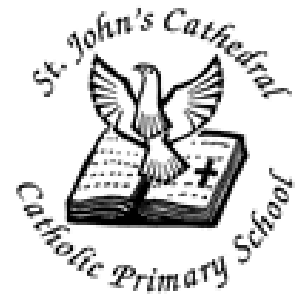


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13<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year to you all. On behalf of all the staff can I thank you for all the cards and presents we received at Christmas. Your kindness was much appreciated.

### **Thank you**

For your understanding and co-operation last week when we had to shut unexpectedly owing to lack of heating.

To all who supported the children's Mass on Christmas Eve and on the Epiphany. It was great to see you there.

### **Dinner Lady**

If anyone is interested in working the odd lunchtime to cover if dinner ladies are away please can you let the office know.

Welcome to Mrs. Churcher who has joined our team of dinner ladies. She replaces Mrs. Cummings who has decided not to carry on as a dinner lady following her husband's recent death. We are grateful for all she has given to the school during her years with us and wish her well for the future.

### **Parent Governor**

I am grateful to Mr. Becker, Mr. Bray and Mr. Klemenz for standing in the recent Parent Governor Elections. Fr. Steven counted the votes yesterday afternoon and Mr. Becker has been elected.

### **Book Club**

Leaflets for the Scholastic Book Club have been circulated. Please return any orders to Mrs. Wilson in the office by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Cheques to be made payable to Scholastic.



## **DVD**

If anyone would like a DVD of our Christmas production (£3 per copy) please order them from the school office. I am very grateful to Mr. Hallam and Mrs. Dobeson for recording and producing the copies.

## **Late Arrival at School**

This is a plea from the teachers who are becoming tired of their mornings being disturbed by children arriving late for school. Whatever the weather or traffic conditions, the staff make every effort to arrive on time for school. Please ensure you do the same too.

## **The world around us**

We are focusing this year on developing the children's awareness of the world around them. As a result you will notice on this term's diary dates some new events to attend. These include a Unicef cake sale, Fairtrade presentation and tea and an International Celebration at the end of term.

## **Children's Masses**

This term these will be on:

1<sup>st</sup> February  
1<sup>st</sup> March  
5<sup>th</sup> April

at the 12 o'clock Mass. I do hope you will make a real effort to attend.

## **FA Cup**

I am delighted that we will be having the FA Cup at our school on the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup> January. The children will be able to have their photograph taken with the FA Cup. We would ask for a donation of £1 which Portsmouth Football Club will then distribute to local charities. Details of how to obtain photographs will be available after the event.

Yours sincerely

C.M. Hobbs  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	9.30 a.m. Year 6 Liturgy
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.00 a.m. Year 5 Family Learning
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Outdoor Centre
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Outdoor Centre
	4.00 p.m. Girls Football – St. Luke’s
	4.00 p.m. Boys Football – Roko
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 a.m. Year R Liturgy
	Year 4 Outdoor Centre
	12.45 p.m. FA Cup in School
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Outdoor Centre
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 a.m. Year 3 Family Learning
	Year 6 Outdoor Centre
	Unicef focus day
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	12 o’clock Children’s Mass and Cake Sale
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 a.m. Year 4 Liturgy
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 a.m. Year 2 Family Learning
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Music Service using school
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	2.45 p.m. KS2 Music Presentation
	4.00 p.m. Girls Football – St. Luke’s
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 a.m. Year 1 Liturgy
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 a.m. Year 6 Family Learning
	1.30 – 3.30 p.m. Years 3 & 4 Dance Competition
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Fairtrade Fortnight
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15 a.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 a.m. Year 4 Family Learning
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	12 o'clock Children's Mass
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	2.50 p.m. KS2 Parents Fairtrade Tea and Presentation
	4.00 p.m. Boys Football – Roko
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 a.m. Year 5 Liturgy
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 a.m. KS1 Parents Fairtrade Tea and Presentation
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 a.m. Year R Family Learning
	Family Fast Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 a.m. Year 3 Liturgy
	Parents Evening
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 5 & 6 Literature Quiz
	4.00 pm. Boys Football – Roko
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 a.m. Year 2 Liturgy
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Conference
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00 – 3.00 p.m. Basketball Festival
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 a.m. Year 1 Family Learning
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	2.00 p.m. International Celebration, Cathedral
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.00 a.m. End of Term Assembly
	1.30 p.m. Term Ends