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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Our summer fair takes place on Sunday 3rd July. The PTA have asked me to share the following:

Non-uniform day

We are having another voluntary non-uniform day next Friday 1st July and are asking the children to again donate either any bottles (e.g. wine/pop/shampoo etc.) or new items such as gift sets, children's games, children's craft sets, chocolates etc. which can be used as tombola or game prizes. The tombola stall is usually the most popular one and raises a large amount of money so thank you so much for your generosity.

Raffle

The PTA have been donated some fantastic raffle prizes including gift vouchers, beauty treatments, meals and days out. Raffle tickets will be on sale on the day of the summer fair (3rd July) but they are also available now through Parent Pay (between now and Wednesday 29th June). Tickets are £1 per strip.

The raffle will be drawn on the actual day of the summer fair.

Sports day

A reminder that 'Sports Day' is scheduled to take place (weather permitting) this Thursday 30th June from 4.00-6.00pm. We will keep all the children in school until the start of the event so they can get changed here.

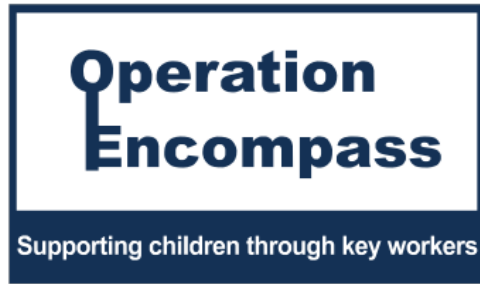
Please ensure your child brings a t-shirt in their 'House' colours (Vincent House – yellow, Kateri House – red, Patrick House – green and Bernadette House – blue). The children also need to wear suitable footwear (trainers), a hat and bring a bottle of water. If you can't remember which House your child is in, your child's teacher will remind you and provide this information!

There will be a PTA refreshment stall, which the children can visit **after** the races are finished. Please also remember to bring your chairs, blankets etc to sit on (if the ground isn't too wet!)

Yours Sincerely

Miss D McNicoll
Headteacher





Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you / remind you that our school/ college is participating in Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school/ college the following day.

Each school/ college is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all domestic abuse, vulnerable child and missing incidents can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, including holidays and weekends. Information will only be shared with the school/ college by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At St Mary's RC Primary our Key Adults are Miss McNicoll and Miss Fearn. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential and will only share it on a need-to-know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

This national initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at www.operationencompass.org.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J McMahon

Chair of Governors

Miss D McNicoll

Head Teacher

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The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in or witness to a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident.

Operation Encompass has been created to address such situations that create a safeguarding risk to young people. It is the implementation of key partnership working between the police and schools/ colleges. The aim of sharing information with local schools/ colleges is to allow 'Key Adults' the opportunity of engaging with the child and to provide access to support that allows them to remain in a safe but secure familiar environment.

Following the report of a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident, by

9.00am on the next school/ college day the school's Key Adult will be informed of the child or young person's involvement. This knowledge, given to educational establishments through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through silent or overt support dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child/ young person.

The purpose and procedures in Operation Encompass have been shared with all parents and governors, is detailed as part of the school's Safeguarding Policy and published on our school website.