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Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016



Following in Jesus' footsteps...

We pray together  
We play together  
We learn together



## Come and See



The theme is Reconciliation. Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

### Our School Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at home,  
 Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at school,  
 Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless all the families of the world.

It's Time to Shine		
Year Group	Star of the Week	Golden Table
Reception	Nathaniel Rosabella	Oliver Rosabella Jasmine
Year 1	Noah	Noah Luke Ellie
Year 2	Ella Jacob M	Callum Bu Jacob M Frankie
Year 3	Martha	Isabella Finn Francesca Ben
Year 4	Olivia Maisy	Erin Jasmine Eva
Year 5	Jonathan	Nieve Matthew Mya
Year 6	Charlie Flynn	Connor Katherine Max
<b>Mathematician of the Week</b> Charlie - Y1, Frankie - Y2, Grace - Y3, Finlay - Y4, Angus - Y5	<b>Reader of the Week</b> Scarlett - Y1, Matilda - Y2, Frankie - Y3, Thomas - Y4, Nieve - Y5,	<b>Writer of the Week</b> George - Y1, Nathan - Y2, Joel - Y3, Summer - Y4, Jessica - Y5
<b>Congratulations to all the children named.</b>		

## Attendance for week ending 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Year	Attendance	Weeks Won
R**	100% - Fantastic - Well done	1
1	99%	
2	96.7%	1
3	98.1%	
4	97%	
5	97.1%	
6	98.9%	

**Whole School - 98.1%**  
This is an increase of 2% from last week  
which is great news.  
Thank you to everyone for this fantastic effort!

### What's happened this week?

#### **CAFOD Workshop**

On Thursday Justine Silcock came into school to work with children in the junior classes to explain the great work of CAFOD.

#### **Y4 Trip**

Earlier today the children in Y4 went to Liverpool World Museum and the Metropolitan Cathedral. The children had a lovely day.

#### **Feast of Sts Peter & Paul**

The junior classes went to Mass in Church on Wednesday morning to celebrate the feast of Sts Peter & Paul.

#### **New Reception Stay & Play**

We welcomed our new Reception children again this week. They all seemed to have had a lovely time and we look forward to seeing them again when they start on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We hope that you all have a lovely summer☺.

#### **Y5/Y6 League Finals**

The team played in the Knowsley League finals on Friday at LFC Academy. They played games against other league winners. Well done boys☺

#### **Football Final**

Yay! We won the Cup!

We are delighted to let you know that our Y3 & Y4 children won the Mark Burgan Challenge Cup on Tuesday afternoon. This cup is played each year and is in honour of a soldier who died in Afghanistan in 2011. They were absolutely fantastic and the cup holds pride of place in the entrance. Well done to you all - you were brilliant☺.

#### **Parent Meetings**

We will be holding parents meetings on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 1.30pm. A letter giving further information will be sent home soon.

### **Poetry Festival**

Mr Paul Delaney, a Widnes Poet, came into school on Wednesday to work with our Y3 & Y6 classes. Six of our children have been selected to represent our school at the poetry festival on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Our Lady's School. Our congratulations go to :-  
Year 3 - Martha, Erin and Jack, Year 6 - Connor, Daisy and Eleanor  
Well done, we are very proud of you☺.

## **What's coming up soon**

### **ParentApp**

Many thanks to everyone who has now signed up for the ParentApp on your mobile phones. We will be using this as another means of communicating with you. We will be sending reminders through this format in future. If you have not yet downloaded the app and have mislaid the information on how to do so, you may collect information from the school office.

### **Swap Shop - Books**

We will be holding a swap stall at Family Fun Night for children and adults. Please start to have a sort out at home and send any unwanted books into school.

### **DEAR (Drop Everything And Read!)**

Every Friday from now on every classroom door will be open from 8.45am - 9.15am for our big DEAR (drop everything and read). Children are welcome to come into school to read their own books or a class book. Parents and grandparents are also welcome to come into class to share a book. (Please see the recent letter sent out with all the details.) We look forward to seeing you all☺. Please note that if your child is usually accompanied by an adult on the playground and doesn't want to participate in the reading activity, they must continue to be supervised by an adult on the playground until the normal start of school: 8.55am.

