

WE LOVE, WE PRAY, WE LEARN, WE PLAY



St Thomas Aquinas  
Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

5<sup>th</sup> of July - NEWSLETTER 2019

## Pentecost 2 Term

Dear Families,

The end of another academic year is nearly upon us-it has arrived so quickly and our pupils have achieved so much. We hope you received your children's reports on Monday and enjoyed looking at their classrooms and meeting their next class teacher on the drop in afternoon on Wednesday. The last few weeks at school have been fantastic. We have celebrated achievements, cheered on sporting success, enjoyed Liturgies and sharing of other talents and welcomed the new children to the Foundation Class for the next Academic Year.

Next week, as well as eagerly anticipating the wonderful performances of 'Shakespeare Rocks' from the talented year Fours, Fives and Sixes on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m and Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> evening at 7p.m in the school hall, we will be saying a tearful goodbye to our amazing Year Sixes at their Leaver's mass in school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 9a.m and at the last Achievement Assembly. They have visited their secondary schools over the last few weeks and we hope that the experiences will enable them to settle quickly.

Congratulations to Years Three and Four and the staff for their amazing concert to support 'Refuge' on Friday. The Mayor commented on how wonderful the children were and even mentioned their dancing. We are very proud of them and thank Mrs Trounsen from the Diosing Leicester Cathedral project for all her hard work.



The school disco is this evening, which we anticipate that the children will enjoy on this lovely Summer's evening. We do hope you can join us for the lovely events next week. Please ensure children bring their hats and re-usable water bottles next week.



**Lauren and Ted from Pets as Therapy reading with one of our children today.**

### **Summer Holidays**

The Summer Academic term finishes on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30p.m. Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of August and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of August are training days for staff. School reopens for the Autumn Term 2019 on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at the normal opening time. We wish you all a very restful and happy Summer holiday, and look forward to welcoming you back safely at the start of a new Academic year in August.

### **After school Clubs**

There will be no clubs after school next week and no after school club on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>: so that the school can be prepared for the Summer deep clean. Thank you for your support for the extra-curricular activities. We are aiming to have clubs organised for the second week of the new academic year. Letters will be sent out when the children return after the Summer Holiday. Parents will need to sign up for the extra – curricular activities at the beginning of the new Academic year. We are hoping to maintain the summer clubs we have had this term and continue to widen the range at the request of parents and children.

### **Transition Morning**

All the children will have an opportunity to spend some time in their new classrooms and with their new teacher for the next academic year on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July in the morning.

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

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> of May to Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May in 2020, in order for it to line up with the weekend celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> 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.**

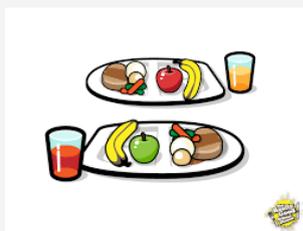
**LOG IN DETAILS FOR INDIVIDUAL MESSAGES TO PARENTS: Important! Please contact the school office to obtain your login and password! Thank you if you have already done so! You will need to do this to ensure that you do not miss out on your child receiving a certificate on Fridays- as from after half term 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** The children have continued to enjoy the session this week. Next week they will be going out to greenbelt area in Loughborough to sail boats in the stream.

**LTS Catering School Food have just been awarded the Gold: 'Food served here' catering mark by the Soil Association for all of their Primary Schools of which St Mary's is one. This means that our children have access to an even higher welfare standard, fresh, nutritious quality hot meal prepared by their skilled cooks each and every day of the school term.**

They have worked closely with the team and suppliers to continually develop menus and recipes which enhance the lunchtime experience for pupils/ staff and provide great quality meals at a value for money meal price.



### **Primary School KS2 Meal Prices: Autumn 2019**

**LTS Catering**, who manage 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 Gold 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 early year, be developing a cashless system of payment for school dinners, trips, etc in schools such as ours that do not already have one.

### **Year 6 leaver's lunch 10<sup>th</sup> July**

The Year 6 leaver's lunch for parents is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of July at 1.30p.m.

### **PE**

**Swimming; Unfortunately we have been informed that there is not a swimming session for Year Three and Four on the last day of term.**



### **Year 5 and 6 production**

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

### **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 on Friday.**

### **School Disco: 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**11<sup>th</sup> July: 9.15a.m: in the school hall: Year Six Leaver's mass at school: All Welcome!**

12<sup>th</sup> July: Leavers Assembly and final end of term Assembly. All Welcome!

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

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

**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

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### **Dates for Your Diary**

9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 and EYFS prayer partner trip to the park 6p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production
10 <sup>th</sup> July	7p.m: Yr 5 and 6 production
11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15a.m: End of term mass and Y6 Leaver's mass in school
12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term Achievement assembly 9a.m
Last day of the Summer term 2019	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> of July 2019. School finishes at 1.30p.m.
Summer holidays begin	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> of July 2019
School reopens for the Autumn term	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> of August 2019

Thank you for your continued support for the school.

Have a super weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss P Jordan    Headteacher