

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

I can't believe the end of term has finally arrived. Not having the usual holiday at Easter, I think we are all ready for a break. For those of you who have found the holiday strange this year, you'll be pleased to know that this arrangement is unlikely to occur again for quite a while.

### **OFSTED**

I make no apology for having this as the first item on my newsletter. As you are aware we were inspected on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March as part of the Government's regular cycle of inspecting schools. The report has been published this week (a copy has gone out with this newsletter). I am delighted and am sure you will be too, to know that our school has been graded as '**outstanding**'. This is the highest grade that a school can achieve, and we are the only primary school in Portsmouth to receive this judgement. I am incredibly proud of the school and very grateful to all the staff, governors, children, the parish community and you yourselves for the hard work and support over the years that has enabled our school to become outstanding.

### **Thank you**

To all the parents and children who supported the Easter services at the Cathedral. It was great to see so many of you there at the Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross.

To all of you who supported our Lenten 5p appeal. We filled the container which Connor Turnbull presented on behalf of the school at the Mass at the Cathedral on Holy Thursday.

### **School Building Fund**

Don't forget if you haven't paid this term's Building Fund, the office are looking forward to receiving your £5 contribution for this term. The contribution is less than 50p a week and enables our school building to be developed into the school your child and children of the future deserve. You have chosen to send your child to a Catholic school, so please show your commitment by paying the School Building Fund.

### **Milk Money**

If you would like your child to have school milk next half term please can you send in £2.70 tomorrow. (Milk is free for children until they are 5).



## **Reception Fundraising**

As part of Receptions awareness of money and the need to help others, after the End of Term Assembly tomorrow, Year R would like to invite parents to their sale of nearly new toys, bits and pieces and refreshments. Any money they raise they have decided they would like to give to the National Children's Homes.

## **Water bottles**

The School Council have asked me to remind you to make sure, particularly now the weather is getting warmer, that your children remember to bring their bottles to school each day. It is very important that children keep their bodies healthy by drinking enough water during the day. They would also like to remind you that bottles and tops do need to be cleaned. New tops are available from the office for 20p.

## **Holiday Request Forms**

Just a reminder that all request for holiday forms should be made **before** a holiday is booked. Parents need to meet with me to discuss the necessity of disrupting their child's education by taking holiday during term time, before a holiday form will be issued.

## **May 1<sup>st</sup> Polling Day/Parents Evening**

In order to ensure the safety of your children, the school will be closed on 1<sup>st</sup> May while the school is used as a Polling Station. We will also be using this time to hold the postponed parents evening from our OFSTED week. The appointments with parents will run from 1.30 – 5.30p.m. A crèche will be available for your children while you are seeing your child's teacher.

## **Free School Meal Forms**

I have a plea from Mrs Philip. Would parents who have not yet returned their free school meal forms please return them tomorrow. Mrs Philip shouldn't need to keep chasing you, so please make sure you return your form if you wish your child to continue having free school meals next term.

## **End of Term**

Term finishes tomorrow. Our usual celebratory assembly will be held at 9.00a.m. All are welcome to attend.

## **Don't forget as previously informed the school day ends at 1.30p.m. tomorrow.**

The new term begins on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8.45a.m. Don't be late!

Wishing you all a relaxing holiday and a good break from the usual routines.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs  
Headteacher

P.S. don't forget the Children's Mass this Sunday at 12 o'clock.