

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in our final half-term of the year - Pentecost 2. It is 5 weeks 4 days long and will be packed with events, learning, revision, music, sport and fun! With hot weather expected, it is important to remember to apply sun cream/lotion to your child before they come to school, as well as providing them with a sun hat and a water bottle each day.

Thank you to everyone for last half term – we had so many lovely celebrations and occasions: Jubilee celebrations, Ascension Thursday Mass, Sports events, clubs, trips out and enthusiastic new entrants.

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

Well done to our Year 4s who led a wonderful May Assembly on May 25th. It was great to see so many attend this special liturgy. We had some lovely feedback too which means a lot to the children and the staff.



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. Please keep many of Year 4 children in your prayers as they deepen their friendship with the Risen Lord and celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend.

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

Thank you to everyone who has filled out the questionnaires.

We will carefully assess the feedback and incorporate valuable insights into our future event planning processes.

R.E.: I know how well my child is doing in RE and what they need to do to improve.

At parents' evening in October and February, we say how your child is progressing in RE and give targets for how they can improve in their RE work. In the end of year report, there is a detailed section on how your child is doing in relation to their Age Related Expectations. We also send out the 'Explore' part of the RE topic – the first part – as homework so children and parents have a preview of the questions and work that lies ahead.



Eco council update

Great to see so many children and families still walking/scooting and cycling to school! Keep it up. We hope you have planted your sunflower seeds and we look forward to hearing how it is developing over the summer months. Remember there is a prize for the heaviest sunflower head!

Assessments

Over the next few weeks, children will be taking part in end of year assessments. You can help by reviewing homework, speaking to your child about their learning and completing some practice assessments on Education City for example. Please ensure your child is in school on time and has had a good night's sleep.

These assessments will be used by teachers to inform teacher judgments for parent's information in the end of year reports, to inform next steps in learning, to support transition into their next class or secondary school. It is important that your child does not worry about these assessments but sees them as a way of showing what

they have learned so far this year. We are very much looking forward to seeing the results and finding out how well the whole school have done so far.

We expect our fantastic children to do really well and show the amazing progress we see day in, day out in school.

Our Year 2s and Year 6s have already completed their statutory assessments and we are very proud of how well they have done.

Statutory Assessments

Good luck to all the Year 1s who will have their phonics screening checks next week.

Multiplication tables check – Year 4

We are administering the multiplication tables check from today Monday 12 June until Friday June 25th.

Reports

Reports will be emailed out to every parent on July 11th. Please ensure that we have the correct email address on file for you so that you receive this communication. If you wish to have a paper report posted instead, please email the office to request this.

Attendance award →

Well done to all our children and families on this recognition.



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 them 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.

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

Kory Hill and Scott Mc Vea have been appointed on a year long temporary contract as teachers. Congratulations to both of them.

Kevin Ritchie has returned after his injuries. Thank you for your prayers.

We bid a fond farewell to Mrs Kent and Mrs Moloney at the end of this half term. Mrs Kent is retiring after many years of dedicated service to the children of SJF in a variety of roles. Thank you Mrs Kent.

Mrs Moloney is currently working as a Year 4 teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays and this contract will finish at the end of the academic year. Thank you Mrs Moloney.

Both Mrs Kent and Mrs Moloney will be truly missed. They have taught, inspired and guided hundreds of children and families through the years and they leave with a terrific legacy of care, love and gratitude from our current cohort of children, families past and present and the many colleagues whom they have worked with.

Teachers for next year

Reception: Miss Hanson

Year 1: Mr Hill

Year 2: Mr Smith

Year 3: Mr Wheatley

Year 4: Mrs Hunt/ Mrs Durning

Year 5: Mr McVea

Year 6: Mrs Barrow*/Mrs Jones

*We pass on our best wishes to Miss Baraclough who will be getting married in the summer to Tim Barrow and who will return to SJF in the new year as Mrs Barrow.

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.

Sports days

Congratulations to all our children who performed so well at the Saffron Lane Athletics Day on May 23rd. All children did their best and we are so proud of their achievements and effort.

YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
<p>EIREANNA – 400M GOLD SAVANNAH – 400M BRONZE GIRLS RELAY – GOLD</p> 	<p>GIRLS RELAY – GOLD RAJ – 75M GOLD ARIA – 75M SILVER KIYARA – 50M SILVER</p> 	<p>GIRLS RELAY - GOLD BOYS RELAY - BRONZE EVIE- 50M SILVER IOAN - 600M GOLD LEWIS – 600M BRONZE BROOKE - 600M GOLD</p> 

Both the Years 3/4 team and the Years 5/6 team have, as a result of their incredible achievements, been selected to go to a Quaddkids sporting competition on Friday 9th June.

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

June 2023

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

July 2023

July 4 th Year 6	9 a.m. Summer concert Crich Briars Residential – Wednesday 5th July – Friday 7th July 2023
July 11th	6.30 p.m. Leavers' Mass
July 13 th – Thursday	Last day of school 2pm finish; 4.15 pm finish for after school club