

Learning and working together through Christ



Dear parents/ carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we end this spring term. During this term, we have been very proud of all our children with their achievements and progress. A big well done and congratulations to all our children.



Our Lenten Journey

Thank you to parents and children for supporting and contributing to our chosen charities during this Lenten season. We have supported the charities of CAFOD and Father Hudson homes. Your support and donations have really helped the charity to support people and families around our world. Thank you!

During our journey of Lent this term we welcomed **One Life** into school where the children spent time with Dan & Emily on a spiritual retreat for growing closer to God. It was a lovely day that all children enjoyed. Also, during Lent, we had our friends **BTAILS** theatre company in school to share the Easter Story with us. A lovely day!



Sacraments

Year 3/4 First Holy Communion – Saturday 11th June at 9:30 am in Church of St Philip Neri. Details of parent meetings to help prepare the children will follow soon after the Easter break.



Confirmation – Year 5/6 children

Thursday 13th July @ 7:00pm at St Philip's Catholic Church. We are blessed that His Grace The Archbishop of Birmingham, Bernard Longley will be presiding over the Sacrament of confirmation on that evening.

Live Simply Award

We are working towards of achieving the Live Simply Award to reflect the teachings of Laudato Si', this means caring for our world.

We ask that during the easter holiday break that the children and parents participate in a small steps challenge and a giant strides challenge to support this journey.

Small steps

1. Challenge yourself to an unplugged day – without your phone, TV, laptop or tablet.
2. Enjoy a nature walk and appreciate God's creations all around us.

Giant Strides

1. Donate to a local foodbank
2. Turn off light bulbs when you are not in the room.

Information for the Summer term.

Key stage 2

Year 6 will be sitting the Key Stage 2 tests in May, as below ;

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May 2023.

Date	Activity
Tuesday 9 May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Friday 12 May 2023	Mathematics paper 3

Please make a note of the important dates !

Uniform – Children are expected to wear full school uniform to school each day apart from their PE day on which they will wear their PE kit to school – Summer uniform is permitted until the end of October.

P.E Kit – On days that children take part in P.E they will be asked to wear a white T-shirt, blue or black jogging bottoms with their school jumper to school for the day.



Class	PE Day
Nursery class	Wednesday afternoon
Reception Class	Wednesday afternoon
Year 1	Monday morning
Year 2	Morning afternoon
Year 3	Monday morning - SWIMMING
Year 4	Monday morning
Year 5	Monday afternoon
Year 6	Monday afternoon

School lunches

Free School Meals and KS1 Universal Free School Meals children – If your child is a Free School Meal child or is in EYFS or KS1 they are entitled to a free school lunch which would be a hot meal from the school canteen. If you would rather send your child in with their own packed lunch you are welcome to do so. Please book online on SCHOOL FOOD UNITED TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PREFERRED LUNCH OPTION. If you are having trouble logging in or creating your School Food United account, please come and see Mrs Slater in the School Office. All children should still bring their **own filled water bottle each day** which needs to be taken home at the end of each day and washed and brought back the following day. Please remember that if your personal circumstances change over the Easter break, please come and see us to check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

Uniform – Children are expected to continue to wear full school uniform to school each day apart from their PE day on which they will wear their PE kit to school – summer uniform is permitted until the end of October. I totally understand that we have entered into the last term of our academic year, but please be mindful that children's footwear is black shoes or sandals for this term. Also there has been an increase of children wearing jewellery and fancy haircuts.

Jewellery

Please remember that only small stud earrings are allowed in school and no other jewellery, nail varnish or make-up is permitted. Earrings should not be worn on PE days. New piercings should only be done at the beginning of the summer holiday so that they are healed sufficiently to be able to be taken out for PE days.

Haircuts

Please respect our policy. There should be no hair sculptures or tram lines, shaving, highlights or hair colouring of any description. Extreme hairstyles should only be considered at the beginning of the summer holiday. Thank you for your support.



Breakfast club

If you would your child to come to breakfast club, please book online on **SCHOOLCOMMS** to book a place for your child/ren. It is important to note that when you are booking a breakfast club place for your child, you pay to secure a place.

