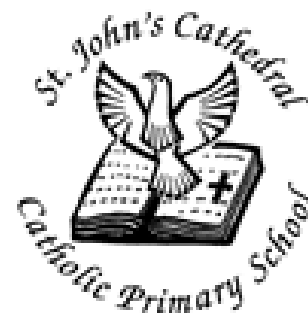


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful break over the Easter holidays. It has been so nice to be able to enjoy the recent sunny spell. Long may it last!

Thank you and congratulations

To Fabian and Jake, who, on Holy Thursday, presented our silver coins collected for a chapel and health care clinic in Bamenda.

To Mrs. Reid who was received into the church at the Easter vigil.

To all who attended and read, acted or sang at the Good Friday Stations of the Cross.

To all who attended, sang, read, carried out the offertory and collection at the Family Mass on Easter Sunday.

To all who contributed to the appeal for the statue of St. John. £300 was raised.

To all who supported our Book Fair. We received £278.29 in commission which will be used to purchase books for our library.

To everyone who supported Sports Relief. £2,769.98 was raised for this worthwhile cause.

Sunday Family Masses

This term these will be on 2nd May (Bank Holiday weekend), 6th June (which is also one of the First Holy Communion Masses), 4th July, 1st August, 5th September. Do try and come along to these.

Cluster Celebration Evening

Every year we come together as Catholic Schools for a celebration evening of dance

and song. This year it will be on Wednesday 5th May at 7.00 p.m. in the Cathedral. Miss Lane will be recruiting children this week to sing at the event.



P.E. Kits

Please check and make sure that your children's P.E. Kit still fits them and that it is named. P.E. Kits need to be in school everyday along with trainers or plimsolls that fit.

Building Work

After the May half term we are likely to be beginning some building work. The work will re-order all classrooms and will involve the relocation of several classes. The work will enable Nursery to have its own classroom. Half the work will be carried out in the second half of the term and the rest during the summer holiday.

In order to clear out and relocate the Nursery, Year R, 1, 2 and 6 by half term the Nursery will be closed on the 26th, 27th and 28th May. The whole school will finish at 1.30 p.m. on 28th May. I apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Year 6 SATS

Many of you will have heard that the NAHT, the union for Headteachers, have called upon Headteachers to boycott this year's SATS. Following discussion with the Year 6 pupils and staff we have decided that it is only fair on the children at this late stage for the SATS to go ahead. The children have worked incredibly hard and it is important that they are given the chance to show what they are capable of achieving. Please make sure the children get lots of early nights over the next couple of weeks.

Polling Day

The school will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6th May. The school will be closed to all pupils that day apart from Year 6 who, because it is so close to SATS and who will have already missed one day that week for a bank holiday, will be required to come to school for the morning (8.45 – 12.30 p.m.) We will start the day with breakfast for the children!

Book Club

Book club Leaflets were sent out last week. All orders need to be sent to the office by Friday 7th May. Please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic'.

Calendar

I hope you will find the attached lists of dates useful. I apologise in advance if dates have to change, but we often don't know about meetings and courses for staff when we set our dates in April.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 5 th May	7.00 p.m. Cluster Music Celebration Evening
Thursday 6 th May	School closed for Polling – Year 6 in 8.45 - 12.30 p.m.
Monday 10 th May	SATS Week a.m.
Thursday 13 th May	9.30 a.m. Year 1 Liturgy
Tuesday 18 th May	Nursery & Year R – Gruffalo – New Theatre Royal
Thursday 20 th May	9.30 a.m. – Year R Liturgy
Monday 24 th May	9.45 – 3.00 – Year 6 Up for It
Wednesday 26 th May	No Nursery for 3 days 12.15 – 5.00 p.m. Indoor Athletics – Year 5 & 6
Thursday 27 th May	9.30 a.m. Year 5 Mass
Friday 28 th May	1.30 p.m. finish (for move)
Sunday 30 th May	12.00 p.m. First Holy Communion Mass (1)
Sunday 6 th June	12.00 p.m. First Holy Communion Mass (2)
Monday 7 th June	11.00 a.m. Whole School Photo
Wednesday 9 th June	Rock Challenge Year 2 Sparsholt
Thursday 10 th June	9.30 a.m. Year 3 Mass 4.00 p.m. Football & Netball, Hilsea Years 5 & 6
Monday 14 th June	12.45 p.m. 6 Year 3/4 Priory – Invasion Games
Wednesday 16 th June	Good Shepherd Mass
Thursday 17 th June	9.30 a.m. Year 2 Liturgy
Tuesday 22 nd June	Year 1 & 2 Portsmaths
Wednesday 23 rd June	World Cup Sports Day 7.00 p.m. New Parents Meeting
Thursday 24 th June	9.30 a.m. Year 4 Mass Year 3 & 4 Portsmaths

	Year 5 & 5 Portsmaths
Monday 28 th June	Parents Evenings this week
Tuesday 29 th June	9.15 Year 6 Careers Fair 9.30 a.m. Whole School Mass – Cathedral 7.00 p.m. New Reception Parents
Thursday 1 st July	Year 6 CJM Day with Cluster
Friday 2 nd July	12.40 p.m. Athletics - Mountbatten Centre
Monday 5 th July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th July	Year R Induction Morning 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m. Year 5 & 6 – City Museum Year R Induction Afternoon – 1.20 – 3.20 p.m.
Thursday 8 th July	12.30 p.m. Year 3 & 4 – City Museum 6.30 p.m. Music Festival – Guildhall
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 5 at St. Edmund's
Thursday 22 nd July	11.00 a.m. KS2 Mass at Cathedral 3.30 p.m. Term Ends
Friday 23 rd July	INSET DAY