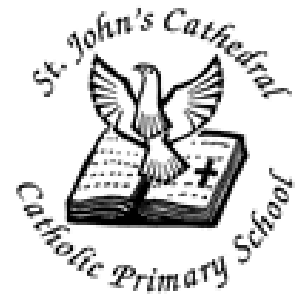


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Dear Parents,

I can't believe how the term is racing on. It is hard to imagine that the end of the school year is almost here.

Congratulations

To all our children who have recently made their First Holy Communion. I hope that you will still carry on bringing your children to Mass on a regular basis now the programme has ended. I have the First Holy Communion Certificates for those children who didn't attend, or send apologies for not attending the final session, if parents would like to see me to collect them.

To the pupils in Years 2, 4 and 6 who took part in the Portsmouths Competition.

To the Year 2 gymnasts who won the City Festival.

To the Junior and Year 2 pupils who performed at the Guildhall in the Music Festival.

To the Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in last week's South East Hampshire Athletics Competition. Particular congratulations to medal winners Lennox and Andile.

Thank you

To all the children who have been so supportive of the Children's Masses at the Cathedral on a Sunday throughout the year.

To all the staff who have run clubs, or supported pupils at the various activities offered to your children throughout the year. We are very lucky to have such dedicated and supportive staff.

To the parents who have helped out throughout the year in School and on School trips. We couldn't manage without you.



Staffing Changes

Welcome to Mr. Andrews who started last week as our new caretaker. I am very grateful to Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Chung and Mr. Hellyer for the additional time they worked while we were without a caretaker.

A temporary goodbye and good luck to Mrs. Titchener who leaves us at the end of term to prepare for the birth of her second child in September. Mrs. Titchener is hoping to be back with us in January.

Fun Afternoon

The parents/governors publicity and communication group are holding a fun afternoon next Monday 13th July from 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, cake stall, tombola, refreshments, etc. Everyone from school is welcome at this end of year celebration. I am grateful to the parents who have organised the event. Donations of cakes and bottles would be appreciated.

New Reception Children's Visit

Please accept my apologies for the confusion over today's visit by the New Reception children. Unfortunately Mrs. Beaton was working from a different list of children. I am sorry for any inconvenience this mix up caused.

School Meals

Don't forget if you think you are entitled to free school meals your completed form must be returned to the Local Authority at the Civic Offices before the end of term. (The deadline was 30th June!)

School meals will be increasing to £1.80 in September.

Nursery

We will be offering extended provision for all Nursery children as part of a pilot project from September.

The sessions will run from 8.50 – 11.50 a.m. and 12.40 – 3.40 p.m.

Late Children

If your child is late for school you need to bring them in and book them in please. Children should not be sent in by themselves.

Dinner Money

This should be paid **before** children have their dinner, not afterwards. If you have any money outstanding please pay it by the end of the week. Thank you.

Building Fund

If you haven't already paid please can you pay your £5 per term Building Fund before the end of term.

We have some exciting plans for the development of the school which I will hopefully be able to announce next term. We will only be able to further improve the school site with your commitment to paying the Building Fund. Thank you so much to those who have already done so.

I hope the following will help you with your planning for the last couple of weeks of term:

Tuesday 7th July

Year 2 Trip to Sparsholt

1-3 p.m. Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament at Furze Lane

Wednesday 8th July

1.30 p.m. Year 6 to Theatre Royal

2.45 p.m. Year 5 Concert for parents

Thursday 9th July

9.30 – 11.30 a.m. Year 4 Flute Festival

Friday 10th July

Year 6 Celebration Cluster Day at St. Edmund's

Year R Trip to Manor Farm

Monday 13th July

3.30 p.m. Fun Afternoon

Tuesday 14th July

9.00 a.m. Year 6 Leavers Assembly

1.45 – 3.15 p.m. Year 3 and 4 Sports

Wednesday 15th July

9.30 – 10.45 a.m. Nursery and Year R Sports

1.45 – 3.15 p.m. Year 1 and Year 2 Sports

Thursday 16th July

9.30 a.m. Leavers Mass in the Cathedral

1.45 – 3.15 p.m. Year 5 and Year 6 Sports

Friday 17th July

9.00 a.m. End of Term Assembly

3.30 p.m. Term Ends

Saturday 18th July

Cathedral Summer Fayre 11.00 – 2.00 p.m.

Please try and support this event to raise money for the Rowans Hospice and sending a young person as a helper to Lourdes.

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd July

Staff Inset Days

School Uniform

The school will be open to buy uniform on 20th and 21st July and 2nd September. No uniform will be for sale on 4th September.

The new school year starts at 8.45 a.m. on Thursday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher