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CURRICULUM NEWS

Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday. I hope they have a wonderful day and the sun shines.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word this week is a very important one, "Growing". Parents love to see their children growing into the best they can be but throughout all of our lives we continue to grow as part of God's family.



Y3 Swimming

Y3 children will not be attending their swimming sessions next Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th May as Miss Winter will be using the time slots to prepare the School Swimming Team for the Summer Gala. Y3 lessons will resume as normal on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May.



Music Lessons

Children who have agreed to take music lessons are encouraged to stay learning the same instrument for the year. It is easy sometimes to give up if the music does not flow easy, but time and lots of practice does help. Keep practising and the positive results will follow. If after a year your child is not enjoying the lessons then please feel free to look at an alternative instrument.



Sports Day - Change of Date

Please remember the change of date for Sports Day as you may need to rearrange your work schedule. It had to be rearranged so it will now take place on Friday 13th July (Infants AM and Juniors PM).

SPORTS DAY 2018-FRIDAY 13th JULY-INFANTS-am and JUNIORS-pm

GENERAL NEWS



Please view our website, www.stmarys-catholic-primary.org, for a list of the after school clubs. Unfortunately, basketball will not be going ahead this term due to lack of interest. We will review this in the Autumn term.

Signing In and Out

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have a new signing in system in operation outside the Main Office. This has been set up as the safety of the children and staff at St Mary's is paramount. From Monday 30th April, all children who are late to school must come via the Main Office where they will be signed in via our new system. The children and parents will get used to this new procedure and the Office Staff are there to assist.

If you are late collecting your child in the afternoon, you will also have to sign them out.

E-Safety

There is a lot of information and debate currently in the media about children and their use of the internet. Pressure is being put on employers to better enforce their own terms and conditions, whilst also monitoring their content. The link below proves an interesting read about monitoring and restricting children's use and access to different areas of the internet.

https://www.vpnmentor.com/blog/the-ultimate-parent-guide-for-child-internet/?utm_campaign=2081706_Computing_newsletter_April18&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Rising%20Stars&dm_i=2H1W,18M96,2BIX5I,3Y0W7,1

The world of app creation is constantly evolving, especially amongst the children, it is important parents know exactly what forms of communication these apps provide. We previously shared how useful the NetAware App was at monitoring this but a recently published article looks in detail at 10 of the key apps children are using at the moment.

https://www.walesonline.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/10-apps-parents-warned-look-14505434?utm_campaign=2081706_Computing_newsletter_April18&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Rising%20Stars&dm_i=2H1W,18M96,2BIX5I,3Y0W6,1

Finally, many safety and content concerns have recently been raised about children's use of YouTube and how upsetting videos have been linked to videos aimed at children. Please be aware there is also a 'YouTube Kids' channel that can be downloaded onto Ipads and laptops. Keep an eye on parent filters as they are currently developing a more advanced filter which means children would only be able to view videos that had been screened and pre approved to be suitable.

<https://www.youtube.com/yt/kids/>

Key Dates for your Diary

Please take note of the following key dates for this half term:

Monday 7th May Bank Holiday. The school will be closed on this day.

Thursday 10th May Ascension Day Mass

Monday 14th-Thursday 17th May Y6 SATS

Y2 will also have tasks set throughout May. Please ensure all children attend school every day during the month of May.

Sunday 20th May Pentecost Sunday

Wednesday 23rd May Crowning of Our Lady straight after morning registration.

Friday 25th May French Day at St Mary's

Tuesday 29th May Children from St Mary's visiting a school in France. There are 2 spaces left on the coach for this trip so if you are interested please let the Office Staff know.

Friday 25th May - School closing for Half Term-3.15pm

PA Events

We are looking forward to the Quiz Night tomorrow evening, Saturday 28th April. The doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. There are still a few tickets left so if you have had a rethink and would like to join in, please get in touch. Tickets are £5 per person. There will be a licenced bar and you can bring your own nibbles.

The PA are so pleased with all the contributions for the Annual School Magazine but they have noticed a lack of photographs for the Photography Competition. If your child has any interesting photographs, please send them to the PA on stmarysmagazine@googlemail.com. If, for any reason, you cannot send them electronically please bring the photo to the Main Office where they can be scanned and sent to the PA. The deadline for the photos is Friday 4th May.

With kind regards

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