



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SOME DIARY DATES

7.5.2018 Bank Holiday

10.5.2018 Feast of the
Ascension Whole School
Mass at 9am – all
welcome

Saturday 12.5.2018 First
Holy Communion in
church 10.30am

Week Beg: 14.5.2018
SATs WEEK

16.5.2018 YR 1S Class
Mass at 9am

18.5.2018 Kwik Cricket
Festival

Saturday 19.5.2018 First
Holy Communion in
church 10.30am

Netball Fever

With the buzz surrounding England Netball at the moment, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hughes are this evening taking 13 children to the University of Bath to watch Superleague Netball team 'Team Bath' play 'Celtic Dragons'. This a fantastic opportunity to see some Gold Medallists from the Commonwealth Games in action. Have fun everyone!

HEAD'S NOTES

- **Folk Festival** - some of the children are already preparing for the Folk Festival and we are very fortunate to have Mrs Taylor helping with the music. I heard some beautiful singing from the Y3/4 choir earlier this week, so we have some treats in store I'm sure! **The Folk Festival Schools Day is on Friday 25th May 9.30-2.30** when some of our children will be involved. Representatives from Primary schools across Chippenham come together to sing and dance, so don't miss it – it will be fun!
- **Attendance** – The school is trying very hard to improve attendance and so we are hoping to introduce class and individual certificates for good attendance. Our target is to reach 96% by the end of the year. This means all children need to be in school every school day unless they are ill. Please also try to bring your child into school on time. School begins at 8.20 when the bell rings in KS2. We don't want children to miss a moment of curriculum time so we are getting children into the classroom promptly. If you can try to bring children to the playground or the classroom door by 8.15 – we will go some way to reducing the number of children who arrive late. All children whom come into school late after the register closes are recorded as late.
- **Violin teaching** – Mrs Beresford visits the school to provide individual music tuition for violins on Wednesday mornings. This is a charged provision. She presently has one slot available. If your child is interested in learning the violin, please contact the school office for more details.
- **Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord** – Whole school Mass in the school hall next **Thursday 10th May at 9am**. All parents and friends are welcome to join us.
- **Safeguarding** – Please be aware that taking photographs and videos on the school site is not allowed for safeguarding reasons. Thank you!
- **Social Media** - Would parents please monitor their child's use of devices and remind them that cyber-bullying in any form is a serious offence. It can be extremely upsetting for children who are targeted. There is no place for any form of bullying in St Mary's School.
- **Bank Holiday Weekend** - wishing you all a super extended weekend! Let's hope the sun continues to shine!

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Nursery: Maximillian D – for settling in and making new friends

1S: Darcy R – fantastic writing

1F: Alex H – fantastic choices in his behaviour

2WC: Ava G – Lovely listening and participation

2J: Poppy B – For trying really hard in all areas

2G: Areesha F – some lovely artwork

3S: Gabriella C – excellent sharing of knowledge in RE

3D: Teonnie SB – a positive attitude to learning

3EG: Jasmine U – Fabulous persuasive writing

4BM: Hope M – good organisation and helping others

4B: Lucia B – being kind and helpful to other children

4D: Georgie F – for confidence and enthusiasm in maths

Headteacher's Award: Eddie B – super writing



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Mrs Brockhurst and Mrs Parkes are organising the Year 6 leavers' hoodies this year. These will be distributed at the leaver's party on the 20th July.

All Year 6 parents should have now received the letter about this. There is a very strict time frame for ordering the jumpers. Parents must check the spellings of their children's names by 6th April and all orders must be submitted by the 27th May. There is no flexibility in these deadlines, so please make sure you order promptly.

Thank you.



Head Lice!

Several cases of head lice have been reported in recent days around the school. Please follow the link which will take you to an NHS leaflet that gives lots of helpful advice and tips on detection, treatment and prevention.

http://www.bexton.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/65759

Tennis for Kids is back!

In 2017, 20,000 children in Great Britain took part in our tennis starter course for kids. This year, Tennis for Kids is back and lessons are open to kids aged between 4 and 11, and will be available from coaches near you, all year round. For just £25 every child will receive 6 high-quality lessons, developed by experts at the LTA, as well as a special Tennis for Kids Babolat racket, ball set, and personalised T-shirt delivered right to their door.

To find courses locally to you & to book, follow this link - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids>