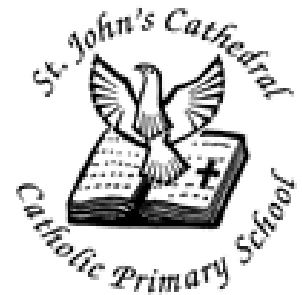


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Dear Parents,

9th June 2008

A belated welcome back after half-term. It's a shame it was so wet, but at least it's nice to have the sun shining now.

This will be a very busy half-term and will, I'm afraid, include a few change of dates.

Well Done and Thank you

- To all our children who have made their First Holy Communion this term. I am sure that you will continue to attend Sunday Mass regularly. If you would like to become an altar server please let me know and I will arrange it at the Cathedral.
- To all who performed in Rock Challenge. It was a great evening and I am very grateful to Mrs. Park for her commitment to this activity. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Stokes for producing the wonderful costumes and to Mrs. Kern, Mrs. Gardner and Miss Leach for their help with make up and supervision of children on the night.
- To the children who represented us at the City Swimming Gala.
- To Year 6 for the mature way they approached their SATS preparation and tests. Thank you to Mr. Flanagan, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Vaughan for all their hard work in preparing the children. Mrs. Bailey has now left us to prepare for the arrival of her fourth child. Mr. Flanagan will also be away shortly as his second child was due last Saturday.
- To the children who served and represented us at the Good Shepherd Mass; they were a credit to the school. Our cheque from the 'little houses' appeal for the 'Catholic Children's Society' was presented. The school raised £244 for this good cause.
- To all the staff and children who have had a hand in the recent playground development. I hope you all agree it is a great improvement. **The Early Years area is not, I'm afraid, for the use of pupils, their younger brothers and sisters, before or after school. Sorry.**

Warmer Weather

We are all aware of the importance of drinking enough water. Please ensure your child brings their **school** water bottle to school every day. If they have lost theirs replacements are available from the office for £1.00. New tops are 20p. (Don't forget bottles do need cleaning).



Author Visit

We are hosting the Library Services author visit on Tuesday 10th June. Ian Whybrow will be in school to read his books and talk to children. Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils will have the chance to meet him. If any parents would like to come along you are very welcome to join us at 3.00 p.m. When the session ends his books will be available to buy and he is happy to sign them.

Bikes

Just a reminder that children must only cycle to school if they have passed their cycling proficiency test. I will try and find out details of courses that operate during the summer.

R.E.

As you are aware we were inspected by OFSTED and received an 'outstanding' report. At the end of June the religious respect of the school will be reviewed. I have attached a questionnaire that I would ask you to complete as part of the review progress. Please keep the staff in your prayers at this time.

Year 2 Liturgy

I am really sorry for any inconvenience caused but as a result of our R.E. review the liturgy for Year 2 will now take place on Friday the 27th June at 9.30 a.m.

Foundation Stage Manager

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed a Foundation Stage Manager to manage the Nursery and Reception Class. Following her time away gaining experience of other schools Mrs. Beaton has been reappointed! Mrs. Beaton is grateful for the opportunity she has had over the past few months, but is really pleased to be returning to us and is looking forward to developing the Foundation Stage further.

Year 5 Parents

The Senior Management Team from St. Edmund's Catholic Secondary School will be hosting a meeting for Year 5 parents on Tuesday 17th June at 2.45 p.m. in our school. It is a chance to find out a little more about the school before the application process begins in the autumn.

Scholastic Book Club

If you would like to order from the current brochure please send in all orders with payment by Friday 13th June. Please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic' and write your cheque guarantee number on the back.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher