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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year! I hope that you all had a lovely and restful Easter time with friends and family surrounded by your children and their multiple chocolate eggs!

The children have been working very hard this week in school- our Year 6 children particularly, who are focused and determined for the next couple of weeks ahead of them. We celebrated Mass this morning at St Joseph's with our parish schools, St Joseph's Infants and Juniors centred around the beautiful season of Eastertide. As always, our children's behaviour and singing were exceptional ☺

Construction work has started on our Early Years' area this week and we expect it to be finished by the end of next week. After SATS, the work shall begin on the playground project and it will be finished just in time for the true start of summer...hooray!

Mobile Phones in School

To enhance our safeguarding culture in school, we are now asking all visitors to school, including parents, to switch off, and put away their mobile phones. Photographs can still be taken on your mobile phones during performances, liturgies and assemblies but as always, please ensure that you check with other parents about posting to social media. For any meetings or other times that you are in school, please can you ensure that your mobile phone is switched off. Thank you in advance, for your support.

Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes

Catherine Harper

Head teacher



Upcoming Events

Monday 1st May- School Closed for May Day

Wednesday 3rd May- Year 1 Mass, 9.15am

Wednesday 3rd May- London meeting for Year 6 parents and children, 3:30pm or 5.00pm (this meeting will be held at two different times so hopefully parents can attend one of them)

Friday 5th May- Year 5 Collective Worship, 9.15am

**Monday 8th – Friday 12th May- SATS Week
No Toddlers or Mass in school this week**

**Wednesday 17th-Friday 19th May -Year 6
London Trip**

Friday 19th May Destination Judo for the Infants (am)

**Wednesday 24th May- Year 4 Mass,
9.15am**

Thursday 25th May- Feast of the Ascension

**Friday 26th May- Teacher Training Day
(School Closed)**

Monday 5th June- Back to School

**Monday 5th June- More Than Dance
working with Year 2. Parents welcome to
join us in the hall at 2.45pm**

**Tuesday 6th June- Year 4 Trip to National
Glass Centre**

**Wednesday 7th June- Year 3 Mass,
9.15am**

**Wednesday 7th June- Early Years' trip to
Hall Hill Farm**

**Friday 9th June- Year 1 Collective Worship,
3pm**

Gold Book Winners

Miss Harper – **Conrad Bellerby**
Mr Rooney - **Owen Baker**
Miss Loughlin – **Jasmine Rowe**
Mrs Hanley- **Ava Turnbull**
Mrs Rowley – **Luke Robinson**
Mrs Bissell- **Lucy Hindmarch**
Mrs Donaghy- **Rosie Riley**
Mrs Brown- **Oliver Reed**
Mrs Lauder- **Elli Shaw**
Mrs Finley- **Sam Lavick**

Miss Caulfield- **Olivia Kind**
Mrs O'Neill – **Alice Gowland**
Miss O'Sullivan- **Sonny Hartley**
Miss Simpson – **Jacy Brunskill**
Mrs Malpass – **Martha Simcox**
Miss Williamson- **Emily McMurray**
Mr McQueen- **George Smith**
Mrs Calvert- **Ava Cottle**
Mrs Stone- **Isla Baker**



Brain Tumour Awareness Fundraising

On Friday 31st March, Lilly Hartley and her family collected donations for Brain Tumour Awareness. **£115.89** was raised towards this great cause. A really big thank you to everyone who donated. A small amount can go a long way!

5p Challenge

Firstly, a HUGE thank you to those who collected as many 5ps as they could and donated them to our 5p challenge for St Cuthbert's Care. We raised **£319.00** in 5ps which is absolutely fantastic. I think Mrs Readman would be happy never to see a 5p again after counting them! Brilliant support everyone, thank you for your support.

Easter Raffle/Eggs

Furthermore, we raised **£160** from our Easter Raffle during the last week of term and **£73** was raised from the Decorate the Egg Competition, ran by the Friends of St Benet's. Well done everyone.

Lunchtime Hours and Afternoon Playtimes

Starting this week, we have altered the timings for our lunchtimes for the junior children. The bell now sounds at 1.00pm for the end of lunchtime as opposed to 1.10pm and the junior children come back into school for their Christian Meditation. All juniors then get their 10 minutes free time back during an afternoon playtime where they join the infants at 2.15pm outside. The children seem very pleased with this new arrangement!

Uniform Reminder

Our children always look smart in their school uniforms. May I just remind parents that big hair bows and hairbands are not part of the school uniform. Girls are able to wear a simple, delicate hairband which is of the school colours but other items should be kept for out of school hours. Also, children's socks should be grey, navy or white, not any other colour. Many thanks for your support.

PE Kits

During the summer months, children will have PE lessons outside and at times, subsequent PE lessons as well as the timetabled sessions. Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day and a pair of footwear (usually trainers) which can be kept in their bag in the event of a PE lesson outside. It is really important that children wear the appropriate clothing for PE lessons.



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