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NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations

P.E. Kits

Indoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Black pumps

Outdoor P.E

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Outdoor trainers

Or

Dark tracksuit

Outdoor trainers

It is important that your child not only has school pumps for indoor PE but trainers for outdoor PE.

We can't allow children to do outdoor P.E in school pumps or shoes—it just isn't safe or practical.

Well that's the first week of the summer term done and what a lot we packed in: Year 4 played cricket at Sheldon Marlborough C.C.C. and went to Kingsbury Water Park; Year 3 pupils and parents took part in a Holy Communion meeting on Wednesday evening, while Year 2 led mass so wonderfully this morning. May I also take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and remind you that school will be closed to children this coming Thursday 4th April as the premises are being used as a polling station. See you all on Tuesday!

Attendance & Punctuality

Please support our school to achieve our target of 97% attendance this year. The Government are very clear in their expectations of schools to achieve an excellent level of attendance. Please be aware that any time lost will have an impact on your child's learning. We appreciate that children do become ill and have to miss school on occasion, but we do ask that if they are well enough to attend that they do attend. I must also make parents aware that we cannot authorise holidays in school term time.

Below is a grid that highlights the significance and impact of school attendance percentages on missed educational opportunities. So please make every effort in the final school term of the year to help the school raise our attendance levels—thank you.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Lessons Missed (based on 5 Lessons a day)
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	2 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	6 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	38 Days	72 Sessions	8 Weeks	190 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	10 Weeks	240 Lessons
70%	57 Days	114 Sessions	11.5 Weeks	285 Lessons
65%	67 Days	134 Sessions	13.5 Weeks	335 Lessons

Fortnightly Newsletter

As agreed at a recent governing body meeting, school will now be producing a fortnightly newsletter instead of every Friday. The reasoning behind the change is to save on printing costs and paper conservation. We will however be updating the School Website on a daily basis and will continue to alert parents via text message. We will be trialling this change for the remainder of this term and welcome your feedback.

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance since September:

96.2%

Weekly attendance (last week)

97.97%

Class Winners (last week)

Year 3, 5 & 6 with 99.3%

Well done to Sophie in Reception who won the weekly attendance award this week.

I know it is the season of coughs and colds but if at all possible try to bring your children into school. If however, your child is ill please do phone into the school office and let us know.

School number: 0121 675 2205.



Congratulations

As a school community we would like to congratulate the newly named Mrs Hoyle (Formerly Miss Savva) on her Easter wedding. We wish Mr & Mrs Hoyle many years of happiness and good fortune.

Dinner Money

Just a quick note to remind you all that the cost of school dinners changed prior to the school holidays.

Dinners now cost £2.25 per day or £11.25 per week. Please could you ensure that the correct money is sent in with your child. Many thanks.

Sacramental Dates

Sacramental dates for the children of Year 3 and Year 6:

Year 3 First Holy Communion: Saturday 13th May at 9:30am at Corpus Christi Church

Year 6 Confirmation Meeting: Wednesday 24th May at 6:30pm at School

Year 6 Confirmation: Sunday 25th June at Corpus Christi Church—time to be confirmed but it will be in the morning.

Please remember, that at school we do have some First Holy Communion dresses that have only been worn once and are freely available for children to wear on the day. I know sometimes people don't like to ask but please remember we are here to help.

Year 6 SATS

I'm certain all Year 6 parents are fully aware that SATs are upon us. They will be commencing on Monday 8th May for 4 days. The children have been very well prepared for the tests and have worked hard all year. As a school, we are very proud of our year 6 pupils no matter how they fare and all anyone can ask for is their best efforts. We ask that our whole school community keep the pupils in their prayers at this time.

Morning Supervision

Just a gentle reminder to parents who arrive at school prior to 8.55 a.m. that teachers do not assume responsibility for children until the bell goes and the children enter the school building. Prior to this handover the children are still officially in the care of their parents and must be supervised accordingly. We would be grateful for your support in this matter.

Condoover Hall

Any parents who still have an outstanding balance are urged to make their final payments as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

Dates for the Diary

01.05.17—May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

02.05.17—Y1 Assembly

03.05.17—Y5 Cricket Tournament @ Sheldon Marlborough

04.05.17—Polling Day—School Closed

08.05.17—Y6 SATS week

15.05.17—Y6 @ Condoover Hall

18.05.17—Y1 Inspire Workshop

08.06.17—School Closed for General Election Polling.

25.05.17—Reception Assembly

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Head Teacher