



Dear Parents,

Please find below a summary of events and details, as we finish the academic year.

- **Y6 End of term Mass and Assembly-** This is scheduled for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am, for Y6 children and their parent(s) - up to 2 people per child, maximum. Parents will have received a letter and we are hoping for good weather to facilitate a lovely outdoor mass and memories, as well as some Goodbyes and Thank yous - fingers crossed for good weather. Our thanks, as always, to Fr Craig for accommodating us, as well as a busy Parish schedule. The mass will be followed by a short Leavers' Assembly and some memories and thoughts Y6 wish to share. The Colour Run will take place on the school field on Tuesday, also, commencing at 3.45pm (spectators can arrive from 3.35pm to the school field, as directed by staff). It should be over by 4.30pm, at the latest. We look forward to some smiles and laughter!
- **Inset days-** School will be closed to all pupils on: Thursday 2/9/21; Friday 26/11/21; Tuesday 4/1/22 & Monday 6/6/22.
- **Y3 Willy Wonka Day-** was a great celebration. I have seen the pictures to prove it. Well done Y3 and Mrs Hayes/Kennedy for embracing change and making the day a good one. I believe it is in the calendar for next year, also. *And... I got a huge slice of the chocolate cake! Thank you ☺*
- **Showcase afternoons and Sports Day events-** The cheering and the animated faces, with multiple stickers, greeting me in the hall across lunchtime, this week, has reassured me that excitement had been high and competitiveness and participation have been successfully practised, through Sports Days. Again, I have seen the pictures to prove it! All classes will have some evidence shared with parents, via the class pages, before the close of term. Many thanks to our wonderful Sports Captains in Y6, who have been indispensable to staff in supporting the sports days. We are proud of your responsible attitudes.
- **Reports and Consultations-** Parents, you will have received the children's final reports, yesterday. Thank you for the very positive messages that have been shared, via class pages and emails. These have been appropriately passed on to relevant staff. Should you wish to discuss elements of the report or the targets for the future, further, with your child's class teacher, then please make an appointment to talk with staff on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – between 3.30-5.30pm, via the staff office.
- **Mrs Ray's Musicians.** Please find attached a letter from Mrs Ray, should your child wish to continue with drum, guitar or keyboard lessons. She asks that parents either complete the form and return it to school, or contact her directly (her number is on the letter).
- **PTA Donuts-** There was great excitement today, as the donuts were shared out across the school. It was lovely to see and a great end to the week. Thank you to the PTA who have, as always, supported school with the "little extras" which make school and learning memorable.
- **Pyjama Day-** Well, I think Mr Marsh won the prize for staff participants, followed closely by Mrs Joyce and Mrs Smith. Well done children- you looked great and made lots of people smile. Thank you School Council, for arranging this event.
- **Road rage and parental aggression in a public space-** I have heard, this week, of two incidents of parents, on Weston Crescent, demonstrating erratic driving and intimidating behaviour, in front of our pupils, to others. Whilst I cannot comment on behaviours outside of the school gate, I sympathise with people on the receiving end of such intimidation. My advice, as always, is to note down the registration and make a report to the police of verbal abuse and dangerous driving. There will be others who will witness for you.
- **Thank you-Mr Garcha** for your great talent and patience, with our Nursery children- the graduation pictures are truly lovely. Parents, they will be available on the class page very soon.

## And Finally...

We have another year, almost at a close and as always, we need say Good Luck and God Bless to our Y6 children. We are certain that they will continue to grow into thinking young adults which much to offer the world. We cannot wait to hear of their future successes. We also say Goodbye and Thank you to some of their families, who leave us for the last time, next week. These are the families of: Joanna, Saskia, Owen and Aaliyah; of Nathan, Harry, Ciara and Daniel; of Emily, Jacob, Sofia and Rosie; of Robert, Zara, Kay and Taylor; of Jess, Justin, Uhmaan and Ryan S; of Daisy, Christina and Betsy Sue, too. We wish them great happiness and success in their futures, wherever life takes them, and we thank them for their great contributions to St Mary's School Community. We have many memories of good times together and great support from many of these parents. Take great care.

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