding the Alton Castle residential trip. The meeting will take place at 5pm on Tuesday 22/11. Link is:

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Phonics - home video links

Reception - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zRErZTqp/XZXZvJEh>

Green - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ZCzXRbqm/UVG2xH1y>

Purple- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RtN6gPuH/OK3bT4Dm>

Pink- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ACze5a9V/taxBAuHf>

Orange - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6BKT9xyl/9AMxH5LN>

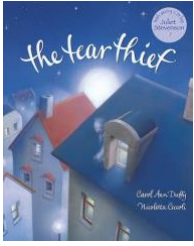
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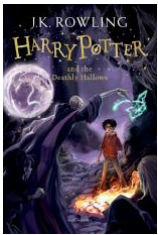
Staff book recommendations

For KS1, Mrs Burling-Finn recommends...



The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy

The mysterious fairy-like Tear Thief, visible only as a reflection in a puddle, creeps into town at night, listening for the sound of crying. She snatches a tear from a boy in the bathtub, many from a girl in a tantrum, and some from fighting twins. In her collecting sack, the tears are jewels, coloured according to their cause, but the most valuable are the tears of real sadness. When the Tear Thief passes a girl crying these tears, the girl sees her in a puddle and asks about why she collects them. The Tear Thief tells her that the light of the moon is made of tears, but the most beautiful light comes from the tears of sadness. The girl is crying because she has lost her dog. When she finds it and goes home, she sees the beauty of the moonlight and remembers the Tear Thief.



For KS2, Mrs Connor recommends...

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by JK Rowling.

"Give me Harry Potter," said Voldemort's voice, "and none shall be harmed. Give me Harry Potter, and I shall leave the school untouched. Give me Harry Potter, and you will be rewarded."

As he climbs into the sidecar of Hagrid's motorbike and takes to the skies, leaving Privet Drive for the last time, Harry Potter knows that Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters are not far behind. The protective charm that has kept Harry safe until now is broken, but he cannot keep hiding. The Dark Lord is breathing fear into everything Harry loves and to stop him Harry will have to find and destroy the remaining Horcruxes. The final battle must begin - Harry must stand and face his enemy

Dates for your diary

Mon 21/11	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 22/11	Year 5 Parents' Meeting - Alton Castle
Tuesday 6/12	Feast of St Nicholas - whole school Mass in school at 1.30pm
Tuesday 13/12	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only
Wednesday 14/12	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play - 9.30am - ticket only
Tuesday 3/1/23	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 4/1/23	First day of Spring Term for pupils

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School



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