



**CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents,

### **Headteacher**

Interviews were held on Wednesday this week for the position of Head teacher. The Governing Body, led by the Chair, Alex Rimmer and Archdiocesan advisor Michael Boland led the process and I am delighted to be able to tell you all that they were unanimous in their decision to appoint me as Headteacher from September.

I am absolutely over the moon to have been given this responsibility. I have worked at St John's for 20 years, have been Deputy Head for 8 years and I am ready for this next step in my career in taking over the leadership of this incredible school. As I spoke at interview, it is simply a pleasure to be able to come to work alongside such talented colleagues, wonderful children and supportive parents. I am looking forward to leading our school forward and implementing new initiatives that will develop our school into the future.

### **First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion will take place for the children in Year 4 on Sunday. Please can families be at Mass for 8:30 to allow time for us to organise the children and prepare for Mass to begin at 9am. Father Daley has asked for us to remind parents that it is customary for a donation to be made to the Church. Thank you for your support.

### **World Children's Day**

Pope Francis has declared that a World Children's Day, to be celebrated on the weekend of May 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Children from all over the world will gather in St Peter's Square to celebrate this occasion. I have shared this with the children in assembly this week and the teachers have planned activities for the children to mark this special day. We have spoken about how there are children all around the world who live in very different circumstances to ourselves; some live in poverty, sadness, despair, without basic needs or live in countries torn apart by war. The children have spoken about how we can show Solidarity by thoughts, prayers and actions.

All children will bring home a Prayer card today and I have asked that they find time in their busy weekend to take a moment and say the prayer given by the Pope to celebrate and think of our global friends around the world.

### **KS2 Summer trip**

Only half of the parents in the juniors have made the payment for the Summer trip to the theatre. Can you please make your payment through SCOPAY as soon as possible or we may have to cancel the trip.

### **Attendance for this week**

Class 1 – 78%

Class 2 – 75%

Class 3 – 78%

Class 4 – 73%

## Dates

The calendar on the school website has been updated and will continue to be updated as events are booked in. You can subscribe to this calendar from our school website and the dates will automatically save into your phone or device.

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens for children
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Wheelers club begins
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery, Reception and Year 6 Group Photographs
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St John's Got Talent Auditions
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction evening for new reception starters
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	St John's Got Talent show @ 2pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition day for children to sample their new classes
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 4 performance and Year 6 Leavers Evening
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Trip
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes at 1:15

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Smith