

WE LOVE, WE PRAY, WE LEARN, WE PLAY



St Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Multi-Academy Trust



28th of June - NEWSLETTER 2019

Pentecost 2 Term

Dear Families,

A week of sunshine and showers! We thank you for your patience and understanding during the Sport's days this week. We were very proud of all the children's energy, effort and tough spirit in the rain, particularly as they carried on smiling. We thank all the staff for their organisation of this and particularly Mr Edwards for all his help.

We also thank the whole school for their great effort and particularly Mrs Hill for enabling the school to achieve the LCC bronze Anti-bullying award. We are on a journey with this and are striving to achieve the next steps of the awards. Mrs Hill and some children attended Morningside Arena on Wednesday to collect our certificate, enjoying tea and biscuits and rap poetry with a poet.



On Thursday the Year 4, 5 and 6 Chaplaincy Team children visited Mount St Bernard for a Spiritual Retreat day with Christ The King Primary School's Chaplaincy Team, Mrs Abell and Mrs Moore. The day was greatly enjoyed and stronger friendships made, which will aid them in guiding the Catholic life of the school and Collective worship next year.

Today we had a most uplifting mass celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart and in thanksgiving for the children who made their First Holy Communion. The children were congratulated for their excellent



behaviour, reading and joyful singing.

We ended a lovely Friday on a joyful note, with Ted the dog and Lauren (Pets as therapy) visiting the children to introduce themselves to the children who will begin reading to Ted next week.



Ice pops will continue to be sold every day next week: 20p each day at break time and lunchtimes. Please ensure children have hats in this warm, sunny weather and their reusable water bottles each day.

We look forward to you receiving your child's end of year report on Monday and to seeing you for the drop in meetings on Wednesday the 3rd of July.

We also look forward to welcoming Peter Giorgio: Director of Education for the Nottingham Diocese to school on Monday 1st of July.

Year 5's Eatwell guide: A message from Year Five

On Thursday 27th June Y5 conducted an anonymous Lunchbox survey. We looked through lunchboxes from all year groups and recorded what they had inside using the NHS Eatwell Guide. To summarise, we found out that many children had fruit in their lunches, however only some had minimal portions of carbohydrates. Carbohydrates are important for us to have energy to learn at school. We observed few sandwiches and would like to suggest children explore alternatives for their lunches if they do not like sandwiches to have pasta. Remember we only have one treat on a Friday only. We would also like to encourage you to reduce the packaging by using reusable containers and reusable water bottles only please. The official results from the visiting Nutritionist will be with us by the end of this academic year.

Thursday Yoga club

For the last session, next Thursday – parents are welcome to join their children to try some Yoga. Please wear appropriate clothing for joining in.

Big Battery Hunt

Your child has been supplied with a collection box for used batteries. Please get them to bring this into school when it is full- so that we can add it to the main container and enter the competition. Each school that books a collection for their batteries will be automatically entered in to the Big Battery Hunt Prize draw. By helping to recycle as many batteries as possible the school could win: A 2-night class trip to the sustainability centre, a 3 year subscription to MyMaths worth £1000, £2000 worth of school equipment vouchers, ipads, certificates and trophies. Have a look at the website : www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk .

2019/20: Term dates: Please note the change of Bank Holiday

The Government has moved the early May Bank Holiday from Monday the 4th of May to Friday the 8th of May in 2020, in order for it to line up with the weekend celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The term dates for the 2019-20 Academic year are on the school website: under the school information tab.

School Jotter: St Mary's Phone App

Thank you for downloading the phone app and contacting the office for login and passwords or any problems. We apologise for any teething problems, as we know on some phones that it has not been easy to install and that it has logged you out. Mrs Cavanagh has contacted Webanywhere, who have rectified problems, but have said that there may be more issues on Android phones. Please see the school office if you are having any difficulty. We are endeavouring to reduce the amount of paper copies we send out, so it would greatly help the school if we can send messages to you this way. Please go onto school jotter: about to check which version you are on: you need 2.14 for Iphone and 2.15 for Android. Check that your notifications are on- otherwise you will need to check messages to see if your child is receiving a certificate on Fridays or if there are any other messages from school. **If you are not receiving notifications, then there may be an issue with your phone. Please uninstall the app and install it again, which Webanywhere have advised to rectify problems.**

LOG IN DETAILS FOR INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES TO PARENTS: Important! Please contact the school office to obtain your login and password! Thank you if you have already done so! You will need to do this to ensure that you do not miss out on your child receiving a certificate on Fridays- as from after half term we will be contacting you on the app and not sending home paper copies about the certificates.

We now have the facility on the school jotter app to send individual messages to selected parents similar to Parentmail: for any urgent messages, to send notifications on achievement certificates, request reasons for absence etc. Each parent the school has registered on its database will be given a personal login. If you require another person to have a login and password, please let us know. If you have not already done so, you will need to have downloaded the "School Jotter" app onto your phone. If you require details of how to do this, please contact the school office, as unless you have downloaded this, we will not be able to send you individual messages. If your telephone details change, please be sure to notify the school office as soon as possible. Once you have logged in, you need to stay logged in permanently to receive any individual messages sent by the school. Please make sure that the notifications on your phone are switched on permanently too.

FOREST SCHOOL at St Mary's: continuing until the end of term

This week the children have been making musical instruments from nature. The children are enjoying playing with them during playtimes. We will remind children that they are not for swinging on.



Primary School KS2 Meal Prices: Autumn 2019

LTS Catering, who manages our school kitchen has held the price of primary paid meals for the last three years at £2.20. Due to increases in costs; generally around food and labour, they have had to review the meal cost and from the start of the Autumn term, **the price will rise by 5p**. The silver food for life menu still offers great value for parents for a two course lunch and EYFS and YR One and Two meals are still free. As part of the continual development of their food offer, their menu development chef is currently working on some new recipe ideas and options for the next menu. Sample copies of the new style menu for the Autumn term will be sent to schools, as soon as it is

ready for release. We would recommend the school meals, as it is tasty, nutritiously balanced and well-thought out for each term. The St Thomas Aquinas Academy will at some point next year, be developing cashless systems of payment for school dinners, trips, etc in schools such as ours that do not already have one.

Year 6 Induction Days at Secondary Schools/ Year 6 leaver's lunch 10th July

Delisle's induction days for the Year 6 pupils, who have had places accepted are on the 4th and 5th of July. Please note that parents are required to transport their children there and back for the induction days at their new Secondary school. St Mary's does not provide transport. Children need to go straight to their secondary schools on the induction days and not come to St Mary's first. The Year 6 leaver's lunch for parents is on Wednesday 10th of July at 1.30p.m.



PE

PE Kits: Please ensure children have their PE kits every day in school. They will not be permitted to take part in a PE lessons without the correct kit. We endeavour to increase the amount of PE in the summer months to take advantage of the Summer weather, but it is disappointing to see children not participating in their PE lessons due to not having their PE kit in school. Children should also have a PE kit for after school sport's clubs: such as Athletics, activities, multi- sports, football and Yoga.

Permission to not attend PE or swimming lessons

Parents must write to the school to let the class teacher know that they do not wish their child to attend the swimming or PE lesson, due to injury or ill-health. PE is a vital part of the school curriculum and permission cannot be given if it is verbally from your child.

Tennis Coaching : EYFS and Year One

On Wednesday's from 9a.m The foundation class and Year One will have tennis coaching with a qualified tennis Coach Matt Wilford. Please ensure they have their PE kits.

Swimming; There is a swimming session for Year Three and Four on the last day of term.



Year 5 and 6 production

9 th July	6p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production in the school hall
10 th July	7p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production in the school hall

End of year reports and meet the next class teacher

Your child's end of year report will be given on **Monday 1st of July**. Parent's afternoon drop in session on **Wednesday 3rd of July from 3.30p.m**. This will be an opportunity to speak to the current class teacher and to meet the next year's class teacher.

Staff Please pray for the school's kitchen manager Mrs Crowe and Mrs Kabala a school midday supervisor, who have been very ill and both are in hospitals.

School Dinner/ club/ trips payments: Thank you

It is helpful if you can put payments in envelopes with your child's name and what the payment is for, with the exact change. The box with envelopes is left outside on Monday mornings to speed up the process.



FOSM : School Parents Teachers organisation

Thank you for all your generosity this term and to all the hard work of the FOSM.

50p a go: Win a large teddy bear. There are still spaces to choose names to win the teddy bear. The winner will be announced later on in the term.

School Disco: 5th July:

Infants 5.45p.m -6.45p.m

Juniors: 7p.m -8p.m

There is a suggestion book on the table by the school hall entrance, please do fill it in if you have any suggestions of things to fundraise for or any fundraising ideas.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CATHOLIC LIFE AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Invitation to school Liturgies/ assemblies: Families are very welcome to attend school assemblies/ Liturgies as follows:

Tuesdays 9a.m Prayer and liturgy led by the Headteacher or classes.

Fridays 9.00 am Achievement assembly (If we are attending mass, it will be on Thursdays.

Thank you to EYFS: for their beautiful Liturgy on friendship this Tuesday.

Tuesday 2nd Of July: Whole school Liturgy led by Y4

11th July: 9.15a.m: in the school hall: Year Six Leaver's mass

12th July: Leavers Assembly

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy communion this year and particularly last week at St Mary's church.

The children can take part in rosary and meditation clubs run at break time by Mrs Moore.

St Mary's church: 4th July: Holy Hour for Vocations.

Chaplaincy Team News:

The Chaplaincy team will let you know if this is happening next Thursday: ice pops for sale at break times for Mary's Meals. 20p each.

Collecting Tin Food: For Saint Joseph's Storeroom. Tinned food in date please, pasta, biscuits... Please leave in the school's front office.

The First Holy Communion Celebration is on Saturday the 22nd of June at 3p.m at St Mary's Church.

Please pray the Vocations prayer at home. We are joining with the parish to pray it daily.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

LEADER: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

ALL: O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

LEADER: Bless our families. Bless our children.

ALL: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

LEADER: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

ALL: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

God's plan for us – is wild and precious....

Has the thought ever crossed your mind about whether God is calling you to Religious Life?

Want to talk and share your dreams?

Pop in for tea at- The Old Friary (Our Lady & St.Edward's) Gordon Rd., Nottingham NG3 2LG.

On Saturday, July 6th; between 2.30 and 4.00. For more information – Sr Maureen - maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com OR Sr Susan - religious@nrcdt.org.uk

Friday 5th of July; Refuge Diosing Concert

Year Three and Four will be practising and performing a concert as part of their Diosing Project. Year 5 will be taking their swimming slot. Please see letters sent out.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 1 st July	End of term reports to parents
3 rd July	EYFS, Year one and Two: picnic in the park a.m Parent's afternoon :From 3.30p.m onwards: drop in classes to meet teachers about reports: meet the next class teacher
5 th July	School Disco
9 th July	Y5 and EYFS prayer partner trip to the park 6p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production
10 th July	7p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production
11 th July	9.15a.m: End of term mass and Y6 Leaver's mass in school
12 th July	End of term Achievement assembly 9a.m
Last day of the Summer term 2019	Friday 12 th of July 2019. School finishes at 1.30p.m.
Summer holidays begin	Monday 15 th of July 2019
School reopens for the Autumn term	Thursday 29 th of August 2019

Thank you for your continued support for the school.

Have a super weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss P Jordan Headteacher

