

ST. AMBROSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 14th July 2023

Dear parents and carers

What a wonderfully busy week it has been. Prep 4 have been super busy after last week's superlative performance of The Lion King and their Leavers' Mass did not disappoint. The boys read so eloquently and with such confidence even though the service was emotional. Mrs Fielding and her class prepared and delivered a poignantly moving Mass and Mrs Green, as usual, complemented proceedings with beautiful hymns. It is the end of an era for Year 6 but we wish them well on the next chapter of their educational journey which is very exciting.

Prep 4 were rewarded for such a successful year with a day of Forest schools on Wednesday where they lit fires, built dens, toasted marshmallows and whittled wood, proper Bear Grylls! They finished their fun day exhausted, smelling of wood smoke but had smiles from ear to ear, these are the memories they will cherish forever.

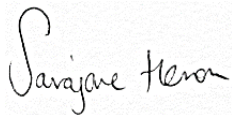
Thursday's Prizegiving was such a beautiful event where so many children's achievements were celebrated, although it could have been every child as so many have so much talent. We were treated to superlative musical performances and Lamda pieces that were just perfect. Thank you again to all of those who contributed to make it such a wonderful afternoon.

I can't quite believe a year has passed so quickly and we say goodbye not only to Year 6 but a number of other very special children, we will miss them. As my first year as Headteacher it has been an absolute privilege to lead a school with such incredible young people, I have experienced nothing but good grace, exemplary manners and respectful behaviour from all of the pupils at the Prep, I am very proud of all the children as you are.

The teachers at St Ambrose are unequivocally the most dedicated and hard-working staff and without them I would have found navigating this first year in the primary sector quite challenging. I would like to thank them for their unfailing support and loyalty which makes every day a success. We say goodbye to Mrs Heald and wish her well with her new venture of motherhood and welcome back Mrs Aldridge from maternity leave and she tells me she is glad to be back!

I also extend my thanks to you the parents, grandparents and family members who support the pupils, myself and the staff to ensure that when you leave your children in the playground, we very much adopt an 'in loco parentis' approach so it is very much team effort in terms of parenting and educating. Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated. With this joint commitment at the forefront of our mission in providing the very best education for our young people, St Ambrose will continue on as one big family where teachers inspire, challenge and nurture through faith.

Have a lovely summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September.



Ms Heron
Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

As mentioned in previous communication, we need your assistance with the Safeguarding of your children. Please can I ask that you close the gate after yourself if you are coming into school outside of school drop off and pick up.

If your child is late to school, please ensure they enter the building through the main entrance so that Mrs Ennis is aware of their arrival. **Please DO NOT photograph or video the children in the playground as this is a safeguarding concern. We have parents who have not consented to their children being photographed or filmed.**

Parents/Carers will not be allowed into school with their child in the morning. This is to safeguard everybody. Please drop your child off at the line in the playground or at the office.

We are aware that parking can be an issue, especially as the building work continues. Please can I remind you all not to park in the staff carpark and to park with consideration. Please ensure that you park up and walk your child into the playground.

WHAT'S ON - Dates for the Diary Autumn Term

WHAT	WHEN	WHO	NOTES
INSET DAY	Monday 4 th September	Whole School	School closed
INSET DAY	Tuesday 5 th September	Whole School	School closed
School reopens Autumn Term	Wednesday 6 th September	Whole School	Winter Uniform to be worn
School Photographs	Monday 18 th September 9.00am	Whole School	Please be prompt
IntraHealth Flu Immunisations	Wednesday 18 th October 1.00pm	All year groups (except PrePrep)	Consent letter to be sent via ParentMail in September



STARS OF THE WEEK!

If a pupil in the previous week has done something special in class that sets them apart from the other pupils their teacher will award them with star of the week.

The stars of each week will be treated to a hot chocolate or juice with the Headteacher on Friday to congratulate them on their fantastic efforts. If a pupil has achieved something outside of school and wishes to bring the item to Wednesday's celebration assembly they are more than welcome to do so.

NURSERY: All of Nursery for being so brilliant, and were all treated by Ms Heron to a baby chino at Costa in Hale Barns.

RECEPTION: Olia for settling into her new school and making friends this term.

INFANT 1: Tate for completing extra poetry work at home. Super Star!

INFANT 2: Harry for great improvement with his writing, well done!

PREP 1: William for his positive attitude to learning and showing great resilience.

PREP 2: Eddie who could be star of the week every week. He is so eager to achieve and gets involved with everything, with a consistent smile on his face. He is a super team player. Well done.

PREP 3: Sebbie for always trying his best and when he doesn't get things correct the first time he perseveres and tries until he does. A good friend and always with a smile and beautiful manners. Sebbie is a real asset to the school.

PREP: 4 All of Prep 4 for beautiful reading in Mass and amazing performances in the Lion King!

