



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to send a congratulatory message to all of our Year 6 children who have taken their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) a fortnight ago alongside all other Year 6 pupils in the country. Their attitudes and application were exemplary. They demonstrated resilience and confidence. I am sure that our traditional SATs Breakfasts helped to ease any nerves. Thank you to Mrs Marlow and Mrs Kaur for organising the breakfasts, the parents for helping and supporting their children, the staff for their encouragement and care and, most of all, to the children for their hard work and dedication.

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.

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

The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary, Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion in which Catholics from every part of the world pay a moving tribute of faith and love to Mary. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore our guide and inspiration for devotion to Jesus. The children will have the opportunity to pray the rosary on Friday lunchtime with Mrs Johnson. They are welcome to bring their own rosary beads into school.

There will also be a rosary prayer session for parents to attend on Friday morning 26th May at 8.30 a.m. in the learning lounge.

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. Congratulations to those who have received it already.

We will be celebrating a Mass on June 22nd 9 a.m. to mark both this year's Holy Communicants and the St John Fisher Feast Day. More details to follow from the Year 4 teaching team.

Questionnaires

Message from Mrs Johnson, lay chaplain

Hope you are well. Thank you to everyone who could come to the Ascension Mass on Thursday. We have another special event on Thursday next – the May Assembly which will be led by Year 4 at 9 a.m. All are invited. We will also have a Rosary session in the Learning Lounge at 8.30 a.m. on Friday May 26th. Again all are welcome. It would be lovely if you could join us.

I would be delighted if you could fill out two surveys about Catholic Life in RE.

One about RE and Catholic Life at SJF



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One about prayer life at SJF

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Thank you and God bless

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre is back! Mark it in your diaries Saturday 17th June 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. All money donated and spent will be used to help your children in school with equipment, books or memorable experiences such as the pantomime. So please be generous with your time and donations of course! Thank you.

Message from the PTFA

As you know the Summer Fayre is back and we look forward to seeing you there on 17th June. To make this event as successful as ever, we need your donations.

We are looking for donations for the stalls below:

Chocolate & Sweets tombola – any sweets, chocolate or sweet treats. NO NUTS! Please check dates before donating.

Bottle tombola - any bottles - drinks, toiletries.....anything that comes in a bottle which you would like to win!

Water & Wine stall - bottles of wine and empty wine bottles

Jar tombola – save your empty jars, wash them thoroughly and fill with treats e.g. crayons, sweets, craft items, lego, toys, small toiletries.

Good Quality Toys and Books - have a clear out and send in good quality toys and books. NO broken toys please!

Summer Fun Raffle prizes - things to make your summer fun - toys, items for the garden, picnic, beach, BBQ. If you work for or know of any business that may be able to offer any raffle prizes please ask or pass on details to us.



Walk to school week

Walk to School Week was a great success. Well done to Mr Smith and the eco council for leading the initiative and to parents and children for making the effort to put it into action. There were lots of children who were awarded stickers for coming to school in an active way. Let's see if we can continue to get more of our children getting to school in a more sustainable way. To everyone who made the change in transport - thank you!

Collecting from school

If parents/carers want their child to leave with anyone other than their named contacts they will need to let the office staff know. Unless pre-arranged and notified with parents and school, no-one else should take a child home. We will not allow any child to go home with another adult without your permission. On the rare occasion that a parent/carer is going to be late picking their child up, they must contact the school office.

Attendance matters

Overall our attendance last week was 96.2% Well done, everyone. Our school target is always to have attendance above 97% and we are improving week-on-week.

A reminder to everyone to keep your child's attendance high for the last summer term. On the end of year reports, there will be a detailed summary of your child's attendance in the last year.

It is important for children to attend regularly and arrive on time each day. Research shows that the children who have the highest levels of attendance throughout their time at school make the most progress, achieve the best results and have wider choices when it comes to career opportunities.

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.'

Staffing

Please keep Mr Ritchie, our premises officer, in your prayers. Mr Ritchie was knocked down by an electric scooter in Wigston on May 7th and sustained some nasty injuries. We hope to see him back recovered soon.

Sport

Football

Good luck to the boys' **and** girls' teams when they go to LCFC Holmes Park on June 8th for the finals day after winning their divisional 1 leagues in April. This is an incredible achievement for both teams. We wish them all the very best on the day.

Interhouse Sports

Interhouse Sports in Keystage 2 on Friday was held in glorious weather and in good sporting spirit. Well done to all competitors and athletes. Thank you to all the staff for organising this special day; to all the enthusiastic Reception and KS1 supporters and to our young sports leaders from St Paul's.





New Parents Meeting Evening – Tuesday 23rd May

We are holding a new parents' evening on Tuesday 23rd May between 6pm – 7pm for any parents who have children starting in Reception at SJF in September 2023. The first half of the meeting will be in the school hall and you will then have a chance to meet the Reception team in the Reception classroom.

We look forward to meeting you and we hope this will be the start of a wonderful partnership. See our webpage for more details.

Dates for the diary

Please check out dates for the diary below. There are quite a few events happening with parents as always invited to Sports days, liturgies and masses. We look forward to seeing you there if possible.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

May 23rd Saffron Lane Area Sports
6 p.m. New entrants parent's evening
May 25th 9 a.m. May assembly

June 2023

June 5th Pentecost II clubs start (4 weeks)
June 5th – 16th Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check
June 6th Year 5 Competitive Sports Festival at St Paul's
June 8th Football finals day at Holmes Park
June 9th Year 3/4 recommence swimming
June 12th – 16th Year 1 phonics screening check
June 16th Year 5/6 Swimming Gala (No Year 3/4 swimming this day)
June 20th Year 6 Competitive Sports Festival at St Paul's
June 21st 1.15 p.m. KS1 Sports day
June 22nd 9 a.m. St John Fisher Mass & Holy Communion Celebration
June 26th 4 p.m. Governors meeting
June 28th 1.15 p.m. KS2 Sports day
June 29th 9 a.m. Year 3 class Liturgy
2.30 Year 4 String concert
4 p.m. Year 6 Leavers' production

July 2023

July 4th 9 a.m. Summer concert
Year 6 Crich Briars Residential – **Wednesday 5th July – Friday 7th July 2023**

July 11th 6.30 p.m. Leavers' Mass

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

