



Dear parents: Where to begin this week.... please support our annual Harvest Appeal for The Catholic Worker. Tins and dried food asap. Liturgy on Tuesday for our Harvest Samba. Lots of new pics and updates on our website this week under Catholic Life and assemblies etc. Always nice to meet ex pupils and last Friday as I was going out the gate two young men came over to say hello. One in his second year at Oxford the other on his way. I was just as proud of them as I was the morning a mid twenties young man came over from the bin lorries and introduced himself. Knew all the family. He apologised for his job I said the exact opposite, told him I was proud of him. He had turned his life around, grafting in an honest job, raising a young family and I encouraged him when he said he was interested in trade union activities. One thing that struck me was just how polite and respectful both were. We must be doing something right. So sad this week with the death of Tom Petty a true legend of rock. Below the moment he became immortal for me. 1985 Live Aid in USA when he sang Refugee. In a week that has seen the worst of America he showed some of the best of it. His last ever song last week at the Hollywood Bowl. was American Girl ..it's on YouTube. Also below my friend sent me this link that she filmed in Hyde Park this year when he sang "Learning to Fly" tears in your eyes time. R.I.P.

School news this week !!!....

Monday Assembly 10.15am Head / Deputy Boys and Girls announced. Well done the Magnificent Seven, tougher than The Apprentice. CATs tests for Y6 lasted 3 days.

Book Fayre collected and raised over £1,026

TuesdayOfsted inspection S Flood.. done.

Wednesday ..Y4 assembly on St Francis. Well done Year 4 and Ms Jade Cahill's class and a beautiful song too. Governors meeting and future govs surgeries being planned.

Thursday ...EYFS Liturgy and KS1 Liturgy. Frs. Derek and Mathew we are blessed. See our website for pictures.

Friday Splats Theatre healthy eating anti-sugar show.



YouTube link below is Tom Petty at Hyde Park in July "Learning to Fly"



Pics of the week .. Tom Petty 1985 Live Aid "Refugee" ...the

Splats healthy eating show getting underway today .. and I ordered some Salvadoran crosses for our Reception garden this week so if poor old Mrs May needs a good sign maker she can email me.

More pics to follow on Monday



<https://youtu.be/G4vtimQjbBI>

School news next week !!!....

MondayOne World Week begins celebrating our diversity.

Tuesday ... Harvest Samba celebrate and liturgy 10.15am

Wednesday .. Y3 assembly all welcome 9.15am

Sunday dish of the week dessert !

To honour our anti-sugar show an amazing tart/pie I made last Sunday lasted 3 days and no sugar. Puff pastry (buy it if you can't make it) , roll in cling film so no mess, line tin. Mix vanilla custard, creme fraiche and ground almonds in to make a paste. Pour in pastry case. Beautifully arrange sliced and peeled autumn pears, sliced figs, few blueberries, toasted almond flakes and 85% dark chocolate (OK tiny bit of sugar). Dust with cinnamon (much nicer than sugar) and bake until pastry crust is golden and firm. Cool makes about 12 large slices for 3 days!!! Heavenly treat.

A Question of

I always think the best way to get the answer to a question is to ask someone. In school there are always people around to ask. These are some of the questions parents recently raised with governors. More Q and As next week.

Q1. Have they stopped having playtime in the Juniors? ... errmm NO NO and NO. hope that answers that one.

Q2. Do teachers only work 4 days a week? ..errm NO.

Unless they are part-time and it is in their contract. 99% of teachers contracts say I can direct them to work 1,265 hours per year for 39 weeks e.g 32.5 hours per week breaks not included. That's a lot of time and most work far longer than that. They also by law get 10% non-contact time for planning, prep etc. Had staff in till 7pm and 9pm this week. Headteachers and deputies are not covered by any maximum hours or EU directives and normally work 6 or 7 day weeks. I usually do!

and finally .. been anti-sugar for years for all sorts of reasons, health, exploitation and taste. The slave trade was founded on the greed and hunger for sugar and its profits over hundreds of years. It rots teeth and is leading to an epidemic of obesity and diabetes, just look around you. Moderate sugar intake and chocolate etc can be great and really has its place but think about what you feed your children I was living in Barcelona in 1975 when Franco died and the scenes on Sunday in Catalonia to me were unreal. People forget Spain was a Fascist dictatorship until 1978 ..beating people for voting awful sights ... England last night I turned off listened to Tom Pettys last concert and the Travelling Wilbury's ...knock on my door ... tea no sugar please !!