



Dear Parents,

Firstly, my apologies for the typographical errors in last week's newsletter. I must have been working under pressure! Let's see if I can improve this week. Please find below a summary of events and details, as we move through the Summer.

- **Holy Communion preparations** – Mrs Hayes and Mrs Kennedy are sharing great news about the preparation for Holy Communion. Well done children and great engagement from parents, in almost all cases. At the moment we only have 10 track and trace forms returned. Thank you to those who have completed these. For those parents who wish to attend, the deadline is next Friday.
- **School uniform requirements**. There has been a great improvement in uniform across the board. Thank you for your co-operation in line with the Home School Agreement (attached).
- **Our annual Art Gallery (28/5/21) is on its way**. We look forward to some great examples of art which parents can choose to purchase, via the gateway. Unfortunately, we cannot invite parents into school, this year. Instead we will have a virtual gallery on the website, after the event.
- **Thanksgiving Mass**- Through necessity, as a result of a parish event in the church, the Thanksgiving Mass for Y3 will now be on Thursday 20th May in the morning. Their Communion buffet will be on Friday morning. The children (and teachers) are looking forward to seeing the beautiful cake and to sharing their delicious breakfast. They will need to be in their school uniform, as usual.
- **RSE (Relationships and Sex Education)**- You will have received a link to a consultation document linked to changes to RSE, across our school, in keeping with schools across the diocese. We have adapted the recommended resource to suit our children and we invite you to give your thoughts, also. We have to educate the children in this area, however we intend to do it positively and progressively. Please take the time to offer your thoughts. (See letter attached)
- **Parents Consultations**- Mrs Ward and Mrs Potter have shared details about booking parents' consultations, via the school website. These worked well across the Autumn term 2020. Please use the system to ensure that you find out about next steps for your child/ren. Thanks again to office staff for helping parents who have lost or mislaid their passwords. Please hold onto them for future parents' consultations.
- **Half term**- School finishes for half term on Friday 28th May at the usual pick up time.
- **End of term early finish on Wednesday 21st July** - from this term onwards, all end of terms here at St Mary of the Angels, will finish at the earlier time of 1.30pm. School collection on the final day of the Summer term will, therefore, **be 1.25pm for Nursery, Y1,2 and 3 and 1.30pm for Reception, Y4, 5 and 6.**
- **Alton Castle**- Y6 will hopefully be able to attend Alton Castle in late June, this year. Parents who wish to find out more and secure a place need to place their deposit. School reserves the right to withdraw any offers and refund payment received if children's behaviour is of concern. Children with specific need will be contacted to support them and their parents to access in line with their needs.

May updates and reminders -

As the weather improves, please remember sun hats for children, especially those who are naturally fair.

Earrings need to be studs in school colours and not worn on days when children have PE. Hair also needs to be tied back, if it is long.

School dinners can only remain available if parents support them. As we now return to what we hope is some normality, please encourage your child to engage with school dinners. We cannot run the kitchen at a loss. The meals are nutritious and value for money.

And Finally ...

Good news! We have been successful in our bid to replace the school boiler. Work will commence across 2021. This should keep the school warm for at least another 20 years.

"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"