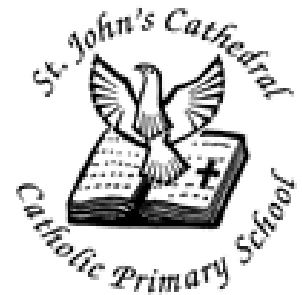


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13<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Dear Parent,

I hope you have been making the most of the lovely weather we have been enjoying lately.

### **Welcome**

To Mr. Hagstrom. He started this morning as our new Caretaker.

To David Ostrowski and his family who have joined the school since our last newsletter.

### **Thank you**

To all those who turned up at Mass in their school uniform on Education Sunday. It was great to see you all there and to have so many children involved in the Mass in so many ways.

To Miss Leach for running the recent book fair, and to all of you for supporting it.

### **Dental Checks**

Letters will be going out shortly regarding a dental check for your child. I am aware that some of you have been unable to access an NHS dentist for your child so this may be the only check that they have. The checks can only be carried out if the forms are returned, so please bring them back.

### **Rumours**

I am aware over the past few days that some parents have been told that an 'undesirable man' has been seen hanging around outside the school. I would like to reassure parents that thorough checks have been carried out by the police on the name given to me. The gentleman concerned is not known to the police in any capacity that should cause concern to you as parents. It is in fact likely that this is also a case of mistaken identity. I hope this reassures you as parents that the school does take such matters seriously and also shows that it does not always pay to listen to rumours.

### **School Feast Day**

To celebrate the anniversary of the opening of our school we will be holding a school Mass on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 a.m. Do come and join us. We will be collecting tins and



packets for the Mass. These will then be passed on to Portsmouth Food Delivery Service to provide emergency supplies for those in need.

**Maths Day**

As part of our Feast Day celebrations we will be holding a Maths Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. On this day we would like the children to come wearing 'mathematical' clothes/costumes. A 'Mathemagician', Andrew Jeffrey will be visiting the school that day and all the children will be taking part in workshops. I have seen Andrew perform; he is very clever and hugely entertaining. He has also produced a book of his tricks which he will sign. The books cost £6 and must be ordered using the slip at the bottom of this letter by Friday. They could make a great Christmas present.

**Family Photos**

Thank you to all those who have responded asking for slots for their family photo. I will be sending you out your appointment slots shortly. We have had a great response this year and as a result it may not be possible to give you your preferred time. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

**Nethercott Farm**

I will be holding a meeting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 p.m. to discuss the Nethercott Farm trip being held in May 2009. The meeting is open to all interested Year 5 and Year 4 parents.

Year 5 parents will have until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November to reserve their child's place, if they haven't already done so.

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November I will be accepting bookings from Year 4 parents.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs  
Headteacher

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**Maths for Kids Order by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Child's Name .....

I would like to order a copy of 'Maths for Kids'. I enclose a cheque (NO CASH PLEASE) for £6 made payable to 'Andrew Jeffrey Magic'.

Please write here in **capital letters** the EXACT name to be written in the book

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