

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

10th October 2007

Thank you so much for your support of Education Sunday. It was so good to see so many staff, parents and children there, and to see the children so involved in the Mass. The next children's Mass will be on Sunday 4th November at 12 o'clock. On this occasion the children **won't** need to wear their school uniform. Children and families from Year 4 will particularly be involved along with those in the choir, although I hope that you will all want to support this Mass.

School Feast Day

On Thursday 18th October we will be celebrating our school Feast Day. The occasion marks the anniversary of the very first school Mass held when the school moved from the Cathedral to Cottage View. Mass will be at 9.15 a.m.; please try and join us for this occasion. On this day we will be making a collection of tins and packets of food to go to the Food Delivery Service in Portsmouth. They provide emergency supplies for the homeless and those in need. They are always very grateful for our donations.

Staff Training Day

Don't forget that the school is closed this Friday **12th October**. We are joining the other Catholic Schools in the City for an INSET day

Milk

The price of daily milk is rising after half term. The cost will now be 13p a day, 65p a week. If you would like your child to have milk at playtime each day please complete the attached slip and return it to the school office by Friday 19th October along with payment of £5.20 for the rest of term.

Fairtrade

St. Edmund's are holding a fair-trade evening at their school. There will be food and wine tasting as well as music and dance. The evening from 6-8 p.m. on 17th October is open to parents and pupils. Contact the school. on 92823766 for further information.

Application Forms

If you are the parent of a child hoping to start in Reception class next September, or a Year 6 parent, application forms must be handed in to the school office or Civic Offices by Friday 19th October at the latest. If forms are late you will not get a place at our school.

The Start of the Day

A reminder for all parents. Our school day begins at 8.45 a.m. This means children should be in the playground by 8.40 a.m. ready to line up. It is a small number of children who are regularly late. We all know the traffic in Portsmouth is heavy so please make sure you allow extra time each day for your journey.

I have recently noticed a number of children being dropped off very early in the morning. Children should not be dropped off before 8.25 a.m. Some children are being dropped before 8 a.m. There is no-one then responsible until a teacher goes on duty at 8.35 a.m. and they are going to get very cold and wet as the winter draws in. If you need an early morning childcare facility this is offered by The Portacabin across the road at Arundel Court tel: 92296733 for details.

Coats

Please make sure that your child's coat has a hood to keep them dry. The children often still go out to play, go swimming, walk to the Cathedral, etc. even if it is drizzling or raining. Umbrellas are not practical for children in the playground or on school trips.

Change of Date

I am really sorry but we are going to have to change the time of the Reception liturgy from Thursday 6th December to Wednesday 5th December at 2.30 p.m. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Half Term is Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October. I hope you all manage a good rest and enjoy the change to routine that week.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher

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MILK

Name of child/ren

I enclose £5.20 per child for milk next term. Amount enclosed £.....