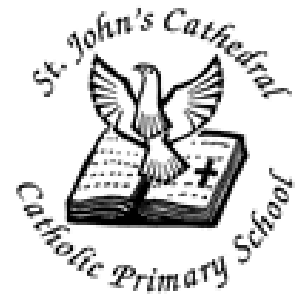


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful break over the Easter holidays. It has been so nice to be able to enjoy the recent sunny spell. Long may it last!

Thank You and Congratulations

To Jose and Zoe who, on Holy Thursday, presented our 5p's collected for the Lenten Charity to provide a teacher for a classroom in Africa. Your generosity at our International Celebration raised an additional £150.

To Jake Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Afonso who were baptised at Easter.

To the Girls Football team who played so well at the City finals on the last day of term.

To all who attended and read or acted in the Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross.

To Lennox Effah who has been selected to represent Portsmouth Schools at a Regional Multi-Sports Skills event.

To children from Year 2 who performed so well as part of an Infant Choir at the Kings Theatre last week.

To Year 4 who performed their winning musical composition for the Lord Mayor and Mayors of Hampshire as part of the annual Civic Day last week.

To all the Reception parents who have signed up already for our longer Family Learning Course. It's still not too late if you haven't, just come along tomorrow.

To the children who are representing the School at today's Swimming Gala.

To the children singing and dancing as part of tonight's Catholic Cluster Celebration Evening.



Nethercott Farm

There will be a meeting for all parents of children going to the farm at 3.00 p.m. on Friday 8th May. This will hopefully provide you with all the information you need and give an opportunity to pass on any information we need to know about your children. The children will need to be in school at 8.30 a.m. on Friday 15th May. We will return before the end of the school day on 22nd May.

Sleepover

The rescheduled sleepover will be on Thursday 21st May. My apologies to those at Nethercott who will be away, but it really was the best day for the school. I will send a separate note with arrangements nearer the time.

Haircuts

Just to remind parents that we do ask that all children have smart, sensible haircuts. For boys this means that the length of the hair should be **above** the collar. The school is very proud of, and acknowledged for, its high standards in all areas of school life including appearance. I would appreciate it if those parents who feel they are unable to support the school's policy could come and discuss the matter with me so that I can try and understand their thinking.

I would like to thank those parents who day in day out ensure their children look smart. They are a credit to you and the school.

Class Liturgies

These will be held on a Thursday this term at 9.30 a.m. in the Cathedral. It is always lovely to see so many parents there. These occasions are not performances, but a chance for you to be spiritually enriched alongside your children. I would encourage you to join in with the singing and the prayers. I would also ask that you keep younger children with you at all times so that they do not cause too much distraction. Please don't be embarrassed to take them out if they start to become noisy. It is such a shame for the children if they can't be heard because of younger brothers and sisters.

Sunday Children's Masses

This term these will be held at 12 o'clock on 3rd May and 5th July. The 7th June will be a First Holy Communion Mass.

Please make an effort to come along.

School Meals

This term we have put together our own menu, featuring what I hope will be popular dishes for your children. This is instead of the City wide menu that contained choices I knew the children didn't like. I would appreciate hearing whether I have got the selection right.

Scholastic Book Club

Please hand in all orders for the Book Club to the school office by Tuesday 5th May. Please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic' and write your cheque number on the reverse of the cheque.

Standard Assessment Tests (SATS)

These will be being conducted for Year 2 during May and for Year 6 during the week of 11th May. Please make sure your children are in school, have had breakfast and get lots of early nights!

Red Cross DVD

As your children will no doubt have informed you, we have recorded a DVD of the Infants and Juniors singing at the War memorial. The DVD will be sold in aid of the Red Cross. Details of how to purchase the DVD will be issued shortly. In the meantime keep your eyes peeled for the article due to be published about the DVD in the News.

Calendar

I hope you find the attached list of dates useful. I do apologise in advance if dates have to change but we often don't know about meetings and courses for staff when we set our dates in April. We will notify you of any changes as early as possible. Hopefully there won't be any!

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Hobbs
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Monday 20 th April	9.00 a.m. Liturgy
Tuesday 21 st April	6.00 – 8.00 p.m. Year 2 at King's Theatre
Thursday 23 rd April	Year R Family Learning
Wednesday 29 th April	12.45 p.m. Swimming Gala 7.00 p.m. Cluster Music Evening
Friday 1 st May	1.00 – 4.00 p.m. Years 4/5 Netball
Sunday 3 rd May	12 o'clock Children's Mass
Wednesday 6 th May	12.30 – 5.00 Mountbatten Indoor Athletics Years 5/6
Thursday 7 th May	9.30 a.m. Year 1 Liturgy
Friday 8 th May	9.00 a.m. Year 3 Family Learning
Monday 11 th May	KS2 SATS Week 12.00 – 7.00 p.m. Dance Off Performance
Tuesday 12 th May	10.30 a.m. Mayor Making
Wednesday 13 th May	2.45 p.m. Flute Concert
Thursday 14 th May	9.30 a.m. Year 5 Liturgy 4.00 – 5.30 p.m. Cheerleading Festival
Friday 15 th May	Years 4 and 5 to Nethercott Farm
Wednesday 20 th May	Millers Ark Farm visiting
Thursday 21 st May	9.30 a.m. Mass – Whole School – Cathedral 7.00 p.m. Sleepover at School 7.00 p.m. First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting

Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Tuesday 2 nd June	Rock Challenge Competition
Wednesday 3 rd June	11.00 a.m. Good Shepherd Mass
Thursday 4 th June	POLLING – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN
Friday 5 th June	9.00 a.m. Year 2 Family Learning
Sunday 7 th June	12 o'clock First Holy Communion
Thursday 11 th June	9.30 a.m. Year 4 Mass
Friday 12 th June	9.00 a.m. Year 6 Family Learning 12.45 p.m. Year 2 Indoor Athletics
Sunday 14 th June	12 o'clock First Holy Communion
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 4 to Southsea Castle
Thursday 18 th June	9.45 a.m. Year 6 Up for It at University 9.30 a.m. Year R Liturgy
Friday 19 th June	9.00 Year 5 Family Learning
Wednesday 24 th June	7.00 p.m. New Reception Parents Meeting – School
Thursday 25 th June	9.30 a.m. Year 2 Liturgy
Friday 26 th June	9.00 a.m. Year 1 Family Learning
Tuesday 28 th June	7.00 p.m. New Reception Parents Meeting – Cathedral
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 3 Mass
Friday 3 rd July	9.00 a.m. Year 4 Family Learning Nursery Trip to Blue Reef
Sunday 5 th July	12 o'clock Children's Mass
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 2 Trip to Sparsholt 1 – 3 p.m. Girls Football – Langstone
Thursday 9 th July	9.30 a.m. Flute Festival
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Cluster Celebration Day Cathedral/St. Edmund's

Tuesday 14 th July	Reports due out Years 3 and 4 Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th July	Nursery and Reception Sports Day Years 1 and 2 Sports Day
Thursday 16 th July	9.30 a.m. Year 6 Mass Years 5 and Year 6 Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	9.00 p.m. End of Term Assembly 3.30 p.m. Finish
Saturday 18 th July	Parish Summer Fayre
Monday 20 th July	INSET
Tuesday 21 st July	INSET
Wednesday 22 nd July	INSET
Term Restarts on Thursday 3 rd September at 8.45 a.m.	