

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is another busy one. There is a plethora of activities taking place for all of our children and families. From preparing for the arrival of our new intake to ensuring that our oldest children, fantastic year 6 have a great last term, it is busy, busy, busy!

Please take notes of dates and times in your diaries and check your emails and class dojo regularly for whole school and class news and updates. For trips and sporting events out, ensuring that you give consent for your child to go is vital and the earlier the better. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

Catholic Life

Bishop's theme this term

Missionary discipleship

Your mission, as a disciple of Jesus, is to help someone else encounter God this term. You could do this by being a good role model and sharing your kindness.

Mission this week

Faith

Having faith can be tough. It means believing in something that you cannot know for certain and in a world where there is almost an answer for everything this can be difficult. Have a think about your

faith and what you believe in. This week we celebrate the English Martyrs - people who died for their faith - they inspire us to hold on to what we believe and to share that faith with others. What do you find it hard to believe sometimes - what inspires you in your faith?



Parish Links:

Our school serves: St Mary's and St John Bosco parish. Please see the website below for more information.
<https://cathparishmje.co.uk/>

May

May is the Month of the Holy Rosary. At school, we will have rosary sessions throughout the month of May.

First Holy Communion

This year's programme is coming up to the important final stages for Year 4 children in St John Fisher School. Please keep all the children in your prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs Chevin and her husband Dave who are expecting a child in September. Wonderful news!

Teaching vacancies: please inform any interested friends, relatives or colleagues to apply to join our wonderful school community.



We are delighted to have Miss Fletcher on a student placement this term in Year 2. She will be working alongside Mrs Jones and Mrs Gallagher.

Sun protections

As we enter the season of summer, please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school, as well as providing them with a sun hat and a water bottle each day. The sunscreen in school should only be used when there are prolonged outside activities and the sunscreen from home may need 'topping up.'

Start of the school day

It is important that children arrive at school on time. The gates open at 8.30am, all children should be in school by 8.40am. Reception parents are able to walk their children to class at 8.40am. School gates will be locked by 8.45am.

New Gate System

Over the Easter holidays, a new security operated gate was installed whereby access will be gained via intercom. This is being installed to add extra security to our school and pupils. Thank you for your patience with this.

Babies & Tots

Babies & Tots takes place every Wednesday in the school hall. 8.50am to 10.30am. Check out the Babies & Tots Facebook page for more information.

Clubs

Extracurricular after school clubs have resumed this term as well as some invitational, subscribed and PTFA clubs. Thank you to all our teachers, staff, volunteers and coaches for giving our children these extra opportunities. Please let us know of any absences in advance so we may update our club registers.

SATs

Our Year 6 children are doing their end of Key Stage 2 SATs in the week beginning 9th May and our Year 2 children will be completing their assessments in the last couple of weeks of the term. Other year groups will be taking part in annual assessments after half term. Thank you to all our parents for your support with homework, as it does make a difference!

To give your child a really good start for SATs week we are inviting all year 6 children to join us for FREE breakfast from Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May.

Breakfast club starts at 7.45 a.m.

School Website

We have an updated school website which has lots of new photos, videos and valuable information about our school. Please take a look!

Eco-Committee update

The Eco-committee are delighted with how many batteries have been collected for The Big Battery Hunt. Each week we are busy counting them and adding them to our total and we are thrilled that so far we have collected 2190 batteries. Keep sending them in and we will be well on the way to catching the school that has collected 7000!





This Friday, we are looking forward to welcoming The Leicestershire Wombles to come and talk about the problem of litter and help us do a litter pick around our school and local area.

Thank you for all your support in making our school a greener place to learn.

Matthew Bennett R.I.P.

During the Easter break, tragically, Mr Matthew Bennett, parent of Lewis, a year 6 child, died in a fatal road traffic collision.

May Matthew rest in peace, and may the Lord surround his family with love at this terribly difficult time.

Please remember the family in your prayers this week when the funeral takes place and this term.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Apr | 25 th | Year 3 Toplink Festival at St. Paul's (Information sent on Arbor) |
| | 28 th | Wombles in Leicestershire Assembly |
| May | 1 st | Bank Holiday |
| May | 2 nd | Pentecost I Clubs begin |
| | 4 th | Year 4 Toplink Festival at St. Paul's (information sent on Arbor) |
| | 5 th | Coronation lunches |
| | 8 th | Coronation Arts & Crafts Day (Non-school uniform – Red, White or Blue) |
| | 9 th – 12 th | Bank Holiday |
| | 15 th – 26 th | Year 6 SATS |
| | 18 th | Year 2 SATS |
| | 19 th | 9 a.m. Ascension Thursday Mass |
| | 23 rd | Interhouse sports day (all children to come in their house colours) |
| | | PTFA Family Film Night (tickets via ParentPay) |
| | | 9 a.m. Year 4 May assembly |
| | | 6 p.m. New entrants parent's evening |

June 2023

- June 6th – Year 5 Competitive Sports Festival at St Paul's
- June 20th – Year 6 Competitive Sports Festival at St Paul's
- June 21st – KS1 Sports day
- June 28th – KS2 Sports day

July 2023

Year 6 Crich Briars Residential – **Wednesday 5th July – Friday 7th July 2023**

- July 13th – Thursday – Last day of school 2pm finish;
4.15 pm finish for after school club

