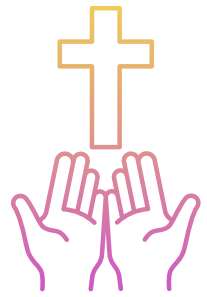




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LET US PRAY

Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove,

With light and comfort from above.

Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,

Stay close by every child's side.

Amen



DIARY DATES

Saturday 17th June - We are holding a community gardening event. If you are able to help, please come along and help us tidy up and develop our forest area and sensory garden! Refreshments will be available and we would be so grateful for any time that you can give us.

Saturday 8th July - Come and join us at our wonderful FOSA Summer Fair and enjoy our stalls, refreshments and activities!

Tuesday 11th July - Your child's school report will come home with them on Tuesday 11th July, ahead of our last day of term, **Friday 21st July**

A MESSAGE FROM MRS COX

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term, which filled you all up with some meaningful times spent together as a family. As I shared on the school Facebook, it's really not about expensive outings and grand gestures; the times we all remember most clearly as children are often those when we've had our parents' undivided attention – watching a film under a blanket, snuggling up with a book or going to paddle in a local stream! All of these things allow us to connect, take notice and give to each other, which are three of the five NHS five ways to wellbeing, and are great ways to protect and improve our mental health – and that of our children. They also fit really nicely with our new school motto, shown at the top of the newsletter!

This week has been a busy one – I've said to people a few times that we really have hit the ground sprinting, and I don't see the pace letting up until the last day in July. Already we've had whole school workshops with Indri from the Hinduism Education Centre as part of our Multi-Faith Week; we've participated in the Stamford Cluster cricket festival in Uffington, placing 3rd; our Y1, 2 and 6 pupils are having extra specialist dance sessions with Inspire+ for the rest of the term and Y6 have also had their first session of this term. We're also gearing up for Y3/4 Mini-Olympics in Grantham next week, Y5 Inspiring Scientists day at Casterton College, Y6 residential to The Briars and St. Augustine's Got Talent, to name but a few of the many amazing things in the calendar.

Please do come along to the Community Gardening Event next Saturday – we would welcome support from our entire community – school, local and parish – as we come together to start work on our forest area and sensory garden. Bring tools if you can, but just coming along to help out is enough. Refreshments and field games for children will be available too!

I need to end on a slightly more serious note. This week, myself and my safeguarding team have been managing a significant safeguarding incident regarding online safety, which has largely occurred on social media platforms and chat apps on phones and devices at home. It's been a worrying time for all of us, the children included and everyone involved is receiving any support and interventions necessary to support them in managing this and preventing any future unsafe choices. Technology is ever-present and ever-changing and our children live in a world of opportunity and choices online; we do everything in our power to educate them to do this in a safe and responsible way, but mistakes happen. As a closing note, please do remain vigilant about your child's online presence, the apps they use (and the age limits) and the people they are speaking with – often our messages around the dangers of 'strangers' become blurred with 'friends of friends' or those other may add into chat groups because they feel 'known' in some capacity. A child once said to me that a famous person isn't a stranger because 'everyone knows them' and that it's OK to share fake information with strangers, just not personal details.

We're really grateful for everyone's support this week and it's been a worrying reminder that our children are just that – children; it's up to all of the adults around them to stay vigilant and continue to support them in staying safe.

Wishing you a very happy weekend,
Mrs Cox



ST. BARNABUS - FEAST DAY, SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

Barnabas was one of the very earliest followers of Jesus and a leader of the early church. His story is told in the Acts of the Apostles and he is also mentioned in some of Paul's letters. Originally called Joseph, he was given his new name of Barnabas by those who knew him well, it means 'son of encouragement'. His new name certainly fits what we know of his character and actions.

We first hear of Barnabas in the New Testament due to his simple act of stewardship and sharing. He sold land he owned and donates the proceeds to the church to be used to support the poor. When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, most of the Christians there wanted nothing to do with him for they had known him as a persecutor of Christians.

But Barnabas, guided by God was willing to take a calculated risk on Paul. He sought Paul out, spoke with him, and having weighed him up, vouched for him.

We owe much of our New Testament to the work of Paul and in his preaching and evangelism he was used by God in the creation of many of the early Christian communities. Imagine if Barnabas had not been willing to obey God's call?

