

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents,

**May is the month of Our Lady** – We will be holding a Marian procession on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May with Fr Mehall. Unfortunately we cannot invite parents on this day but will take some photo and video footage to share on Tapestry/Google Classroom. If you are able to bring in a bedding plant in honour of Our Lady, that would be much appreciated. These will be blessed by Fr Mehall and then planted at the front of the school.

**Feast of the Ascension** – Yesterday it was the Feast of the Ascension and we were able to live stream Mass from St Monica's in the morning. It was nice to get a wave from Fr Mehall!

**World Day for cultural diversity Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – On this day, children are invited to come to school in national dress/costume or wear flag colours. Please see the separate email that was sent earlier today with all the details.

**Bling your bike/scooter competition** – Mrs Weston received some great entries of decorated bikes and scooters. Sofia from Year 1 won in the infants and Remi in Year 5 won from the juniors. See the attached PDF to see all the entries.

**Walk to school week** – this takes place from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May and was introduced nationally to encourage people to stop using their cars for short journeys. So whether you walk, cycle or scoot, you're doing your bit for the environment. If you can only walk or cycle once next week, try and make it on Wednesday as it's "Walking Wednesday" and Mrs Weston will be taking a survey to see how many children were able to travel in that day without their car!

Watch this clip to see one of our dads, Mr Dick and his son Wilf talking about the benefits of cycling in the local area [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v\\_vSWIxQhGM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_vSWIxQhGM)

People who are anti-LTN are very concerned about pollution and congestion in the local main roads, but perhaps some of those car users can think about car share, cycling or walking to their destination. It isn't possible for many people but some might consider a change to help our environment, especially if you're travelling a short journey.

**Poppits and Fidget toys** – A large number of these toys are being brought into school and then getting lost or causing arguments over ownership. Please leave them at home. Thank you.

**Summer Disco** – A huge thanks to all of the staff who hosted the disco this afternoon for the children. A massive thank you to all the parents for their generous contributions to The Friends. This event has raised an incredible £1,900 for the school!! Wow! The Friends provided each child with a drink, crisps and sweets so thank you to them for doing that and a special thank you to one of our dads Ray Patterson, who has continually provided the fruit shoot drinks for the children. A special thank you for driving all the way to Hemel so the children had them on time!!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher