



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school community, we would like to extend our warmest congratulations to all of our children who have recently made their First Holy Communion, whether here in Stevenage or in parishes further afield. This is a very special milestone in your faith journey, and we are so proud of each and every one of you.



We send our love, prayers and best wishes as you continue to grow in faith and deepen your relationship with God. May this be the beginning of many blessings as you journey forward. This week, all those who have recently made their First Holy Communion and their classmates will join us for the celebration of Mass on Friday at 9:30am at St Joseph's Church. Following Mass, the children will process back to school where, weather permitting, the whole school community will gather to welcome them as they process around the grounds in their beautiful Communion attire. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together.

A huge thank you to members of our Chaplaincy Team who led a wonderful assembly focused on our Catholic Social Teaching theme for this half term. Their thoughtful presentation encouraged us all to reflect on how we can live out our faith through our actions and service to others.

PSHE and Relationships and Sex Education Consultation

Our PSHE and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum is currently being reviewed and consulted upon in light of the Department for Education's statutory guidance and the expectations of Catholic education Service.

We encourage all parents and carers to take time to review the consultation materials and complete the accompanying Google Form. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with a member of staff. We will also hold a parent drop-in session on **6th July from 2:15pm to 3:00pm**, should you have any further questions.



Enrichment



There has also been great excitement in the Early Years setting this week, where our chicks have successfully hatched! The children have watched in awe as they observed this amazing process and learned more about the wonders of new life.

As always, school has been alive with a wide range of exciting learning opportunities. Most recently, children have been getting to grips with a new sport, Kin-Ball. This fast-paced and highly inclusive team game has generated lots of enthusiasm, teamwork and fun.

Year 3 recently enjoyed an engaging Ancient Egyptians workshop led by the museum service, bringing their history learning to life through hands-on activities and fascinating artefacts. Across the school, children have also benefited from a range of emotions and wellbeing workshops, as well as educational visits and class trips that enrich and enhance their learning



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Well done to all the Reception children for their resilience and perseverance in learning to ride their balance bikes. We are so lucky to have Mrs Zanelli and Mrs Osmond leading this program.

It has been wonderful to see so many children representing our school in a variety of sporting events. Some of our Year 2 pupils recently took part in a girls' football festival, while Year 4 pupils enjoyed competing in an Ultimate Frisbee event. We have also had children representing the school in golf and cricket sessions, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm. This week, some of our pupils will be competing in athletics events, and we wish them every success and lots of luck.

Our sports teams continue to perform exceptionally well. Both our football and netball teams have competed with great determination and skill throughout the year. We are especially proud of our boys' football team, who have been crowned Division 2 champions – a fantastic achievement.

Platinum School Games Mark Award

I am delighted to announce that we have once again achieved the **Platinum School Games Mark Award**. This prestigious recognition reflects the outstanding provision for physical education and sport across our school. It has been awarded in recognition of the high-quality teaching, the extensive range of enrichment opportunities available to our pupils, and our commitment to promoting healthy, active lifestyles throughout the school community.



This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and passion of all our staff and PE Leads, Mrs Lawlor and Mr Arnese, whose commitment to providing exceptional sporting opportunities continues to benefit all of our children. We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment and grateful to everyone who has contributed towards maintaining these exceptionally high standards. I would like to thank all of our staff who continue to organise and lead these additional opportunities. Their dedication ensures that learning extends beyond the classroom and helps create memorable experiences that truly set our school apart. Thank you!

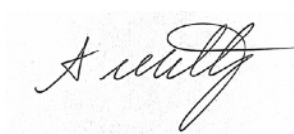
Preparing for the New Academic Year

As we move closer to the end of the school year, the children have begun spending time with their new teachers and visiting their new classrooms. These transition opportunities are an important part of helping children feel confident and excited about the next stage of their learning journey.

We understand that moving to a new year group can sometimes bring feelings of uncertainty or anxiety. By giving children the chance to meet their new teachers, become familiar with new learning environments and ask questions, we hope to ensure that September is a positive and successful experience for all. Our Year 5 children spent a day at The St John Henry Newman School, experiencing life in a secondary school setting and gaining valuable insight into the next stage of their educational journey.

Together, we continue to provide opportunities for our children to flourish academically, spiritually, socially and physically

Kindest regards



Alexandra Whitty
Headteacher

Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of life, learning, and friendship. Help us to follow the example of Jesus in all that we do. May we show kindness to those we meet, patience when challenges arise, and courage to do what is right. Bless our children, staff, and families. Guide us to use our talents wisely and to serve others with generous hearts. May Your love shine through us so that we may be a source of hope and joy in our school community. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



