



Dear parents/ carers,

It's been a lovely week at school. The weather has made it feel very summery indeed. Thank you for making sure the children have hats and suncream so they can safely enjoy the weather. Children from Year 3-6 have been able to have their packed lunches outside in this weather – picnic style – which they have really enjoyed!

Coming with this letter is an appeal letter – we want to improve our school lunchtimes so the children have more to do – and have opportunities to be creative with their play. The PTFA are generously supporting this with significant funding – can you help with donations of toys, time or skills? Do you have family or friendship connections that might help us do this for great value? Please help out if you can!

Class Assembly:

We will have class assemblies over the coming weeks from every class (except Year 6 – they have a big play to do!) These will be in a Celebration of the Word (the new name for liturgies/ collective worships) Style. The dates are:

Tuesday 6th May – Year 5 at 2:45pm

Tuesday 13th May – Year 4 at 2:45pm

Tuesday 20th May – Year 3 (This will be our May Procession celebration) at 2:30pm

Tuesday 17th June – Year 2 at 2:45pm

Tuesday 24th June – EYFS and Year 1 classes together at 2:45pm

There will also be a special Celebration of the Word on Monday 23rd June to celebrate the Feast day of St John Fisher at 2:30pm.

Mass this term will be on Monday 30th June for the feast of St Peter and St Paul and the leavers mass will be on Monday 14th July – both at 10am.

Parents, friends and families are welcome to join us at any of these times of worship.

School Governors:

The school's governing body is very small – it has only 2 members. Neither of these are parents. Could you be a school governor? If you think you might be interested in being a parent governor – or a foundation governor – have a look at this [link](#) – and come and have a chat with me about it.

If we have lots of interest, we may need to hold a parent governor election. Please express an interest by the end of this half term to enable this to happen if needed.

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PTFA:

Our school PTFA do a great job running events as well as raising lots of money for the school. Did you know you can raise money while you shop online?

Sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk with this [link](#) to support the school when you shop – many major retailers including Amazon are there – and it is of no extra cost to you!

I've just signed up; it is really easy!

Best wishes

Graham Lobb

Headteacher

Dates for the term ahead (any changes are highlighted in red):

As ever we will endeavour to not change any of these dates.

May:

Monday 5th – Bank holiday – school closed

Tuesday 6th - Year 5 class Celebration of the Word at 2:45pm

Friday 9th – Compass Mental Health Assembly

Friday 9th – Y2 and Y5 Rolls Royce Engineer Day

w/c Monday 12th – Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 13th - Year 4 class Celebration of the Word at 2:45pm

Thursday 15th- 'Fake Away Day' themed menu to be served at lunchtime- menu will be sent via email next week

Friday 16th – non-uniform day – VE day celebration – wear red/ white/ blue

Monday 19th – Year 6 Compass Transition with Year 6

Monday 19th – Year 6 residential parent's meeting at 3pm

Tuesday 20th – Book Bus at school

Tuesday 20th - Year 3 class Celebration of the Word at 2:30pm (May Procession)

Wednesday 21st – SEND Coffee Afternoon at 2:45pm

Thursday 22nd – Year 6 Alton Towers Trip

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Friday 23rd – School closed – half term begins!

Sunday 25th – First Holy Communion Mass at English Martyrs Church at 2pm

June:

Monday 2nd – Back to school

Monday 2nd – Year 4 Multiplication Check fortnight begins

Wednesday 4th – SEND Coffee Afternoon at 2:45pm

Thursday 5th – Year 5 trip to the Space Centre

Friday 6th – PTFA non-uniform day – **please bring a bottle**

w/c Monday 9th June – Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

Tuesday 10th – Year 3 visit to the Sikh Gurdwara

Thursday 12th – New starters for September (EYFS and Y3) starters meeting at 3:45pm

Friday 13th – PTFA non-uniform day – **please bring chocolate**

Monday 16th – start of healthy fortnight

Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th – Year 6 residential to Lea Green

Tuesday 17th – Year 2 class Celebration of the Word at 2:45pm

Wednesday 18th – Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Thinktank

Friday 20th – PTFA Summer Fayre! After school.

Monday 23rd – St John Fisher Feast Day Celebration of the Word at 2:30pm

Tuesday 24th – EYFS and Year 1 class Celebration of the Word at 2:45pm

Wednesday 25th – EYFS/ Year 1/ Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo

Thursday 26th – Sports day at 1:30pm

Thursday 26th – ‘Get ready for the Euros’ themed day menu to be served at lunchtime

Friday 27th – Visit from Olympic Paralympian

Saturday 28th – Confirmation preparation to Year 6 at Church at 10:00am- 11:00am

Monday 30th – Mass for St Peter and St Paul at 10am and to celebrate the 1st Holy Communicants

July:

Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd – Transition days in school and for Year 6 to 7 (Derby)

Tuesday 1st – Jubilee Mass for new chaplains at St Mary’s Church at 1pm.

Monday 7th – Year 6 performance at 2pm

Tuesday 8th – Year 6 performance at 7:30pm

w/c Monday 14th – Year 5 bikeability

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Monday 14th – Year 6 Leavers Mass at 10am

Thursday 17th – PTFA Summer Disco from 3:30pm (full details to follow)

Friday 18th- 'Seaside Special' themed day menu to be served at lunchtime

Sunday 20th – Confirmation Mass at English Martyrs at 11am

Tuesday 22nd – Final Day of school Year

September:

Monday 8th – Children return to school.



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