



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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The school will be closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. May the sun shine down on all of us this weekend. Children are expected to return at 8.55am on Tuesday.

## CURRICULUM NEWS



### *Holy Communion*

Congratulations to all the children receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday. I hope you all enjoy this special day with your family and friends.



### *Wednesday Word*

"Love" is the focus word in this week's Wednesday Word. Take a look at the weekly leaflet with your children and stress to them the importance of love. The Gospel on Sunday will highlight the love Jesus has for us so we must love others as he loves us.



### *French Day - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May*

Children are encouraged to attend school dressed in the French colours (blue, white and red). This has been a tradition here for many years. Madame Randall, our French tutor, and Mrs Bone organise the day and many activities are planned to make it an excellent day. A separate letter will be sent out with more details.



### *Assessments in May*

During the month of May, Y2-Y6 will be undertaking SATs/general testing. It is essential that children attend school every day. Y2 teachers will be setting tasks throughout May. Y3-Y5 teachers will be organising tests in Maths and English and Y6 children will begin their SATs week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

# GENERAL NEWS

## *School Dinners*

Please look out for a separate letter from the Governors regarding School Dinners.

## *Key Dates for your Diary*

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

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday. The school will be closed on this day.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May** Ascension Day Mass at St Mary's
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May** Y4/Y5 Faith Friends Performance – 3.30pm – Gym Hall. Parents and family members are asked to see their latest display.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May** Y6 SATS
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May** Pentecost Sunday
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Y1 Liturgical Dance Performance. Parents are invited to come along to see their children at 9am in the Dining Hall. Please stay to the end of the performance to watch both classes. It should last about 15 minutes.
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** Crowning of Our Lady straight after morning registration in the Junior playground. Parents are asked to send in flowers with their children to be placed at the statue of Our Lady.
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** French Day at St Mary's.
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> May - School closing for Half Term-3.15pm**

Please view the Holiday Dates for 2018/19 on our website (Latest News, Holiday Dates). All holidays should be booked during the normal breaks, not during term time.



## *Class Photographs*

If you would like to order your child's class photo, please return the proof, with the payment enclosed, by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks

### *Drop In Sessions to see the School Nurse*

The school nurse will be on site next week (Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May) from 9am-10am. If you would like to seek her advice please call in. No appointments are necessary. However, if you think extra time needs to be set aside for your particular concern, please arrange with the Office Staff. The school nurse is willing to stay on after 10am if appointments need to be booked. The time slot from 9am-10am is only for parents who would like a short time to discuss an issue. This may mean poor attendance, an ongoing medical condition, simply not knowing who to contact next to discuss a medical issue etc.

### *PA Events*

The Quiz Night was a great success last Saturday night. Everyone had a great time and the PA are so pleased to say that £550 profit was made. Well done to everyone for taking part and for helping on the night.

The next PA meeting will be **on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**. It is really important that parents try to attend as we need new ideas, willing helpers and as the Summer Fayre is fast approaching we will need lots of volunteers. The PA must know who is willing to help and how they can assist. All these discussions need to be taking place shortly.

With kind regards

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Headteacher