### **Royal British Legion Parade**

Five children from Year 3 have been chosen to take part in the Parade on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 10.30am at the Cenotaph, Victoria Park, Widnes, to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Jutland and the Battle of the Somme. Selected children have been given a letter with further details today.

### **School Nurse**

The school nurse will be coming into school for the next drop-in session on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10am. If anyone would like to meet with her please let the school office know in case of any changes to the arrangement. Many thanks.

### **Euro's Meal Promotion**

As a special promotion the school kitchen are offering a meal for £1.00 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. A separate letter was sent home last week.

### **Y4 Rejoice & Together Day**

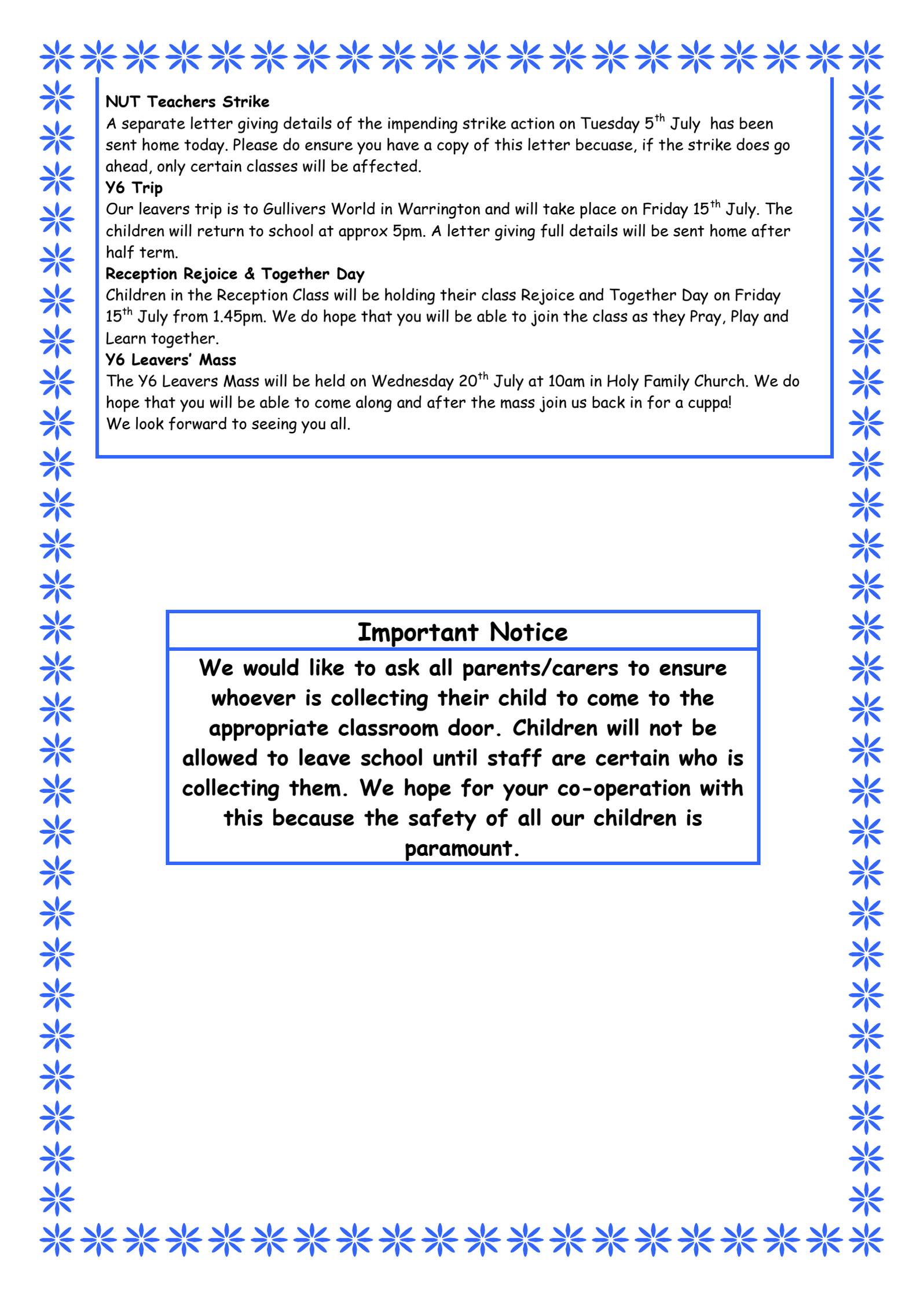
Parents and carers of children in Y4 are invited into school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 1.30pm to Play, Pray and Learn together. We do hope that you will be able to come along and join the children.

