



Dear parents/ carers

It was lovely to welcome back the children on Tuesday after the Easter break. I hope all families were able to have a peaceful and restful break.

### **Catholic Life:**

It was very sad to wake up to the news on Easter Monday of the passing of Pope Francis. As a leader of the church he will be very sadly missed.

As a school, we dedicated a Celebration of the Word to his memory on Wednesday – and further time will be planned to remember him – and welcome his successor. His funeral has been announced as being on Saturday this week. Please keep him, his family and the church in your prayers.



### **We pray for the happy repose of the soul of the late Holy Father**

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,  
look on your people's prayers  
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,  
who presided over your Church in charity,  
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,  
receive from your mercy  
the reward of a faithful servant.  
This we ask through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

There are prayer stations of remembrance around school for those children who would like to use them.

Over this term, all classes will have a class assembly. Please keep your eyes on the newsletters for the dates of these. These will be on Tuesday afternoons at 2:45pm – and parents/ families/ friends are very welcome to attend. The first is Year 5 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

### **SEN Phone calls home:**

Parents of children with an SEN plan will receive phone calls home this week about their updated plans and how these will become more accessible by September. Most of these calls will be after school on Wednesday – and may come from a withheld number.

Year 5 calls will be on a different day (TBC).

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### **Breaktime snacks:**

We have started to see some children bringing in snacks that are not appropriate for their breaktimes.

Children in EYFS/ Years 1 and 2 have fruit provided so do not need to bring a further snack.

Children in Years 3-6 should bring a healthy snack – fruit/ cereal bar (not biscuits, chocolate, crisps) if they would like a snack at breaktime.

These should be in their school bags – not in with their packed lunches.

### **Summer sun:**

Hopefully we will get some!!

Please make sure your child has a hat at school every day – and is protected by suncream on hot days. We do not have suncream at school and are not able to apply this.

As it gets warm it also essential that all children bring a water bottle to school for in class – please make sure that they have this every day.

As we live in Britain – it is also important that children do have a waterproof for the summer months too!

### **PTFA:**

See below for the Summer fayre poster – this year it is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June after school – put the date in your diary – it's always a great event!!

### **Uniform:**

We are now in full summer uniform. Please remember if a shirt is worn – rather than a polo shirt, then children should still be wearing their ties. Details of summer uniform expectations are [here](#).

Yours sincerely

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Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Class Worship	Y5 Parents welcome (2:45)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week	Y6 SATs tests will be taking place
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Class Worship	Y4 Parents welcome (2:45)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-Uniform Day	Raising money for Derby Children's Holiday Centre
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Class Worship	Y3 Parents welcome (2:45)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Trip to Alton Towers	Further information to follow
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion	First Communion Mass at English Martyrs 2pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Opens	School opens to all pupils