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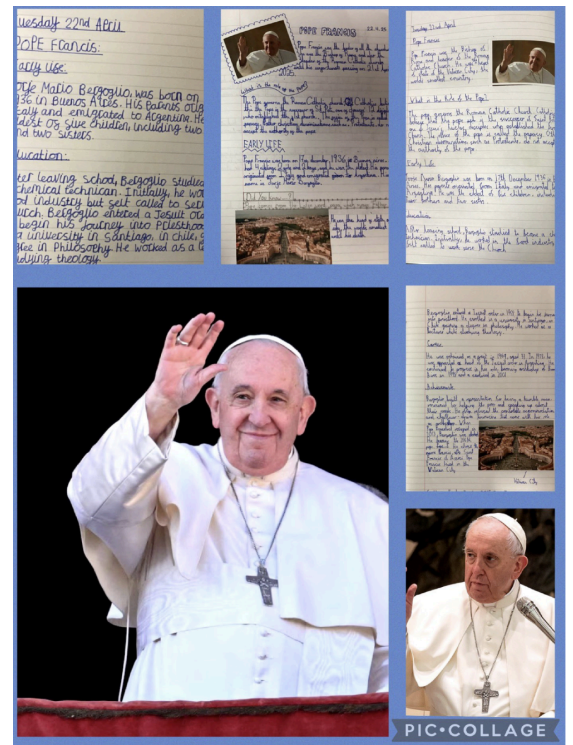
Dear Parents and Carers,

In Loving Memory of Pope Francis

It is with deep sadness that we join the global Catholic community in mourning the passing of Pope Francis. Pope Francis dedicated his life to spreading the Gospel with compassion and joy. He was a man who charmed the world with poignant acts of love and humility, starting with his first appearance as pontiff on the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica with a remarkably normal, "Buonasera" ("Good evening") to the crowds below.

At St Monica's, we give thanks for the extraordinary example of faith, humility, and service he gave to us all. His words and actions reminded us of the power of kindness, simplicity and the importance of caring for those most in need.

As we reflect on his legacy, we remember his beautiful call to live out our faith through love for others:



“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit. The sun does not shine on itself... Living for others is a rule of nature.” – Pope Francis

We will keep Pope Francis in our prayers and give thanks for his life. May the Lord welcome him with open arms and grant him eternal rest.

CHET Residential - Monday 28th - Wednesday 30th

Our Year 5 pupils will set off to CHET in Crosby for our residential on Monday. It was a superb experience last year, and we aim to create another unforgettable one this time. A heatwave is forecast, so please send pupils with sunscreen already applied, wearing sun hats, and with a reusable water bottle clearly labelled with their name.

We understand there may be celebrations on Sunday due to the football, but please ensure all children have a good night’s sleep and arrive at school on time (I understand this may be hard!).

We will share photographs and videos on our Twitter page. Creating lasting memories is what makes a school special, and we cannot wait to make some with your children.

Key dates: Y6 and Y2 SATs Week dates this half term

We have two sets of important dates coming up for SATs in Year 2 and Year 6:



Key Assessment Dates for Y6 and Y2					
Year 6	Monday 12th May Y6 Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling	Tuesday 13th May Reading	Wednesday 14th May Maths 1 Maths 2	Thursday 15th May Maths 3	
Year 2	Monday 12th May Reading 1	Tuesday 13th May Y2 Reading	Wednesday 14th May Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	Thursday 15th May Y2 Maths 1	Friday Y2 Maths 2

Both year groups are being thoroughly prepared for each set of tests: the year groups will send out letters with more information concerning these key tests for your children next week.

When we return after half term, we have other key assessments:

Key Assessment Dates	
Year 1	Phonics Screening Check: 9th June - 13th June
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check: 2nd June - 13th June

If you would like any information whatsoever, please contact your child's teacher.

Parking Around School

Please take care when parking around school. We are in a complex area with many busy roads close by, so parking is difficult. However, the safety of our children remains the highest priority. Please park considerately and avoid parking on pavements – it can be very difficult to see our younger pupils. Please treat all children as you would want others to treat yours.

Key Dates for the upcoming Summer term:

We want to give you these dates as early as possible so you can make plans to attend if possible:

- **Y4 First Holy Communion: Thursday 5th June, 10am (Church)**
- **Y2 Leavers' Assembly: Y2 Leavers' Assembly, Friday 11th July, 9:15am**
- **Y6 Leavers' Mass: Monday 14th July, 10am**
- **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: Thursday 17th July, 1:45pm**

Enjoy the weekend and the sunshine it promises.

Take care one and all,

Mr. James Gouldbourne

Headteacher

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