### **Sports Day**

We will be holding our Sports Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, weather permitting. Children in the Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate from 9.30am - 10.30am and the other classes will begin from 10.45am approx until 12pm. Please note that if this event is cancelled due to bad weather it will not be rearranged. Let's hope that the sun will be shining as the children love this day. We will send messages to you all via twitter and parentapp if the event is to be cancelled but this will only be on the morning of the event.

### **Y6 Play**

As our Y6 class prepare to leave Holy Family they will be performing their leaving play on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. All are welcome.



**NUT Teachers Strike**

A separate letter giving details of the impending strike action on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July has been sent home today. Please do ensure you have a copy of this letter because, if the strike does go ahead, only certain classes will be affected.

**Y6 Trip**

Our leavers trip is to Gullivers World in Warrington and will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. The children will return to school at approx 5pm. A letter giving full details will be sent home after half term.

**Reception Rejoice & Together Day**

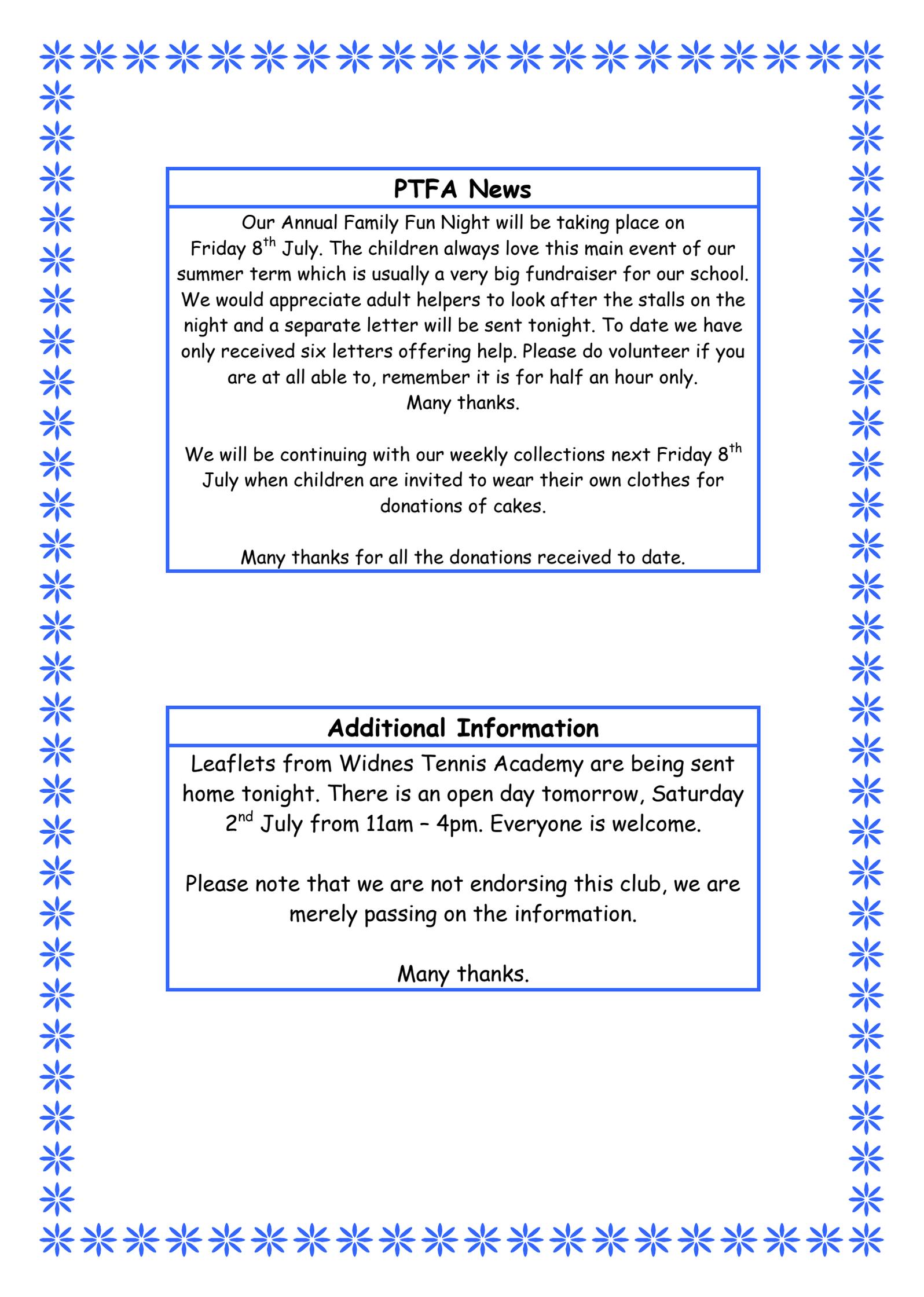
Children in the Reception Class will be holding their class Rejoice and Together Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 1.45pm. We do hope that you will be able to join the class as they Pray, Play and Learn together.