The timing is **7:30-8:40** am daily with breakfast options and a selection of activities for your child/ren to take part in. **The cost is £1:50 per child.** To ensure that your child can have breakfast in a timely manner, please ensure that your child **DOES NOT** arrive after **8:10am**. The reason for this is ensure enough time is given for your child to make a breakfast choice and be able to eat their breakfast before their school day starts.

Afterschool clubs

The choices for afterschool clubs will be coming to you in the first week of the summer term. We will endeavour to support your child's first choice of clubs. Please note! That if your child has chosen a club and has NOT attended for 2 weeks, we will sadly have to cancel your child's club place and offer it to another child.

Attendance

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. Please ensure that you endeavour to get your child to school and in on time for 8:50 am. The playground opens at 8:40am and the official start to the school day is 8:50 am. If your child arrives to school after the registers close, they will receive a late mark that is recorded on your child's attendance record. If your child is ill and is unable to come to school, please contact the school office on 0121 558 1643 and leave a message or speak to Mrs Slater. Please remember that taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling and we ask for your co-operation to not take your child away in school time.

Communication

Projects and homework will be set for children over the Easter break on Purple Mash, Times Table Rockstars and Class Dojo. Please ensure that your child/ren have their passwords before leaving school on Friday so that they can access work set for them.

A polite reminder that the messaging services will not be available over the Easter break but children can speak with their class teacher on the first day back if they have any issues or questions regarding homework.

Change of circumstances

It's important for us to know that if your personal circumstance have changed you may be entitled to Free School meals. You can help the school to access precious funding for years to come (called Pupil Premium) by registering for free school meals Please apply for free school meals if you are on a low income and / or receive benefits. As well as receiving a free school meal very day (if you choose to take it) you will generate significant funding for our school for many years to come – funding that is all spent on better provision for the children.

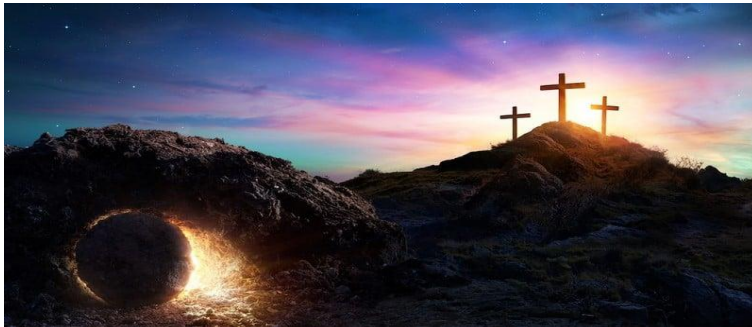
Keep in touch

Your parental satisfaction, and the progress, safety and happiness of your child is the top priority for the school. We try hard to do the best we can in all areas but we know that things can and do go wrong. What is important is the way these problems are sorted out. Never, ever hesitate to get in touch for help with any matter, however small it may seem. You can speak to staff on the door in the morning or you can call the office.

Teachers will always call you back, and I can usually speak to you straight away. If for any reason we cannot get to you immediately we will always ring you back as soon as we possibly can. Never hesitate to make contact; most things can be resolved and the sooner we know about your concerns, the sooner we can address them.

Dates for your diary

Term Dates for the academic year	2022- 2023
Summer Term 2023	
Monday 17th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday School closed to pupils
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
Friday 26th May	Pupils break up for half term
Monday 5 th June	Pupils return to school
Friday 23 rd June	Teacher Training Day—School closed to pupils
Monday 22 nd July	Pupils break up for Summer



Easter message

Resurrection Light

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.

When fear paralyses us
may your touch release us.

When grief torments us
may your peace enfold us.

When memories haunt us
may your presence heal us.

When justice fails us
may your anger ignite us.

When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.

When courage leaves us
may your spirit inspire us.

When despair grips us
may your hope restore us.

And when death threatens us
may your resurrection light lead us.

Amen.



I wish to take this opportunity to wish you wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

With every kind wish as always.

Mrs C Hinton

Principal