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Dear Families,

Welcome to our newsletter for the second half of the summer term.

Whole school **attendance** stands at 94.6% (compared to 95.1% nationally). Thank you for your continued support in helping your children attend school regularly, however, these latest figures show that we've slipped below national average again. We have seen some particularly low attendance on the days leading up to holiday times. Every school day has equal importance. Your commitment makes a real difference, ensuring children benefit fully from the learning, friendships and opportunities that each school day provides. By working together, we can give every child the best start in life and help them grow with confidence, curiosity and a love of learning.

Please continue to check any phones children have access to. We have been alerted to a **WhapsApp** group this week that some of our children had been added to called '100 people before 2027'. The content was very worrying. It was unclear who the admins were.

We are delighted to be hosting a **Playground Prom** next Tuesday morning (9th June) at 9:00am in the School Hall. Families are welcome, but places will be limited. Please contact the School Office if you would like to join us for this special performance from professional musicians.

Look out on Class Dojo for our **OPAL Bingo**. Each class has a challenge to try to complete their board before the holidays. Prize for the first class finished.

To meet safeguarding guidelines, we need to hold a minimum of three **emergency contacts** per child. We will be sending out a new contact form. At least one contact should be outside the family home. Even if this isn't someone who could potentially come and collect a child, it would be someone who could assure us that families are safe if we are unable to make contact.

On the off-chance we get more sunshine before the end of term, please remember to apply **sun screen** before coming to school. Caps are a good idea too.



Walking hand in hand in the footsteps of Christ. We are His hands; We are His feet.

Our latest myHappymind module is called 'Engage'. The children will be learning how to put into action all the healthy habits they have learnt during the year. If you haven't already, you can download the myHappymind app. Our activation code is 112354.

Dates:

- Sports Day: Tuesday 16th June. Please see separate flyer.
- Summer Holidays: Term finishes on Friday 17th July.
- Disco for Years 3-5: Tuesday 7th July, 3:30-5:00pm. Payment details to follow.
- Leavers' Fest for Year 6: Tuesday 14th July, 4:00-6:00pm. Details to follow.
- Leavers' Mass: Friday 17th July, 10:00am in St. Begh's Church. All welcome.

Life to the Full Parent Portal.

This is the resource we use to deliver most of our PSHE curriculum (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education). This includes sex education. As parents, you need to be aware of this content, particularly in Year 6. Follow this link:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Parent portal

As part of your subscription to "Life to the Full" and "Prayer and Liturgy", all parents will be able to access the Online Parent Portal with the following login credentials:

Username	st-beghs-ca28
Password	three-peaks
Parent Portal	https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/

General Reminders

Wraparound Care and After-School Clubs

Our Breakfast Club is available from 7:30am each morning. After-school care is available until 5:30pm each evening. Bookings can be made on the School Gateway app.

School Opening Time

The gates open at 8:45am. At this time, children make their way to class in time for registration at 9:00am. There is a waiting area cordoned off at the bottom of playground simply to keep the queue away from the road. This is not supervised. If your child is using this waiting area without an adult, you need to be sure that they have the maturity needed to be left unsupervised and that their behaviour is trustworthy.

Class Dojo

It's really important that you all connect to Class Dojo. Lots of whole school and class/ year group messages go on there, as well as homework and pictures of what goes on in school day to day. This is how you can keep fully up-to-date with all that is going on and keep in touch with teachers. Teachers are able to answer these during working hours not including teaching time. If you have an urgent query during the school day, please ring the School Office instead.

Car Park and Side Gate

This isn't available to use at the beginning or end of the school day except for a very small number of children whose families have permission from the Church due to disability needs. The Church car park was closed off to parents a number of years ago because of safety concerns. Please use the bottom gates for drop-off and pick-up.

Volunteers

We are always looking for any volunteers to come in give a bit of extra help with reading. Even if you can only spare half an hour a week, it all helps. Get in touch with class teachers if you can offer any help.

Yours faithfully, Catherine Mallard

myHappymind

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...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappymind to support your child.

myHappymind for Parents
Exclusively for parents with children at a myHappymind School or Nursery.

Learn all about what your children are learning in school