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Dear Parents,

We hope that this has been a good week for you.



Firstly, we extend a very warm welcome to all of our new Reception Class children – and their parents - who have started school this week. These are momentous times for all of these pupils and their families and we wish them all great happiness in their new beginnings.

The children are settling nicely and becoming familiar with the run of a school day. I am sure that they are all exhausted at the end of each day – the children too!!!

We are pleased to welcome new families to school and hope that each family quickly begins to feel a valued part of this happy and thriving community. We want to ensure that we work effectively in partnership with you, the parents of the children and their first educators, so that they get the very best start to their formal education during these most important and formative years. Please remember that our open-door policy means that we encourage you to communicate with us if there are any problems for you or your child/ren.

Here they all are, pictured looking very smart and happy in their new school environment – well done to all of you for completing your first week at 'BIG' school!



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School Mass in Church – thank you!

Thank you so much to those who were able to join the community for the celebration of Mass last Sunday, marking 75 years since the establishment of St Urban's Parish. I would particularly like to thank the children who read the Prayers of the Faithful so confidently –



Charis and Annabel – and to Marcus and Edward from Year 6 on their guitar and

violin respectively and playing alongside Eamon our former pupil, now in Year 7, Mr. Teggart and I. Thank you to you all.

The Wednesday Word

This Wednesday's Word: **FORGIVENESS**

Please take time if you can to read the Wednesday Word publication with your child/ren this weekend.

A Word from the Saints

"It is by forgiving that one is forgiven." St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit.

God is our loving Father and we can always count on his loving forgiveness and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Jesus instructs us to be just as forgiving toward others.

Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community. St John Paul II reminds us, "Forgiveness does not come naturally. Forgiving from the heart can sometimes be actually heroic."

Dom Henry Wansbrough



Good News for Everyone

The King, who Jesus speaks about in this Sunday's Gospel, gives us a glimpse of God's compassionate and forgiving nature. We are all part of God's family and, even knowing our faults, God is always ready to forgive us and to help us make a fresh start with him and with each other.

Attendance News

Attendance



Our whole school attendance figure for this week is 96.4%

Our whole school statutory attendance figure for the year so far is 95.6%

Congratulations to Reception Class for achieving the highest attendance this week – 100%

A reminder about reading expectations



Reading, being read to, and sharing books in the home helps to build a child's vocabulary and understanding of the world. Research shows children who start school with good vocabulary and communication skills make friends more easily, have fewer behavioural issues and are more likely to do well academically. A strong, early foundation in language has even been linked to better mental health as children get older.



Reading with your child, or encouraging your child to read independently for just ten minutes each day can make all the difference. Please make some time for this every evening – we expect it, and it will really make such a difference for your child.

Here are some tips to help children of all ages to enjoy reading and to get reading more often.



- Your child does not have to read an entire book in one go!
- Any time spent sharing or talking about a book is beneficial, even if it is just a couple of minutes at a time.
- If they have to close the book early because it is time for tea, or they are just losing interest, that is okay.
- Reading can take a lot of mental energy and taking breaks gives children a chance to slowly build the mental stamina they need, so that soon they will be able to read for longer stretches of time.

Congratulations



... to Ella K, Saesha, Lois, Otilie, Effie, Olwen, James W-R, Kateri, Niamh, Roma, Nancy C, Isaac, Orla, Albie, Aria, Seb, Nancy McD, Alistair and Taaha.



These children have been recognised for showing the virtue of **LOVE OF LEARNING** for their great work and attitude to learning this week or for being Writer of the Week.



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We wish you all a happy and relaxing weekend,

Tara McStay
Headteacher

COMMUNITY NOTICES



A vibrant poster for the CLANN The Leeds Irish Youth Choir. The top half features a photograph of four young people (three boys and one girl) smiling and singing, wearing green hoodies with the choir's logo. The background is dark green with yellow musical notes and a treble clef. The text 'CLANN' is in large white letters, with 'THE LEEDS IRISH YOUTH CHOIR' in smaller yellow letters below it. A tagline 'SING • LAUGH LEARN • BELONG' is written in a brush-stroke style in the top right. Below the main title, it says 'A NEW CHOIR FOR YOUNG VOICES' in large white and yellow letters, followed by 'Rooted in Irish culture. Open to everyone.' with a shamrock icon. The bottom half of the poster is a yellow banner with five columns of information, each with an icon: a musical note for 'VOICE', a group of people for 'FRIENDSHIP', a shamrock for 'COMMUNITY', and a star for 'CONFIDENCE'. The first column is a green cloud shape containing 'BOYS & GIRLS AGED 8-16'. Below the banner, there are four boxes: 'STARTS THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER' with a calendar icon, 'ARRIVE FROM 6.00PM SINGING 6.15-7.15PM' with a clock icon, 'LEEDS IRISH CENTRE YORK ROAD, LEEDS LS9 9NT' with a location pin icon, and 'FIRST SESSION FREE!' in a green circle. A white banner below these boxes contains three green checkmarks and the text 'NO AUDITION | NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED | EVERYONE WELCOME'. At the bottom, it says 'HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!' with yellow arrows, followed by social media links for Facebook, Instagram, and email, and the hashtag #CLANNCHOIR.

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Developing singing and self-expression

FRIENDSHIP
Making friendships that can last a lifetime

COMMUNITY
Connecting with others and building confidence

CONFIDENCE
Growing in confidence on and off the stage

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ONE VOICE. MANY FRIENDS. A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES. **#CLANNCHOIR**

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