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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME Our **First Communion** candidates are nearly at the end of their lessons and will be making their First Communions on Saturday 26th June at St Mary's Church – Y5s are at 11am and Y4s at 3pm.

The Y6 **Confirmation** children will be receiving this Sacrament on the 3rd July at St Mary's Church at 11am.



Y6 RESIDENTIAL TO KESWICK (w/c 17th May 2021) Most of our wonderful Y6 children made it to their Keswick Residential and enjoyed a fantastic week of activities which they will definitely remember for many years to come. They came home again untouched by Covid!

Thank you to all the staff who went with them and to all the parents who supported our efforts to get the children there, despite Covid. Their Headteacher looks like he enjoyed it a bit as well!

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION We are grateful to everyone who voted. Unbelievably the result was an exact draw, so both **Naz Mehji** and **Betukumesu Nyamabu** have both generously agreed to serve.

NEW HEADTEACHER Miss Smith has kept very much in touch with us since her appointment and is visiting on a regular basis to help with her induction process. Her role will properly start in September of course and all the children and staff are looking forward to welcoming her and supporting her as she gets to know St Mary's properly.

----- REVISED KEY DIARY EVENTS (COVID RESTRICTIONS) -----

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WEEK (21st June to 25th June) Unfortunately Mrs Borges-Vaz and Mr Brennan have taken the decision to postpone this event until the new academic year, due to the continuation of the current Covid restrictions announced by the PM on Monday.

LEAVERS DISCO Children in Y6 will be able to attend this 'traditional school event' on the 19th July in the evening. Details will follow.

END OF YEAR MASS (21st July 2pm) As things stand at the moment we do not believe we will be able to extend an invitation to parents to attend this final Mass of the year, other than a small number of invited guests.



PTFA SUMMER FAYRE It will presumably be no surprise to parents that we cannot hold our normal Summer Fayre this year. Please support our PTFA by buying some tickets for the Summer Hampers. There are some lovely examples just waiting to be won! Thank you for the varied and good quality donations for these hampers.

SPORTS DAY This event will take place under Covid restrictions, but unfortunately, for the 2nd year running, we can't invite parents to attend. There would be too much potential for mixing of bubbles and cross-infection.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION This year the Y6 children will perform '**WOW... WHAT A YEAR**' to the KS1 children on the 13th July and the KS2 children on the 15th July. We will make a final decision on whether Y6 parents can watch the production physically by the 9th July at the latest. If we can go ahead, this will be on the evening of the 15th July. If we can't allow parents to attend we will film it and make it available either through our YouTube channel or as a CD.

LEAVERS AWARD ASSEMBLY (Friday 23rd July 1.30pm). This 'traditional' rite of passage for our Y6 pupils will take place in front of Y6 parents ONLY. Please put it in your diaries and do your best to come along. There will be an informal opportunity to say 'Goodbye' to teachers and other parents after this assembly and outside in the KS2 playground. There will be drinks and biscuits available.

Parents who have been with us for more than two years will be aware that we normally do an Award Assembly for the other year groups as well. Unfortunately we have decided this is not possible to run, for the 2nd year in a row, because we would be mixing bubbles.



Y5 TRIP TO MAGNA Our Y5 pupils spent a fantastic day at this science museum in Sheffield on Monday this week. They were a credit to us with their behaviour and their curiosity and engagement.

HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOL TIME We would like to remind all parents that holidays in school time are not able to be authorised and will potentially result in a Fixed Penalty Fine of **£120** per child per parent.

FOREST SCHOOL REQUEST Mrs Brown has asked us to remind you that children should be coming to Forest School sessions in long sleeves, even in this hot, sunny weather. This is to protect them from getting scratches or stings etc. on their arms whilst they are in the woodland area. Thank you.

STAINED GLASS INSTALLATION (Y6) Our Y6 children have been working with Zachary Thompson-Benn's Mum to make a stained glass window to go above the magnetic door in the Main Entrance. The children were asked to try to theme each panel to reflect 2020-21. We hope it will be in place before they leave the school.



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