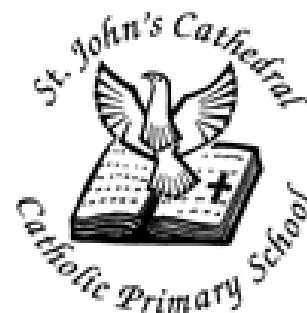


**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

I can't believe that we are approaching the end of term. Hopefully the Easter holiday will give us all an opportunity to enjoy some nice weather and have a bit of a break from the usual routines.

OFSTED

Attached you will find a letter to parents from OFSTED. You will see that they have carried out a review of the school and have decided we will not be subject to a full inspection as we are fulfilling all the criteria needed to continue with our status as an outstanding school. Naturally I am very proud of this achievement and very grateful to the continued hard work and dedication of the staff and governors, day in day out, which has led to the outstanding school status being maintained.

Thank you

To all parents who have supported the school through paying their building fund. Please pay your £5 per child per term contribution to the office if you have not already done so.

To everyone who supported our jump in a sack and cake sale for Comic Relief. £265.50 was raised to support this good cause.

To all who have been following our Lenten family passports. £109.75 was raised for CAFOD at the breakfast.

Congratulations

To the team from our school who were runners up in the Mary Rose time capsule competition. I'm sure you saw the wonderful pictures of the children and Mrs Langford with Prince Harry at the Historic Dockyard. We even featured in Hello magazine!



Absence

There are several children who seem to rarely complete a full week at school. Minor illness, family difficulties and birthdays are not reasons to have a day off school. Please ensure you don't keep your child away from school unnecessarily.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform including socks and shoes when they come to school. If trainers are worn instead of shoes they must be **plain black**. Just a reminder that whatever the trend, boys should have appropriate haircuts. e.g. hair no longer than collar length and no shaved patterns. Thank you.

School Dinners

If you have not paid for your child's dinners please make sure you have paid your debts by the end of term. School meals must not be booked unless they have been paid for in advance.

Parent Governor

Mr Becker has decided to stand down as parent governor. If you feel you have the skills and time necessary to devote to this important role can you let Mrs Wilson in the office know by Friday. If we have lots of interest we will naturally hold an election.

Before and after school care

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires sent out by the governors. The results showed that there was very little interest in a Breakfast Club. There was enough interest in an after school club for it to be financially viable, but the governors felt it would be morally wrong to set one up as it would affect the viability of the Portacabin. The Portacabin brings children to our school from their breakfast club and collects them at the end of the day for after school club. If you would like anymore details about the provision please ask in the office.

This is a busy week so I hope the following helps!

Tuesday 5th April

Tickets for 20p each can be bought in class every morning for the rest of the week for our Easter Egg raffle. Each class including Nursery has the chance to win an egg. The draw will take place at our end of term assembly.

Wednesday 6th April

We will be holding our diversity presentations. Each class (not including Nursery) will be giving a short performance in their room. At the end of each performance you are invited to make a donation to our Lenten charity before

moving on to the next classroom. The presentations start at **2.30pm**. Don't forget to bring your Lenten Passports to get them stamped and then hand them in at the office.

Year 2 will not be presenting this afternoon as they are rehearsing at the Kings Theatre that afternoon.

Year 2 need to be at their meeting point outside the Kings Theatre at **5.15pm**. I'm sure it will be a lovely evening of singing.

Thursday 7th April

We will be holding the second of our diversity presentations. Each class (not including Nursery) will be giving a short performance in their room. At the end of each performance you are invited to make a donation to our Lenten charity before moving on to the next classroom. The presentations start at **2.30pm**. Don't forget to bring your Lenten Passports to get them stamped and then hand them in at the office.

Friday 8th April

End of Term Assembly at **9.00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend. This will be the last opportunity to donate 5ps to our Lenten Charity, to put a roof on the church we helped to build last year in Bamenda. I will be handing out the family certificates for those who completed their Lenten passports.

Term ends at **1.30 p.m.** Children will need to be collected early that day.

The children will all be given a Lenten box for you to collect any loose coins over the holidays. These need to be returned to school after the holidays. The money raised goes to support the work of Cabrini (formerly known as the Catholic Children's Society).

Celebrating Easter with your children

Sunday 17th April

This is Palm Sunday. There will be a special liturgy for the First Holy Communion children and for any brothers or sisters at the 12 o'clock Mass.

Thursday 21st April

Our Lenten collection will be brought to the Cathedral and taken up during the offertory at the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m.

Friday 22nd April

To mark Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross for children at 12 o'clock. Do make an effort to come along to allow you and your children to reflect on the love Jesus has for us and to think about the events of the first Good Friday.

Sunday 24th April

Mass to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus will be held at 10.00 a.m., 12 o'clock, and 6.00 p.m. Do make a real effort to attend one of the Masses, to share with your children the real meaning of Easter.

I look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral for all the Easter celebrations.

I wish you and your families a happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher

P.S. Term starts at 8.45 a.m. on Tuesday 26th April.