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I AM STRONG THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE
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Newsletter 11

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers;

As we approach the end of November the changes to the weather, the first frost and the early preparations for what is to come in December bring a mood of excitement to the school.
Most children are winter-ready now but I noticed this week that some of the children in Early Years did not have gloves and their hands were really cold when they came in to class. Please try to keep a pair of gloves ready for your child – even if it means attaching them to the coat with elastic.

Safeguarding – Roblox
It is important that keeping our children safe remains at the top of the agenda for **everybody**. This week, a reminder about how apparently 'safe' games often have a chat element that children can use to communicate with others. One game used by children a lot is Roblox, and it has caused quite a few issues recently. Please make sure that if your child plays online, he or she is supervised and that the correct age settings are entered by you. ***Whilst your child might feel safe using this, everyone has a responsibility to other children and parents to monitor closely.***
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/

Charity Appeal – Relief for Jamaica
Donations are still possible via our Arbor App. Please remember to keep the people of Jamaica in your prayers as the rebuilding continues.

Class Assembly – Zakynthos Class
It was such a joy to share this class's assembly this morning. Their singing and dancing was well prepared and they had lots to remember. Many thanks to the many parents who attended to support the class and the children.

Class Assemblies – information for parents
The assembly for Zakynthos Class today was the last of the term. In order to give the children time to prepare for Nativity plays, the assemblies for Crete and Santorini classes have been carried over into the new term.

Poem of the Week
Each week, a different poem is shared with the children and displayed in the corridors around the school. We have had four weeks of poems now, and in order to reach a wider audience, we would like to share each one (copyright allowing) with parents. This week the poem is 'Pleasant Sounds' by John Clare. It is suitable for older children in Key Stage 2.
https://www.thereader.org.uk/featured-poem-pleasant-sounds-by-john-clare/

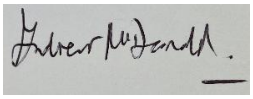
The religious life of the school
In our Monday assembly we discussed the importance of silence. We all live busy lives and it is important to recognise that the lives of our children are among the noisiest, through no fault of their own. We read and reflected on the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She said, "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness."
Please spend time talking to your child about peace and finding a quiet place from time to time.

I had the honour of accompanying Ithaca Class to the church today to share the in the Eucharistic service. Many thanks to Father George and to Dr Andreas for such a warm welcome. The children learn a lot each time that they attend the church and it is a key part of their education.

Next week, the children will be learning about the **Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple**, the feast for which falls today, 21st November. It is also called the *Entrance of the Theotokos* or *The Presentation*. It is important that you can talk to your children about this. The link from the Archdiocese of American site is a useful resource:
https://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints?contentid=267&PCode=9LF&D=F&DT=11/21/2025

Don't forget that our Book of Remembrance will be available for the duration of November. If you would like the name of a loved one entered, please send it either with your child or to the school office.

I wish you a calm and restful weekend.
Yours faithfully,



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