

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

I can hardly believe that another year is coming to an end and that we will be saying goodbye to Year 6.

It has been a very successful year at St. John's. I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the school.

Thank you

To those who represented the school in the recent 'News' football tournament and to all who came to support the children.

To those who took part in the recent City Maths Challenge, particularly to our Year 5 who came third.

To Rebecca Taylor and Joe David for representing the school at last Sunday's Civic Mass at the Cathedral.

To all those involved in making the Year 6 production of Joseph such an outstanding success. It really was superb.

To our athletic squad who took part in the recent tournament.

A few reminders before we break up:

Leavers' Mass

This will take place tomorrow at 9.15 a.m. in the school. All parents are welcome not just those of Year 6. It is a whole school celebration.

End of Term Assembly

This will be on Thursday at 9.00 a.m. All are welcome to this assembly when awards, certificates, etc. are presented.

End of Term

This will be at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Attendance

As you are aware I am very keen on attendance and do all I can to encourage the children to attend. Attendance is the area of school life that is questioned most by parents. I hope the following clarifies the situation.

End of term certificates for 100% attendance are based on a group computer print out cross referenced with the late book and signing out book.

School reports are based on each child's individual print out. A child may be marked late if:

- They have arrived through the office
- They arrive in the classroom after their name has been called on the register
- They don't respond to their name being called.

End of Year 100% attendance awards are based on the group printout cross referenced with the late book and signing out book.

Parents often request individual situations to be taken into account. I am afraid this is not possible as it would be difficult to draw up clear criteria to cater for all eventualities and could lead to even more questioning from parents.

I hope this clarifies the situation.

School Dinners

I'm afraid that we have just been informed that the cost of school meals are increasing. They will be £1.60 (£8 a week) from September. There will be a new menu in September that has hopefully incorporated more of the children's favourites in it.

Milk

If your child would like to have milk at break time it will commence from Monday 10th September. The cost for the first half term will be £3.60. All orders for milk must be received by Wednesday 5th September.

Uniform

I have attached a uniform list just to remind any of you who are buying new uniform over the holiday of the school's requirements. Please read the list carefully. Can I ask you to check that your child's P.E. kit fits for September. Many of the children seem to have outgrown them and they need replacing.

Holidays

Holidays should not be taken in term time, particularly in Year 2 and Year 6. If you do however decide your holiday has to be taken in term time please see me **before** it is booked. Any holiday requests submitted after a holiday has already been taken will, I'm afraid, be unauthorised and may be subject to a local authority fine.

Start of Term

There will be an Inset Day for staff on Monday 3rd September.

The start of term for children will be **Tuesday 4th September at 8.45 a.m.** Don't be late!

New Uniform

If anyone wishes to purchase any uniform the school will be open for sales on Monday 3rd September from 9.00 – 3.00.

There will be no uniform on sale on the first day of term, Tuesday 4th September

St. Edmund's Pupils

As from September St. Edmund's pupils will be allowed back into the playground to collect younger brothers and sisters. I will however reinstate the ban if:

- St. Edmund's pupils bring any additional pupils or friends into the playground who are not collecting siblings
- Cycle or play games in our grounds
- Congregate in groups

On a Monday afternoon from 3.40 p.m. the staff are running a drop in session for any past pupils who need a chat, a friendly face, help with work, any advice. If we can help in any way come to the main office at 3.40 p.m. and we will see what we can do to help.

Goodbye

At the end of term we say goodbye to Year 6 and wish them well for the future. They have been a credit to the school

We also say goodbye to the following families who are moving and wish them well at their new schools:

The Donnelly's (Megan, Jared and Adam)

The Wong's (Benny)

We wish Mrs. Pescops a happy retirement, but also look forward to seeing her back at St. John's when we need a supply teacher.

We wish Mrs. Harding well as she prepares for the birth of her baby in August. We look forward to welcoming the new arrival next term.

I wish you all a happy and restful summer break. Let's hope we get some sunshine. See you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher

