



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. It appears that you have brought the sun with you, too. It has been a great start to the new school term. Please find below a summary of events as we move through the Summer.

- **Holy Communion preparations** - Y3 parents, please find the **Y3 SACRAMENTAL tab** on our school website. By tomorrow evening, all relevant letters and details, including a video detailing the children's learning, dress expectations for the big day, risk assessments etc, will be available via that tab. As with all church events, we will be restricted to 6 in each family /support bubble, with an exception made for larger immediate families. (Details to follow, via phone, for such families). Please keep a close eye on the tab to keep abreast of plans and expectations for the "Big Day". We pray for great weather to accommodate your outdoor celebrations after the Mass, also.
- **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**. Thank you to Governors for recognising and supporting staff wellbeing.
- **School Fund – Thank you for your generosity**. This has been put to good use in the following ways since our return:
 - Your children have had a fabulous time planting **"Positivity Pots" - a name coined by our School Council**, across this week (Y5,6 and 1 are tomorrow). They have been decorating stones with words that they wish to say Good bye to, from Lockdown, and then placing these **in large pots of rainbow coloured plants (as specified by Mrs Smith and our school council)**. The results are truly lovely and will be available for you to see as next week unfolds. This has been possible as a direct result of your contributions to school fund. **Twitter will reveal a snapshot of the fun that was had; I can vouch for the merriment** which I could hear and the enthusiasm from children (staff were a little less enthusiastic and slightly messy by the end, but it was worth it ☺).
 - Mrs Amann has purchased some lovely **tuned percussion** which I witnessed Y6 preparing to use this week. The strains of Twinkle Twinkle and other familiar tunes could be heard, as they had the opportunity to all perform together. Again, these have been purchased from school fund.
 - Y3,4,5 and 6 have all had their turn to eat outside in the wellbeing garden space, which has been **newly adorned with coloured pendants, climbing ivy and wellbeing slogans**, courtesy of Mrs Hayes, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Joyce and Mr Leek. These have been funded from school fund. **The children were really proud to be "out" in the space and I believe, were very respectful of the need to tidy up after themselves and each other**. This gave them a reason to exercise their application of British Values, and is something they will look forward to each week, weather permitting.
- **Y,3,4,5 6 Grab Bag to Go** – will take place each **Monday for Y6, Tuesday for Y5, Wednesday for Y4 and Thursday for Y3**. Please ignore the menu for that day. Your Grab Bag will be a hot sausage or bacon roll, a cake, fruit and yoghurt. This can be eaten outside, weather permitting.
- **Swimming for Y4**- This is due to start next **Thursday 29th April**. Please find attached the letter with relevant details. Please also ensure that your child can quickly dress themselves and put their wet towel and costume safely into their bags, in preparation for next Thursday. It is worth a practice.

April updates and reminders -

Tennis is due to re commence this week again for Y3. Y4 can also attend the after school tennis club. This will change on 28th May, where Y6 will be timetabled and Y3 will be invited to attend the after school tennis club.

Long hair needs to be tied back properly for H & S reasons, to avoid it catching in machinery, desks, play apparatus, and prevent it restricting vision. Please ensure that this is the case for all girls and boys from Nursery to Y6. Where it is becoming an issue, school will be in touch for your full support.

School uniform- Almost all children have returned looking very smart. Shoes are still an issue for a small number of children. **PE shorts are the stumbling block. Cycling shorts and black leggings are not part of our uniform and must not be worn on P.E days.**



And Finally ...

Please remember former, much valued members of our school community, Ben, Josh and Mrs Easthope, in your prayers and thoughts, this week, as they come to terms with their sad loss.

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