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SOME DIARY DATES

25.5.18 End of Term 5
4.6.18 Term 6 begins
6.6.18 3S Class Mass 9am
13.6.18 Y6 Leavers Mass at Clifton Cathedral 11am
15.6.18 Year 5 to St. Gregory's School
19.6.18 Year 6 Chippenham Games
20.6.18 3D Class Mass 9am
22.6.18 1F Class Assembly 9am
26.6.18 Education Mass Clifton Cathedral 7pm
29.6.18 Whole School Mass SS Peter and Paul 9am
3.7.18 Sports Day
10.7.18 Music Concert 6-7

Chippenham Folk Festival

Festival

Begins

Friday 25th May

Enjoy the weekend of fun!

HEAD'S NOTES

- **Staffing News** - As you will have seen from the Governor newsletter, we congratulate Mrs Smith on her appointment to the post of Deputy Head from September. The new Headteacher, Mrs Howie Lee was involved along with governors in what was a very rigorous interview process with two very good candidates. Mrs Towers, our Nursery teacher for the past two years, will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up an appointment at another school. Mrs Keohane, our Senior Admin officer, will also be leaving us at the end of Term 5 for personal reasons after 15 years with the school. Miss McCauley, one of our TA's will also be leaving us at the end of the summer to begin her teacher training. We thank them all for their commitment to the school and wish each one of them well in their future direction. The website has details of several TA vacancies for September.
- **The five Inset Closure Days** for the 2018/19 are as follows: 3/9/18, 4/9/18, 5/11/18, 7/1/19, 23/4/19.
- **Folk Festival** – We were SO proud of the Y3/4 children who took part in the Let's Sing Folk earlier this week. They were brilliant and really did St Mary's proud – we need more of this!!! Children are also involved today in the Folk Festival Schools Day. I'm sure they'll all have a super time!
- What a wonderful atmosphere at the **Y6 Café** on Tuesday afternoon! Thank you to all the parents who came to support the children in their efforts to raise funds. Thanks you also to Mrs Hughes and Mrs Linton who organised the Cafe and of course to the Y6 children who were brilliant!
- We also had **two wonderful Holy Communion Masses** over the last two Saturdays - such lovely occasions for families. Many thanks to the very many staff members who came to one or both of the Masses. Your support is so much appreciated and binds our school and parish community together.
- **Key Dates list** – an amended copy with changes in red went out to parents earlier this week – please check these against your diary dates.
- **Car Park** – please can we appeal to all parents and visitors to the school to park sensibly and considerately so we maximise the space available. Please don't park in the hatched areas as the priority has to be to keep children safe.
- **GDPR** – Please note that all signing-in books will be kept inside the Reception window in order to keep your data safe.
- **Term 5 end today** and we welcome children back to school for the start of Term 6 on Monday 4th June. Thank you for all your support this term. **Wishing everyone, including our hardworking staff and the very many supportive parents a very happy and relaxing half term break!**

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

Nursery: Adam W-C - recognising differences
1S: Oscar B – building confidence in his writing
1F: Matthew H – wonderful enthusiasm in writing
2WC Eve T – excellent teamwork in RE and Art
2J: Tilly C – wonderful artwork and trying her best
2G: Daniel H – great comprehension and reading
3S: Heidi G – fantastic effort in Let's Sing Folk
3D: Ben R – having a positive attitude to learning
3EG: Alex C – interesting vocabulary in story writing
4BM: Albert B – Superb improvement in presentation
4B: Eva F-H – real interest in the Shakespeare story
4D Elsie T – positive attitude and a bright smile too
Headteacher's Award: Sennan A – amazing work in maths and trying so hard



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.

PTA DATES!

Thursday 28th June: Mufti day

Thursday 5th July: Mufti day

Friday 6th July: 3-5pm: SUMMER FETE

Many thanks!

From the PTA

Tennis Festival

On Tuesday 22nd May, we went to Devizes Tennis Club to play in a Tennis Festival. We played four matches against children from other schools and did really well. We all loved having the opportunity to represent St Mary's.

By Oliver, Myles, Theo and Conor, Year 3.

Let's Sing Folk – Chippenham Folk Festival 2018

On Tuesday some Year 3s and 4s went to the Olympiad to take part in 'Let's Sing Folk'. There were 11 other Primary Schools there and we all had to perform our own Folk song or dance. We performed a country dance choreographed by Mrs Taylor and played instruments. We also all sang songs as a massed choir. It was great fun.

On Friday we will be at the Neeld Hall for a Folk Festival Schools day too. By Heidi G, Year 4.

Chippenham Museum visits Year 3 and 4

On Monday 21st May, Mr Skelton from the Chippenham Museum came to St Mary's to talk about a project commemorating WW1 and the soldiers who were posted here. We looked at the history of Chippenham and then we imagined what it would be like to a soldier staying in Chippenham during the war. We designed and wrote our own postcards to our loved ones. We also took part in a tapestry art project - making felt pictures of the Civil Guard - that will be displayed in Chippenham Museum from November. It was a great day full of history. By Thomas B Year 4.