



Dear parents/ carers

We are rapidly reaching the end of, what feels like, a very short half term.

Catholic life:

It was lovely to take the school to mass last week. As always, the children all behaved beautifully. Every child should have bought home a candle that was blessed as part of the service.

PTFA update:

So far this school year the PTFA have been able to support the school by paying for the coaches for the panto trip; the Year 6 hoodies and creating some really fun events.

In their meeting this week we discussed:

- The buying of a new school football kit
- Buying additional resources for the school forest school area
- Fun events for Eastertime
- A colouring competition for a new PTFA logo

We also discussed how more people could get involved with meetings at differing times. I know they are always keen to increase the number of people involved!

Some dates for your diary:

Summer fayre: NEW DATE – Friday 12th June (due to clashes with other local events)

Disco: This Thursday 12th February

The PTFA invites the whole school to join them at their annual...

Valentine's Disco

On
12 February

16.30-18.00
£1 Entry
Includes Free Squash/Water
Tuck Shop
Sweet Treats
Crisps
Flashing Foam
Strobes

Come in Fancy Dress
Prizes to be Won

Tickets For Sale On The Door

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And

We are still looking to develop school lunchtimes – to help this we need somewhere to store all the new extra play equipment. To prepare for a big new shed – can you help? Saturday 14th March... Remember – many hands make light work.....



Uniform:

We have seen a deterioration in uniform standards this half term. Please make sure that children are in full winter uniform – this does include ties – which we are told are now back in stock in town.

For outside PE in the winter months children can bring a hoodie that is plain black or in their house colour.

Winter Uniform:

- Grey skirt, grey knee-length shorts, grey straight-leg trousers or grey pinafore
- White long or short sleeved blouse/shirt
- Maroon and gold school tie
- Maroon cardigan or jumper (plain or embroidered with the school logo)
- White, grey or black sacks/maroon or grey tights
- Black sensible school shoes

After Easter we will move to summer uniform. At this time children may wear polo shirt

- An embroidered or white polo shirt (or a shirt and tie)

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- A red/white checked summer dress may be worn. Black, brown or white sandals may also be worn (with socks)
- Some children choose to wear shorts under their skirt or dress for modesty. These should be plain back or white.

Calling school:

Please do make sure you call school daily when your child is not going to be in school.

Parking:

Please make sure you park with consideration for other road users. Make sure you do not park either on any double yellow or other areas marked for no parking. Also please do not stop to drop off your children in the driveway of the school or pull in.

Some families do this by agreement with the school – otherwise please park in an appropriate spot.

On Tuesdays, Year 5 return from swimming at the same time as the school day is starting to end. There have been weeks where their bus has struggled on Alvaston Street due to parental parking at the end of the day.

First Holy Communion:

I spoke to Fr Mark on Monday at mass and he confirmed that First Holy Communion this year at church will be on Sunday 24th May at 2pm (Pentecost)

Preparation will begin after Easter, and the forms will be available at church the week before Easter

(I will try to get some at school too and let you know when you can collect them)

I am still waiting to hear the date for Confirmation for children Year 6 and above.

Yours sincerely

Graham Lobb

Headteacher



February:

Tuesday 24th - Back to School [INSET Day Monday 23rd]

Wednesday 25th - Year 4 Retreat Day

Friday 27th - Year 5 Space Centre trip

March:

Monday 2nd - Parent's Evening

Tuesday 3rd - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 4th - Year 4 Celebration of the Word (9:15am - preceded by Y4 breakfast at 8:30am)

Thursday 5th - World Book Day (details to follow)

Wednesday 11th - Year 3 Retreat Day

Wednesday 18th - Year 3 Celebration of the Word (9:15am - preceded by Y3 breakfast at 8:30am)

Friday 20th - World Poetry Day Celebration of the Word (preceded by Poetry breakfast)

Friday 27th - Easter Celebration of the Word (2pm)

- Break up for Easter holiday