

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

I hope you all enjoyed the recent half term break. It's always good to have a rest from the usual routines.

Thank you

For your support of our School Feast Day collection of packets and tins. Portsmouth Food Bank were very grateful for the 13 boxes sent to them for distribution to those in need.

To all who came along to the first of the Cathedral's children's Masses. It was good to see so many of you there and I hope you and the children enjoyed it.

To Mr. Flanagan, Mrs. Kern and Mrs. Vaughan for giving so freely of their time to accompany Year 6 on their residential to the Isle of Wight. As I write this I've not doubt they and Year 6 are busy packing ready to go.

A few reminders of things occurring in the next couple of weeks

Monday 12th November

You may have heard mention in the press of 'Scary Guy'. He has been brought in by the local community to work in schools to develop respect amongst all people. He has already visited our school to talk to the children and on this date pupils from St. Edmund's will be working with our pupils to reinforce the messages they have received from Scary Guy.

Please return all Scholastic book orders by this date – cheques to be made payable to Scholastic Book Club.

Tuesday 13th November

School Photographs – If you would like your pre school children to be photographed with their older siblings please come to the office at 8.45 a.m. Any afternoon Nursery children wishing to have their photograph taken need to come to the office at 9.00 a.m.

All children with brothers and sisters in school are automatically photographed together. If you wish your children to be photographed separately instead of / or as well as you need to let the office know **in writing** by Monday.

Thursday 15th November

The Year 2 liturgy will now be on this date at 9.30 a.m. in the Cathedral. I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the change.

Friday 16th November

To support Children in Need we will be holding a non-uniform day. Children are able to wear their own clothes (sensible for a day at school). We ask children to bring 50p and some chocolate. The boxes/bars of chocolate will be used later on in the month for a chocolate tombola to support our Advent charity.

Year 1 will also be visiting the City Museum on this day.

Year R parents don't forget it's your family learning workshop at 9 a.m.

Thursday 22nd November

Year 3 will have their liturgy at 9.30 a.m. in the Cathedral today. I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the change of date.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be attending the Snow Queen performance at the Kings Theatre. Don't forget to pay your £5 for your child's ticket. Children will need to be collected at 4.00 p.m.

Friday 23rd November

Year 4 parents' family learning workshop will be this morning at 9.00 a.m.

Sunday 25th November

This is the Feast of Christ the King, traditionally celebrated as Youth Sunday. The 12 o'clock Mass will be a youth Mass, instead of a children's Mass the following Sunday. If you would like your child to be involved please let the office know. I will then pass their name on to Mrs. Devine from the Cathedral who will be organising the Mass.

On this day there will also be an afternoon of activities for Year 6 pupils at St. Colman's Church Hall. I will send out more details of this shortly.

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th November

Parents Evening will be held for all classes including Nursery from 3.45 – 5.30 p.m. on each of these days. We do expect all parents to attend. Lists will be put up on classroom doors at the end of the day on the 19th November. I'm afraid the office are unable to book appointments for you.

I will send out a letter at the end of the month with all the details of Christmas events.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher