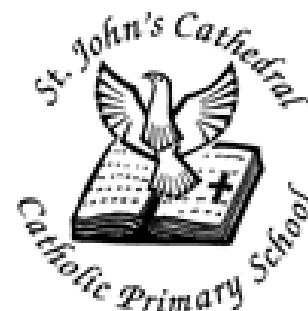


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year to you all. On behalf of all the staff can I thank you for all the cards and presents we received at Christmas. Your kindness was much appreciated.

Snow Arrangements

Can I apologise for any inconvenience caused to you and your family by the decision to shut the school during the recent 'cold spell'. I am very grateful to the staff and members of their family who turned out on Saturday morning to clear the car park to enable vehicles to get into the school today. Without this support we would have been unable to have opened today.

Apart from Hockey matches, which may or may not happen this Thursday, there will be no after school clubs this week. This will enable staff to journey home before the roads freeze.

School will open at the normal time of 8.45 a.m. I would ask you to please avoid driving in to Cottage View until the ice has melted.

Arrangements for coming into school will remain in place for the next few days. The gates will be unlocked at 8.30 a.m. and children will go straight in to school.

The end of the day arrangements will also remain in place until the snow in the playground has cleared.

I am grateful to Mrs. Dobeson for keeping the website up to date with information and pictures!

Wellies

Children do need to wear wellies to school in this weather. It is the safest footwear and we will only be allowing them out to play (providing it is safe) if they are wearing them. (Don't forget to send their shoes to change in to).



Thank you

To all who supported the children's Mass on Christmas Eve and on the Epiphany. It was great to see you there.

Book Club

Leaflets for the Scholastic Book Club have been circulated. Please return any orders to Mrs. Wilson in the office by Monday 18th January. Cheques to be made payable to Scholastic.

DVD

If anyone would like a DVD of our Christmas production (£3 per copy) please order them from the school office. I am very grateful to Mr. Hallam and Mrs. Dobeson for recording and producing the copies.

Late Arrival / Collection School

Whatever the weather or traffic conditions, the staff make every effort to arrive on time for school. Please ensure you do the same too, by allowing plenty of time for your journey to school at the beginning and end of the school day.

Children's Masses

This term these will be on:

7th February

7th March

4th April (Easter Sunday)

at the 12 o'clock Mass. I do hope you will make a real effort to attend.

School Building Fund

Don't forget that this term's £5 per child payment is due by half-term. Thank you to those who have already paid. If you pay income tax please collect a Gift Aid Form from the office. This allows the school to claim back the tax you have already paid on the Building Fund.

Diary Dates

I hope the attached list of diary dates will enable you to keep track of events that are already in the school diary.

Yours sincerely

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Thursday 14 th January	9.30 a.m. Year 6 Liturgy 4.00 p.m. Hockey - Mountbatten
Tuesday 19 th January	4.00 p.m. Girls Football - Charter
Thursday 21 st January	9.30 a.m. Year 5 Liturgy
Friday 22 nd January	9.00 a.m. Year 1 Family Learning
Tuesday 26 th January	Year 4 Outdoor Centre 4.00 p.m. Football - Roko
Wednesday 27 th January	Year 5 Outdoor Centre
Thursday 28 th January	9.30 a.m. Year 3 Liturgy Year 6 Outdoor Centre
Friday 29 th January	9.00 a.m. Year 2 Family Learning
Tuesday 2 nd February	4.00 p.m. Girls Football – Charter
Thursday 4 th February	9.30 a.m. Year 4 Liturgy
Friday 5 th February	9.00 a.m. Year R Family Learning
Sunday 7 th February	12 o'clock Children's Mass
Tuesday 9 th February	4.00 p.m. Football – Roko
Friday 12 th February	9.00 a.m. Year 3 Family Learning
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 23 rd February	4.00 p.m. Girls Football - Charter
Friday 26 th February	9.00 a.m. Year 4 Family Learning 12.15 p.m. CAFOD Mass at the Cathedral.
Tuesday 2 nd March	4.00 p.m. Boys Football – Roko
Thursday 4 th March	9.30 a.m. Year 2 Liturgy
Friday 5 th March	9.00 a.m. Year 5 Family Learning
Sunday 7 th March	12 o'clock Children's Mass
Tuesday 9 th March	4.00 p.m. Girls Football - Charter

Thursday 11 th March	9.30 a.m. Year 1 Liturgy 1.00– 3.00 p.m. Year 4/5 mini hockey
Friday 12 th March	9.00 a.m. Year 6 Family Learning
Thursday 18 th March	9.30 a.m. Year R Liturgy
Friday 19 th March	Sports Relief
Friday 26 th March	12.15 – 5.00 p.m. Athletics - Mountbatten
Thursday 1st April	9.00 a.m. End of Term Assembly 1.30 p.m. Term Ends 7.30 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper
Friday 2 nd April	12 o'clock Children's Stations of the Cross
Sunday 4 th April	12 o'clock Children's Mass (Easter Sunday)
Monday 19 th April	Term begins at 8.45 a.m.