Barnabas, who became one of the leaders of the Church was asked to help in the growth of a new congregation in Antioch. He didn't arrive thinking he'd whip them into shape, instead we read, 'he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion.'

Barnabas called Paul over to help in this work at Antioch and both he and Paul grew in their faith and ministry. And the Church grew too: a great many people became Christians – indeed it was here at Antioch that the followers of Jesus were first called 'Christians'.

Born in Cyprus, Barnabas also died there in AD 61 when he was martyred for his faith. He stayed faithful and willing to give everything right to the end.



ART POP-UP; SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

Sam Roddan is running another brilliant council-funded 'MAKE SPACE' event this Sunday, 11th June!

This event is a paint session where you will be able to paint along with artist Tony Nero, with lots of fun art and craft activities to try after the painting session. Tony originally trained as a graphic designer, and worked in the music industry producing record sleeves, posters and magazines.

Tony's work is very diverse and he works in various different mediums such as pencils, charcoal, pastels, oils, watercolour and stipple-dot drawings.

Suitable for families and adults - most suited to over 3-99+! Free & all materials provided, no need to book.

MAKE SPACE
 Sunday 11th June
 2:30pm-4:30pm
 Stamford URC Hall,
 29 Broad St PE9 1PJ

Paint along with artist Tony Nero

Paint session followed by these fun art & craft activities to try!
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YEAR 3/4 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Yesterday, we attended a Year 3/4 cricket tournament at Uffington cricket club. Everyone involved played so well and really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the parents who came and supported the team!



GREEN TEAM

This week, Mrs T and the Green Team went bug hunting. It was amazing to find so many different types of bugs in our school gardens and forest area- everyone had so much fun!



YEAR 6 JUNIPER CLASS

A reminder that we have a Nutrition Workshop for parents on Wednesday 21st June from 2.40pm to 3.15pm - all welcome to attend.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Do we have any budding singers, actors or dancers amongst our children?! The School Council would love for any interested children to start planning and rehearsing an act for...ST. AUGUSTINE'S GOT TALENT! This promises to be an amazing event...more details to follow soon!



LUNCH MENU AS OF 12TH JUNE

	Monday 12th June	Tuesday 13th June	Wednesday 14th June	Thursday 15th June	Friday 16th June
Lunch Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slices & Ketchup	Mild & Creamy Coconut Chicken Curry & Rice	MSC Fish Fingers	Bolognese Pasta Bake	Father's Day Brunch - Sausages, Hash Brown, Mini Fresh Roll & Grilled Tomato Wedge
Lunch Option 2	Mexican Bean Wrap	Bacon 'Mac Cheese	Ham & Egg Muffins	Chicken Noodles	Pork & Stuffing Roll with Lemon Cakes
Lunch Option 3	Stuffed Pepper	Cheese Filled Potato Shells	Quorn Sausage, Bean & Cheese Puff Pastry Melt	Vegetable Noodles	Father's Day Veggie Brunch - Quorn Sausage
1, 2 & 3 served with	Lettuce, Coleslaw & Croutons	Mixed Vegetables	Diced Herb Roast Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans
Lunch Option 4	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings
Lunch Option 5	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Sliced Ham Baguette	Diced Chicken Mayo Baguette	Sliced Ham Baguette
4 & 5 served with	Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Mixed Salad
Dessert Option 1	Oat Cookie	Peach & Raspberry Sponge & Custard	Orange Jelly with Mandarins	Tutti Frutti Iced Sponge Cake	Chocolate Croissant
Dessert Option 2	Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt	Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt	Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt	Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt	Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt
Dessert Option 3	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.41%. Our attendance by class is as follows:

Cedar - 91.46%

Sycamore - 98.16%

Acacia - 95.5%

Willow - 91.36%

Juniper - 95.32%

81 of our pupils had 100% attendance this week.

HINDUISM ENRICHMENT DAY

On Wednesday, we had the honour of meeting and spending time with Indri from the Hinduism Education centre who came to share his faith and knowledge with the children. They had the opportunity to find out about some of the Hindu gods, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva even dressing up as them and their goddesses! The children also dressed in saris, turbans and shawls to experience Hindu music and dance. Indri shared his experiences of becoming a Hindu and how he had chosen to worship the god Krishna. He explained some of the philosophies of equality and treating others with respect, both central to the Hindu faith. We ended each session with chanting so the children could experience one of the ways the gods can be worshipped. - **Mrs Donington**

