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Learn Together, Laugh Together, Be the Best You Can!

Enjoyment

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Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for important information regarding the next few, very busy weeks at school.

Sacramental Preparation - P4 Communicants

Our P4 children are looking forward to receiving their First Holy Communion this coming Saturday. The children are very well prepared and we look forward to celebrating this important occasion with them and their families. The children will enjoy a Thanksgiving Mass along with cake and goodies afterwards – their families and friends are very welcome to join us in the Church on Weed 22nd May at 9.45am.

Curriculum Links - Wizard of Oz

We are off to Kansas on Tues 28th May...or rather the munchkins are coming to us! A small charge of £2 will help us with the cost of this event, which promises to be another great Production for our children to enjoy. This provides a wonderful opportunity for stories to be brought to life for our children and they will participate in further work on storytelling/story writing, character descriptions, etc when they are back in class.

Important Dates



May

Fri 17th Dress Down Day – please bring a donation for the Summer Fayre
Sat 18th Sacrament of First Holy Communion at 11am
Wed 22nd Thanksgiving Mass, 9.45am in Church for First Communicants
Thurs 23rd Elections, School closed
Fri 24th and Mon 27th (school closed)
Tues 28th Wizard of Oz in school
Wed 29th Community Partnership, 7pm
Thurs 30th P1 Welcome Afternoon, 2.15pm
Fri 31st Summer Fayre, 3-5pm

June

Thurs 6th P1 Induction Afternoon, 1.15-3pm
Fri 7th P1 Induction Morning, 9.15-10.30am
Mon 10th Joseph Show, 1pm and 7pm
Tues 11th Joseph Show, 10am and 7pm
Wed 12th P1 Taster Lunch, 11am
Thurs 13th Sports Day Morning and Health Afternoon
Tues 18th School Fun Day
Thurs 20th P7 Leavers Service, Mass (pm) and Party (3.30-5.30pm)
Wed 26th Talent Show
Fri 28th Holidays begin at 1pm.

Community Partnership Meeting

The next Meeting of our Community Partnership will be held on Wed 29th May at 7pm. All parents and families are welcome to come along and we would be delighted to see as many of you as possible. Our Summer Fayre is fast approaching once again and thank you so much for all donations we have very kindly received so far. Our next dress down day is this coming Friday. Any further donations would be very welcome, thank you in advance.

P1 Induction Programme

We will shortly be beginning our induction programme for our new P1 intake. The children and their families are invited along to school for several events – we hope you will come to as many of these as you can. The dates are listed in the Diary Dates Column. Our P6 children have taken up the mantle of Buddies and they will be meeting their new P1 buddy during these induction days. Thank you boys and girls for taking on this very important role.

Mrs Emmett's Retirement

We are having a Cake and Candy on Tuesday 21st May to help raise money for a gift from our children for Mrs Emmett's retirement. All children are welcome to buy some goodies and any donations of goodies for us to sell would be just wonderful. You are always very generous for these events which we greatly appreciate. Thank you in advance of any donations. If anyone would like to contribute a donation separately for Mrs Emmett, please feel free to hand this in to the school office. If you would like to do that, can we please ask for any donation to be in by Friday 7th June.

Joseph Show

Tickets are now available for you to order for the superb show our children have been working on. There will be 4 performances for us to enjoy and the dates for these are Mon 10th June 1pm and 7pm and also on Tues 11th June 10am and 7pm.

The children from P1-4 will perform an introductory piece at all 4 performances. **All children** from these classes are involved. The main show is performed by children from P5-7 who have volunteered for the parts they play. The show is open to **all families, children and friends** to come along and enjoy. Please complete and return the ticket request form attached to this newsletter by Wed 22nd May to allow us to start to issue tickets. There is no cost for these tickets.

Health and Safety

We have noticed that several children are coming to school wearing quite long acrylic nails which are a potential hazard within our school. They are also limiting for certain activities which then affects learning. In line with our Health and Safety guidelines, children should please refrain from wearing these nails to school.

***PE Kit-** we have noticed that several of our children are not bringing the correct PE kit with them each week and this is deterring their participation in PE activities. Your help in ensuring they have their PE kit is greatly appreciated – PE kit is polo shirt/t-shirt, black shorts and indoor shoes. They also require an outdoor kit consisting of long trousers, a long sleeved top and suitable footwear. PE kits can remain in school each week. Please note earrings should be removed or covered and no jewellery should be worn.

Important School Information – a reminder ...

***Car Parking** – we now have a set of cones positioned on the zig zag lines outside our school to help ensure this is a safe area for our children and families. Thank you to all drivers for your support in helping to keep the area around our school as safe as possible.

***Nut allergies** – just a reminder to everyone **that we are a nut free** school. Children should not bring any snacks or items to school that may contain nuts or nut based ingredients. Thank you everyone.

***Fizzy drinks** – fizzy drinks are not permitted in our school as they contain a vast amount of sugar which we all know affects children's attention and behaviour. This also applies to fizzy sweets.

***Health Promotion** – we are a health promoting school and encourage our children to think about what they eat and drink. This includes snacks at playtime and lunchtime. Milk is available each week at a cost of £1.00 and a biscuit can be bought for each day of the week for the total cost of 10p.

***Absences/Lateness/Leaving Early** - If your child is to be absent from school, please phone our school office as soon as possible to inform us. We have an answering machine for your use. All children should be in the playground before the bell rings at 9am each day and we now have a bell ringing at 8.55am as a reminder to our children that 9am is fast approaching! The legal requirement is that children attend school from 9-3pm each day. If they are required to leave early, please bring your appointment letter to our office staff who will then note this. Lateness, absences and leaving early are recorded daily and if either of these become detrimental to any child's time at school, the council procedure is that an attendance officer will be asked to contact you to discuss further. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school from 9-3pm each day.

***Contact Details** - If your telephone number or e-mail address change throughout the course of the year, please do let our office staff know to allow us to update our records. This also applies to emergency contacts.

***Head Lice** – We ask all parents and carers to please check hair regularly and if there is any case of head lice, please let us know. Many thanks.

Best wishes

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Head Teacher