



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2025

POPE FRANCIS - Remembering the life of Pope Francis. His **commitment to the natural world & uniting faiths** are messages embraced at Our Lady of Grace. We held an assembly to remember & celebrate his life. May he Rest In Peace. Children listened to stories which showcased his famous love of children. He said **‘Children are the Hope & Joy of the World’**. We looked forward, children wrote messages which we will send to Rome for the new Pope once the Conclave have appointed.

EASTER - Holy week is a special time. **The standard of events was the highest I can remember**. I would like to thank staff, children & families who attended. We taught the children how they can **change Christ’s Passion into Compassion** (which I particularly liked). This week has been lovely listening to all the exciting things the children have done during their well-deserved break. They were all very grateful to their families.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL - There is a quietness at school this week. While lovely at first, it reminds us of all the fun, joy (and noise) our 50 eldest provide. It has been great hearing about exciting activities in the **glorious Staffordshire sunshine**. From brave children experiencing exhilarating rides at Alton Towers. To learning that two of our most gentle & conservative Y6 girls can actually hit the bullseye of an archery target from 30 feet. Who would have known! The children also spent time reflecting on their time with us & how to continue their journey to High School positively. **We wish them a safe journey & thank the staff for their dedication**.

SUMMER SUN - Summer is here. I hope you have had time to look through the Calendar of Events. A lot is happening! Events are updated on the Website Calendar which many subscribe to. **Research shows learning outdoors encourages independence, curiosity & creativity**, with such lovely grounds it is important we utilise fully what is ultimately the children’s space. Please check weather forecasts & plan as needed. Hats, sun cream and water. Our Summer Sports Programme has begun. Children will be developing skills in sports such as rounders & athletics. **It is important that ALL children have a FULL PE Kit**. If your child is in Y3-6 they should wear a T-Shirt the colour of their House Team. Any issues, speak to your class teacher.

PTA 200 CLUB - Thank you to everyone who has joined the 200 club (details below). The first £50 winner (February) was Mrs Lyon (EYFS parent) & the second winner (March) was Mrs Hamer (Y3 Teacher). Congratulations to both. **You have until midnight tonight to enter our April draw** taking place next week. Your generosity has already allowed us to purchase new outdoor equipment. **Thank you, it is a great cause**.

SITE MANAGER - Two years ago, Dave Markland arrived as Relief Site Manager for 10 days. Like many, he ended up staying. Granddad duties mean that today is his last day. **Dave has been a pleasure to work with. A real gentleman**. I thank him on behalf of all the staff for his hard work, kindness & dedication. Dave was presented with a card & presents from the staff & children. He will be missed. Dave’s retirement means we have a **Site Manager Vacancy. Full details will ‘go live’ on Greater Jobs**. If you know somebody who loves children, DIY & would work well at a welcoming & successful Catholic Primary School - let them know.

PTA 200 CLUB GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Sort Code: 01-07-20 Account: 04001990
Reference – (Child’s Name)
£5 Monthly Standing Order
Still time to enter for Draw 3. Thank you.

PTA WhatsApp Community

If you would like to be included.
Please email your number to the PTA
olog.pta@outlook.com
Please reference your child’s name.

Many of the things reported here can be seen (with photographs) on the school website ‘Latest News Section’ or you can join over 140 parents and follow us on X @OLOGPrestwich. Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

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