**Y6 Leavers' Mass**

The Y6 Leavers Mass will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10am in Holy Family Church. We do hope that you will be able to come along and after the mass join us back in for a cuppa! We look forward to seeing you all.

**Important Notice**

**We would like to ask all parents/carers to ensure whoever is collecting their child to come to the appropriate classroom door. Children will not be allowed to leave school until staff are certain who is collecting them. We hope for your co-operation with this because the safety of all our children is paramount.**



## **PTFA News**

Our Annual Family Fun Night will be taking place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. The children always love this main event of our summer term which is usually a very big fundraiser for our school. We would appreciate adult helpers to look after the stalls on the night and a separate letter will be sent tonight. To date we have only received six letters offering help. Please do volunteer if you are at all able to, remember it is for half an hour only.

Many thanks.

We will be continuing with our weekly collections next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July when children are invited to wear their own clothes for donations of cakes.

Many thanks for all the donations received to date.

## **Additional Information**

Leaflets from Widnes Tennis Academy are being sent home tonight. There is an open day tomorrow, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 11am - 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

Please note that we are not endorsing this club, we are merely passing on the information.

Many thanks.

## Spotlight on Y3 Representatives

On Sunday we will be going to Victoria Park for 10am as we will be calling out the names for six soldiers from Widnes who took part in the Battle of the Somme. It is 100 years since the battle and there is a big monument in France as some bodies were not found.

The names of the soldiers are: Private William Noone, I know that he was only 21. The other names are Private William Owens, Private Michael Mullin, Private Nicholas Lawler, Private Thomas Meagher.

William Owens had six children and was wounded on the body and head. He went home to get better but then had to go back to fight and he died. His grandad was a leader and it was up to him to go home and tell the rest of the family that he had died.

We have to wear our school winter uniform and will have a microphone to speak into.

Thanks to Cole, Harry, Grace, Isla and Frankie.

## After School Clubs

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THE  
REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE DONATIONS RECEIVED.

### Diary Dates

#### JULY

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3 children to represent Holy Family at Cenotaph @ 10.30am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School nurse drop-in from 10am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Possible NUT Strike - school partially closed if it goes ahead
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day - am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fun Night
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Rejoice & Together day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 trip to Gullivers World return to school @ 5pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Stay and Play at 1.45pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Play at 4pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leaver's Mass at 10am in Church
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Break Up at 2pm

**And finally...**

A positive thought for the week to promote discussion in the classroom and at home...

When I need to do something that seems hard,  
I break it down to **small tasks** to make it easier for me.  
I congratulate myself for every small achievement.

JESUS  
Loves Me  
This I  
know...

Many thanks

Mrs Hannah