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NEWSLETTER: Monday 25 September 2023

Dear parents,
We are nearly at the end of September. The children are enjoying their learning and making good progress. As we look towards October, we can look forward to the St Francis Feast Day as well as praying The Rosary.

SYNOD of BISHOPS

Last week, we received a pastoral letter from Bishop Marcus (Bishop of Leeds) and a related prayer for the upcoming Synod of Bishops 2023.

You can read the full letter here: <https://bsf-leeds.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Pastoral-Letter-on-the-Synod-of-Bishops-Rome-2023.pdf>

The word "synod" comes from Greek σύνοδος [sinoðos], meaning "assembly" or "meeting". In this case it is a gathering of Bishops, which will take place in Rome, next Wed 4 Oct (on St Francis' Feast Day). Bishop Marcus will be attending and representing Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

The Synod is an important moment in the life of the Universal Church, a journey in accordance with the Spirit, not a parliament for demanding rights and claiming needs. It is an event of prayer and listening that involves not only the members of the Synodal Assembly but every baptized person... We are invited, therefore, in our parishes, communities and schools, to pray - privately and in common- for the Synod members over the course of the next month.

FLU VACCINATION

Flu can be a nasty illness and sometimes causes serious problems such as a chest infection which can develop into pneumonia. The flu vaccine is a quick and simple nose spray.

Giving your child the flu spray will stop the spread. This will help keep friends and family safe. Older people and those with illnesses are most at risk if they catch flu from children.

The flu vaccination is FREE for your child. Flu viruses change, so even if they had it last year, they need it again this year. Here www.nhs.uk/child-flu you can find more information and guidance regarding which children need the flu injection instead of the nose spray.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Our gardening club children are continuing to make our grounds greener and healthier. At this time of year, they are doing some more planting.

We ask for donations of any saplings, potted outdoor plants, bulbs and seeds. We would appreciate anything you are able to spare. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Tue 26 – School Council Elections
Tue 26 – Y5/Y6 Mt St Mary's Taster Day
Wed 27 – Y6 BMX Biking Experience
Fri 29 – Y1/Y5 Class Mass (11am) – please join us!
Fri 29 – Y6 Collective Worship (2.30pm)

OCTOBER

Tue 3 – St Francis of Assisi Vigil Mass (7pm)
Wed 4 – St Francis of Assisi Feast Day
Thu 5 – St Francis of Assisi Mass (1.30pm) – join us!
Thu 5 – EYFS Leeds Story Bus
Fri 6 – Y3 Collective Worship (2.30pm)

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen

God Bless!

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