

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

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year. On behalf of all the staff, can I thank you for all the cards, presents and good wishes we received from you this Christmas. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Thank You

To everyone who turned up for the Christmas Eve Mass at the Cathedral. It was a great celebration and wonderful to see so many of you there. You really helped your children to experience and understand the real reason for celebrating at Christmas.

To everyone who attended the children's Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany the day before we came back to school. I am grateful to Year 2 and the choir and readers who remembered to come and took a leading role.

Liturgies

The class liturgies at the Cathedral will be on a **Wednesday** this term as Fr. David and Fr. Steven are unavailable to lead them on a Thursday. Liturgies are at 9.30 a.m. On occasions they may start earlier if the class are ready, so don't be late. Whilst younger siblings are very welcome, it would be appreciated that if they are noisy or causing a distraction you take them out.

Appearance

I am always very proud of how smart St. John's children look. Visitors to the school often comment on it. Thank you for all you do to support our uniform policy. Just a few reminders. Boots are not part of the school uniform, although naturally they can wear them to and from school as well as in the playground. We have also had a few children experimenting with their hair. Shaving, dyeing and gelling are not part of the school policy. I am however very grateful to those parents who remedy the situation as soon as requested.

Welcome

To the family of Bailey Whitwick who have joined our school. I hope they will soon feel part of our school community.

Absence Notes

If your child has been absent from school please remember to send in an absence note on their return even if you have telephoned the school.

Scholastic Book Club

Leaflets have recently gone out to your children. If anyone is interested in ordering any books, the last date for order forms being handed in is Monday 21st January. Please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic'.

Goodbye

At February half-term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Beaton. She will be leaving after 10 years at St. John's. I am very grateful to Mrs. Beaton for the contribution she has made to the development of St. John's. We wish Mrs. Beaton well as she takes a break from full time teaching to plan for the next stage of her career. We will still hopefully be seeing Mrs. Beaton as a supply teacher over the next couple of terms. Mrs. Harding will be returning from maternity leave after the February half-term and will teach 3 days a week in Reception. She will job share with Mrs. Wilding who will cover the remaining 2 days.

Dates

I hope you find the attached calendar of dates useful in planning the term.

Can I remind you that the Easter holiday is **not** at the Easter weekend this year.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher

DATES – SPRING 2008

Wednesday 16 th January	9.30 – Year 5 Mass at the Cathedral
Thursday 17 th January	4.00 – 5.30 Hockey
Wednesday 23 rd January	9.30 – Year 4 Mass at the Cathedral
Friday 25 th January	9.30 – Year 6 Family Learning
Monday 28 th January	Year 5 Outdoor Centre
Tuesday 29 th January	Year 5 Outdoor Centre 4.00 – 5.00 – Boys Football 4.00 – 5.00 – Girls Football
Wednesday 30 th January	9.30 – Year 1 Liturgy Year 4 Outdoor Centre
Thursday 31 st January	Year 4 Outdoor Centre 4.00 – 5.30 Hockey
Friday 1 st February	9.00 – Year 2 Family Learning Year 6 Outdoor Centre
Sunday 3 rd February	12 o'clock Children's Mass
Monday 4 th February	Reception Parents Evening
Tuesday 5 th February	Reception Parents Evening
Wednesday 6 th February	9.15 Ash Wednesday Liturgy Reception Parents Evening
Friday 8 th February	9.00 Year 3 Family Learning
Tuesday 12 th February	4.00 – 5.00 – Girls Football 4.30 – 5.00 Boys Football
Wednesday 13 th February	9.30 – Year R Liturgy
Thursday 14 th February	4.00 – 5.30 - Hockey
Friday 15 th February	9.00 Year 4 Family Learning
Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February	HALF TERM
Friday 29 th February	9.00 Year 5 Family Learning

Sunday 2 nd March	12 o'clock Children's Mass
Tuesday 4 th March	Book Fair arrives 4.00 – 5.00 Girls Football
Wednesday 5 th March	9.30 – Year 2 Liturgy at the Cathedral
Thursday 6 th March	4.00 – 5.30 – Hockey
Friday 7 th March	9.00 – Year 1 Family Learning
Saturday 8 th March	Kit Car Race
Monday 10 th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 11 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 th March	9.30 - Year 3 Liturgy at the Cathedral Parents Evening
Thursday 13 th March	Parents Evening 4.00 – 5.30 - Hockey
Friday 14 th March	9.00 Reception Family Learning
Monday 17 th March	9.00 – Liturgy for children and parents
Tuesday 18 th March	9.00 – Liturgy for children and parents 4.00 – 5.00 Girls Football
Wednesday 19 th March	9.00 – Liturgy for children and parents
Thursday 20 th March	9.00 – Liturgy for children and parents
Friday 21 st March	12 o'clock Children's Stations of the Cross
Sunday 23 rd March	12 o'clock Easter Sunday Mass
Wednesday 2 nd April	9.30 Year 6 Mass 7.00 Cluster Music Celebration
Friday 4 th April	9.00 – End of Term Assembly 1.30 Term Ends
Sunday 6 th April	12 o'clock Children's Mass