

Newsletter

Friday 20th May 2022



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Dear Parents and Friends

I can't believe that this half term is drawing to a close next week – time is flying! The children continue to work hard and I have to say how very proud I am of both the Year 6 and the Year 2 pupils, who have been sitting SATs tests this month. They have shown a truly positive attitude and did their best no matter how tricky some of the questions might have been. We all know that these tests are a snapshot and not a true measure of how amazing each and every child is in their own uniqueness.

As we end this half of the summer term with our Jubilee Celebrations (please see below), we are looking forward to some exciting events in the latter part of the term including our Sports Day and Performance. We are really pleased to announce that in July, the whole school will be going on a trip to Moors Valley – and it won't cost you a penny! More information will be coming out shortly.

When we do finish next Friday, please have a lovely half term break and enjoy the Jubilee Celebrations.

May Procession

We were blessed with beautiful weather on Thursday, as the GIFT Team and Fr Francis led our May Procession Service. It was lovely to have parents and parishioners join us and the children were fantastic – including our youngest children – The Explorers! Thank you to Mrs Myatt and the GIFT Team for such a prayerful celebration of our Patron Saint. Thank you for providing the children with such colourful flower posies. I hope you'll agree – they make a stunning display.



Vyshyvanka Day (Embroidery Day)

This is a day in Ukraine which is traditionally celebrated by Ukrainian communities around the world on the third Thursday of May every year, which means 19th May this year. It was a lovely opportunity for David and Eliza to share this important day with us - they look so proud wearing their national dress.



Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at school on Friday 27th May. We are asking everyone to dress up in red, white and blue and there will be activities for the children during the day. We would then like to invite parents in to school at 2pm to join us for an afternoon tea/picnic. Scones and tea will be provided by the PTFA. Please can you let your child's class teacher know if you will be attending, so we can cater for numbers. **Please do so by Tuesday 24th May – thank you.**

Marnhull Festival

Don't forget that Marnfest is happening on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June! We have been asked to 'man' the entrance during Saturday's events, if you would like to help us with this (it will only be for an hour) **please do let Mrs Betts know by Friday 20th.**



British Summer Weather!

Please can you ensure you send your child in to school with a lightweight coat so that they can still play outside when there are showers. Can you also remember to send them in with sun cream already applied and a sunhat for when the weather is sunny? (probably on the same day!!)

School Dinners

Hot school meals

Please order hot school meals for the weeks commencing 6th June and 13th June 2022 **by Monday 23rd May** – thank you.



Trading Cards and Toys

Please can I ask that children do not bring any trading cards to school, as we don't want children getting upset when they lose any cards. Can I also request that toys, including cuddly toys remain at home – unless already agreed with class teacher. We are finding that they are proving to be quite a distraction. Thank you.

Sports Day

We are aiming to hold Sports Day on Friday 8th July from 1pm (weather permitting), with Wednesday 13th July being our reserve date. We look forward to seeing you! The PTFA will be putting on light refreshments for spectators.



PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA for buying the school a set of glockenspiels – these will be invaluable in music lessons. The PTFA met again on Monday 16th May, where we further discussed plans for the summer term. They are looking to provide refreshments for our Jubilee Celebrations and for Sports Day.



Celebration Assembly

We are continuing to invite the parents of one class at a time to attend our Celebration Assembly. Please arrive at 2:40pm and park on the playground, so we can start at 2:45pm. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly - 2:40pm	Class
Friday 20 th May	St Alban's
Friday 27 th May	No celebration assembly due to Jubilee Celebrations
Friday 10 th June	St Anthony's & Explorers
Friday 17 th June	St Mark's
Friday 24 th June	St Francis
Friday 1 st July	St Alban's
Friday 8 th July	No celebration assembly due to Sports Day
Friday 15 th July	No celebration assembly due to End of Year Performance

After school clubs

After school clubs will continue until we break up for half term, with Lego on Monday, KS2 Football on Thursday as well as Eco Club, who will be having a guest visit from Marnhull Green Teams.



Day	Clubs	Dates
Monday	Lego	23rd May
Thursday	Eco Club Football KS2	26th May

After the half term holiday, clubs will start up again from **week beginning 13th June**, and will be as follows:

Day	Clubs
Monday	Lego – Miss Fletcher
Wednesday	Art & craft - Miss Smith
Thursday	Eco Club – Mrs Myatt Cricket KS2 – Mr Young



After School Club

If you have one child at a club, you could book your other child or children into our After School Club.

3:15 - 4:15pm - £3.50

Please use school Money to book your child in for any sessions.

Marnhull Tennis Club - HALF TERM FUN TENNIS COACHING FOR KIDS

Half term programme:

Monday 30th May and Weds 1st June, book for either or both

- Starters, 5 to 7 yrs 9:00 to 10:00
- Inters, 8 to 10 yrs 10:00 to 11:30
- Seniors, 11 to 13/14 yrs 11:30 to 1:00

The groups are very age flexible if by ability/experience your child would be happier in a different age group session.



As usual, our LTA accredited coach Graham Howell will be running the fun and energetic sessions with games, technique, and fitness

Fees: Starter group, non-members £8 (members £6); Inter and Senior groups, non-members £10 (members £8)

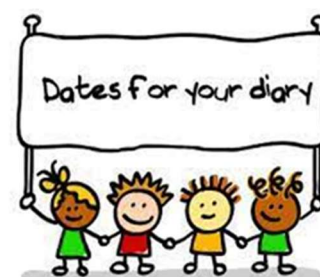
For further information and to book places (please advise the group wanted) contact John Seear at johnseear@hotmail.com or 01258 269743



Please follow us on Twitter @stmarysmarnhull – it would be great to increase the number of followers we have – we currently have 80 followers.

Dates for your diary:

- **Monday 6th June - INSET Day**
- **Tuesday 7th June – children return to school**
- **Friday 24th June – Non-uniform Day for Catholic Children's Society (wear yellow, blue and white)**
- **Wednesday 29th June – Whole School Mass Feast of Saints Peter & Paul**
- **Friday 8th July – Sports Day 1pm**
- **(Wednesday 13th July – Sports Day Reserve 1pm)**
- **Wednesday 13th July - End of Year Reports to Parents**
- **Thursday 14th July – End of Year Performance 6pm**
- **Friday 15th July – End of Year Performance 1.30pm**
- **Tuesday 19th July – Leavers' Service 6pm (note change of date from 20th)**
- **Thursday 21st July – end of term break up for Summer holidays**



Term Dates 2022-23		Half Term holidays	Inset Days
Autumn Term 01.09.22 – 16.12.22	Children start school Monday 5th September 2022 Children break up for Christmas holidays on Friday 16th December 2022	Children finish for half term on Friday 21st October 2022 and return to school on Tuesday 1st November 2022	01.09.22 02.09.22 31.10.22
Spring Term 03.01.23 – 31.03.23	Children start back at school Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Children break up for Easter holidays on Friday 31st March 2023	Children finish for half term on Friday 10th February 2023 and return to school on Tuesday 21st February 2023	20.02.23
Summer Term 17.04.23 – 21.07.23	Children start back at school Monday 17th April 2023 Children break up for Summer holidays on Friday 21st July 2023	Children finish for half term on Friday 26th May 2023 and return to school on Tuesday 6th June 2023	05.06.23

God Bless

Sharon Betts
Headteacher