



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, carers and friends,

Friday the 13th of October saw the official opening of our new Pope Francis Wing! After speeches and a blessing from Father Mark we welcomed guests for a guided tour and bubbles in the Library.

Our thanks to:

- Hilary Foley from the Diocese of Portsmouth with her encyclopaedic knowledge of building regulations for schools.
- Leila Meraghni from Morse-Web Architects for her ability to translate our vision into a practical plan!
- Simon Pervin and David Williams from Bentley Projects for managing the construction efficiently and professionally.
- Ray Jones, our Chartered Surveyor and Consultant for his wisdom and guidance on the project.

From our own community...

- Parents, families, parishioners and friends who have contributed so generously to our 'buy a brick' scheme.
- Fr. Mark for his ministry to us over these past ten years and for blessing the Pope Francis Wing. (He also displayed some deft ribbon cutting skill!)
- Fr. Chris for his support, good humour and presence with us.
- Our Governors for their wisdom and support during the various stages and negotiations in the process.
- Mr Ferris and Mr Abley, our Site Team, who not only helped out on the build, but completely transformed the classrooms in the main block and the Worlock Suite over the summer holidays.
- The PTA for donating the stunning San Damiano Crucifix (Cross of St. Francis) in the lobby.
- All the staff who had to box up their rooms and then re-assemble them in time for the 4th of September!



Special thanks to our fantastic School Business Manager, Mrs O'Shea, who led the project and brought it in on time and on budget!

I hope the message of Pope Francis to the young people of today will resonate each time they enter this place of learning. He says, *'My dear Young people, Do not bury your talents that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!*

Please continue to pray for the continuing success of our school.

My best wishes for a peaceful and happy half term.

God bless.

J P Wright
Headteacher