

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy, fun-filled first week back with three trips out and we still have lots to look forward to in the last five weeks of this year!



Year 1 Victorian Day at Beaumanor Hall

Catholic Life

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/>

June

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The children will pray a Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus every Friday during the month of June as a reminder of how His endless love for us. Let us share his message of love and hope within our families and communities.

Heart of Jesus, burning with love for me,
inflame my heart with burning love for thee.
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make my heart like your heart.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to those children who have already completed their Holy Communion. There will be a special mass on June 18th at 9 a.m. led by Year 4. Letter to go out shortly by the Year 4 teaching team about this day.

Summer Fayre – Message from the PTFA

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to the SJF Summer Fayre on Saturday, 29th June 11am - 2pm. We hope that you will be able to join in and help this to be our biggest and best event ever!

Our Fayre would not be possible without your generous donations and all of our wonderful volunteers. Over the coming weeks we will be collecting donations of the below (also see attached). We will be sending reminders each week to prompt you, but donations can be sent in at any time.

Chocolate & sweets – please check dates before donating. **NO NUTS!**

Bottles - drinks, toiletries...anything that comes in a bottle that you would like to win!

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

Wine & empty wine bottles – please make sure they have a screw top lid.

Toys and Books - have a clear out. **NO broken toys please!**

Summer Fun Raffle prizes - things to make your summer fun - toys, items for the garden, picnic, beach, BBQ Cakes (Friday 28th June/Saturday 29th June only) – cakes and treats to sell - homemade or otherwise! These will be sold individually. **NO NUTS!**

Raffle donations

Would your workplace like to donate a prize for our raffle? The raffle is one of our biggest money earners and we love to make it as big and successful as we can. We would be very grateful for any donations of vouchers or products that could be included. Please get in touch at sjf.ptfa@gmail.com or let the office know.

Volunteers

To make the fayre a success we will need volunteers. The more people we have the smoother it will run and will allow helpers to also participate in activities on the day. If you are able to spare any time to help out either on the day or in preparation please get in touch at sjf.ptfa@gmail.com - every little helps!

Staffing

We are sad to say goodbye to two wonderful members of staff this term. Mrs. Reilly, our dedicated Teaching Assistant and ELSA, is retiring after many years of service to the school. Her calm and nurturing presence will be greatly missed by both staff and students. We wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

Miss Hanson, who has been a Reception and Year 1 teacher at SJF for the past six years, is moving on to a new position at a school further south to be closer to her family. We are grateful for her enthusiasm and commitment to her students, giving them a great start in their primary education and wish her every success in her new role.

We're thrilled to officially welcome Mrs. Fletcher to our EYFS team as a full-time teacher. Some of you may remember her from last year when she brought her infectious enthusiasm to the Year 2 classroom as a trainee. We're excited to have Mrs. Fletcher back with us, and we know her dedication and positive energy will create a wonderful learning environment for our youngest explorers.



Sun protection

In 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 may walk their children to class from 8.30 to 8.40am. School gates will be locked by 8.45am.

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.

There will be no Babies & Tots on the 26th of June as the hall will be busy that day with our Year 6s starting their Residential congregating there.

Last babies & tots of the Year will be on the 3rd July.

Uniform: Summer

As the weather is getting warmer, the children can now wear their summer uniform. This includes grey shorts or a blue checked summer dress. The children have been taking great pride in their appearance and dressing to impress! We expect the very best from our children with regards to school uniform and appearance and strongly believe that high standards promote positive behaviour. Thank you for your support.

Uniform: Change of supplier – 3rd reminder

This message is to inform you about a change to our school uniform supplier. Marks & Spencer (M&S) will no longer be offering embroidered uniform items for St John Fisher CVA or indeed any other schools. We understand this may cause some inconvenience, and we apologise for any disruption this may cause.

What this means for you:

From 14th October 2024, you can no longer purchase pre-embroidered uniform items directly from M&S.

Until then you still can buy these items, from Marks & Spencer:

<https://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com//m-s-uniform/uniform-by-school/leicestershire-warwickshire/st-john-fisher-catholic-voluntary-academy/5637147654.c>

Clubs

Extracurricular after school clubs resumed last week beginning June 3rd for 4 weeks 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. A reminder to collect children promptly at the end of the club.

PE days this half term

Reception: Monday & Wednesday

Year 1: Thursday & Friday

Year 2: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3: Monday & Friday (Swimming)

Year 4: Monday & Thursday

Year 5: Thursday & Friday

Year 6: Wednesday & Thursday

PE uniform – reminder of the correct uniform

Since Covid, we decided with majority support of parents, children, governors and staff for children on PE days to wear PE kit. This has generally been successful and as a result, children are getting more PE time and there is a lot less lost property.

With PE at least twice a week, this means that children are in their PE kit 40% of the week, if they are in a sports club after school, it could be 60% 3/5 days.

We are constantly striving to ensure that we maintain our high standards of dress. Thank you to all of those pupils and parents/carers who have supported our uniform rules and are wearing the correct clothing as specified in our uniform policy.

Area Sports

A huge round of applause for our incredible St John Fisher team Year 4, 5 and 6! They competed amazingly at East Leicester Area Sports bringing home a fantastic haul of medals. It was particularly rewarding to see new faces joining the ranks of our medallists. The team's behaviour and the support they showed each other were truly outstanding, reflecting the superb sportsmanship we strive for at our school. Our thanks go to all the staff and volunteers (Mrs Astill, Mrs Barrow, Mrs Stanley, Sarah Astill, Rachel Astill, Mr Gowan) who helped prepare and accompany the team – their dedication is much appreciated!

Team: Aria, Sadie, Oliver, Oscar, Kiyara, Isla, Piper, Raj, Josh, Kiedis, Stanley, Grace, Jack, Daniel O, Daniel H, Lilah, Celia, Munya, Savannah, Ayomi, Eireanna, Shai, Yaqoob, Jensen, Orla, Ganga, Seth, Tyler, Monri, Nimi, Thea, Tiwi, Eoin, William, Zayne, Daniel G, Cora



God bless,



Mr Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

June

- 12th Year 5 Toplink festival at St Paul's
- 18th Year 5 Greek Day
- 19th New entrants' induction 1 – 2.30 p.m.
- 21st Year 5/6 Swimming Gala at Parklands
9 a.m. Reception Parents' morning
- 25th Year 6 Toplink festival at St Paul's
3.30 Year 5/6 Netball friendly v St Thomas More (away)
- 26th a.m. No Babies & Tots
p.m. KS1 Sports Day
- 26th – 28th Year 6 residential to The Briars
- 29th PTFA Summer Fayre

July

- 2nd New entrants' induction 9-11a.m.
- 4th ^(Obs) 9 a.m. Summer Concert
p.m. Year 6 Leavers' production
p.m. KS2 Sports Day
- 5th 6 p.m. Year 6 Leavers' Mass
- 10th **End of academic year 2 p.m. finish**
- 12th **After school club finish at 4.15 p.m.**