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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school after the holidays. I hope that you enjoyed a restful break and are ready for the term ahead. This is just a very short newsletter to provide you with a couple of key updates.

The SEND parents support group ran for the first time this week- it was great to see some parents in school and we look forward to welcoming more parents as the term progresses. Please come along, even if the child you would like to discuss has not yet started with us. This is a great chance to meet other parents of children with SEND.

Next week the Melton Mowbray Building Society will be coming in to speak to parents after our celebration liturgy- come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chance to learn about savings accounts for your child.

As you know, Monday is bank holiday and therefore the school will be closed to pupils- enjoy a wonderful long weekend.

God Bless
Mrs Brown



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TERM DATES - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You will have noticed from the term dates that the Advent Term in 2022 begins on Friday 26th August. We will be welcoming our new EYFS intake on this date and then the rest of the school will begin on Tuesday 30th August, after the bank holiday.



Polite Request

We have noticed lots of children playing on the barked area near to the playground. We are trying to protect the planters in this area as much as possible and prevent the bark from spreading. Please could children play on the tarmac areas only; we will be encouraging this during school hours too. Thank you for your support with this.



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Mrs Spencer has given up two days of her time (along with some helpers!) to begin creating a wonderful forest school space for our children. She has asked me to share the below message with you:

During the Easter holidays we have been hard at work sectioning off an area on the school field. We would like to ask for volunteers to help to clear all the weeds and Ivy so we can start creating a magical forest school, enabling the children to grow with the environment around them. If anyone could spare an hour or two on Saturday 30th April from 10am it would make a huge difference. If you can not spare the time but are able to lend us any of the following items that would be great too:

Loppers

Secateurs

Garden incinerators

Rake

We are also looking to develop the pond as it has seen better days. If anyone could share their expertise and help, please contact Mrs. Spencer.



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DISCOUNTS ON COMPUTERS

STUDENTS: Dell Advantage Student for Schools & Colleges (DAS) works like this: 1. DAS is a free programme that offers genuine savings to your students – up to 20% off. 2. They will follow the link below and enter their unique passcode to receive all voucher codes via an email 3. The voucher code is then entered at the point of purchase and the student/parent/guardian will be able to choose the option of monthly payments, through PayPal. They will automatically get one year's free warranty 4. The student/parent/guardian will own the product that they buy, so the school does not have any ties Next Steps: 1. Your passcode for all students at your schools is: 9VYBAY

ASPIRATIONS WEEK

During the week of the 23rd May, we will be holding a whole school aspirations week. The Melton Mowbray Building Society will be delivering workshops about keeping money safe, money choices and spending and saving. We have lots of other activities being planned to support children in exploring different job roles.

Please don't forget to sign up to support us with this and speak to our children about your job and career. The google form to complete is linked below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6X6A372YaE24KJDknNKQ_a7_DHi6MzhEgtomW3cjK9lUOUlCQ09EVDNHNEExIM0VMOUJHUU1KMtIFRC4u



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SEND PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

As a school we know that having a child with special educational needs and disabilities can be challenging and especially worrying for a parent/carer. Mrs Griffiths is our special educational needs co-ordinator and she has hosted a SEND support coffee morning this term. Going forward, we would like to begin a SEND support group for parents with Mrs Griffiths attending on alternate weeks. Two parents have stepped forward to run this. This will take place on Wednesdays in the school library. Please see the dates at the end of the newsletter and add these to your diary.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

Monday 25th April- Pentecost Term Begins
Wednesday 27th April- Mass in school hall 2.15pm
Wednesday 27th April- SEND support group meeting- 1.30-3pm
Friday 29th- No celebration Liturgy
Friday 29th- EYFS & Y6 to attend Mass at Convent at 10.30am
Friday 29th April- Young Voices Concert

May

Monday 2nd May- Bank Holiday- school closed
Year 5 Bikeability all week
Wednesday 4th May- Class Photos- Hardy's Photography
Friday 6th May- Melton Building Society visit to parent coffee morning after
Celebration Liturgy.
Friday 6th May- Y3/4 to attend Mass at Convent at 10.30am
Sunday 8th May- PTA Meeting, time TBC
Monday 9th May- Thursday 12th May- Y6 SATS Tests
Thursday 12th May- First Confessions Y3/4 & Reconciliation Service for Y3/4
Friday 13th May- Y6 Party in the Park
Friday 13th May- Y5 to attend Mass at Convent at 10.30am
Wednesday 18th May- SEND support group with Mrs Griffiths- 1.30-3pm
Friday 20th May- Y1/2 to attend Mass at Convent at 10.30am
Tuesday 24th May- Aspirations Day/Platinum Jubilee Picnic Lunch- all welcome
Friday 27th May- Dress as your future job role- £1 PTA fundraiser
Friday 27th May- EYFS to attend Convent Mass at 10.30am

Half Term

Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June

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Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June

June

Monday 6th June- School Opens

Wednesday 8th June- SEND support group- 1.30-3pm

Friday 10th June- Y6 to attend Convent Mass at 10.30am

Friday 17th June- PTA Father's Day Shop

Friday 17th June- Y5 to attend Convent Mass at 10.30am

Friday 24th June Y3/4 to attend Convent Mass at 10.30am

Monday 27th- Weds 29th June- Y6 Briars Residential

Wednesday 29th June- PTA Summer Disco

Wednesday 29th June SEND support group- 1.30-3pm

July

Friday 1st July Y1/2 to attend Mass at Convent Chapel

Wednesday 6th July- Leavers' Mass 2pm Chapel

Last Day of Term- Thursday 7th July