

12th May 2023

Dear Parents

Today will be a difficult day for our school community and Siobhan's family as we lay her to rest. Thank you in advance to all those families who will create a Guard of Honour outside St Monica's Catholic Church. Thanks also to the many parents for your thoughts and prayers and to so many of you who have organised child care so that all the staff can attend today.

Don't forget gymnastics, Spanish and Football are on at 3.15pm today (or 4.15pm for the later gym class) for everyone who usually attends.

Year 6 – Well done to our Year 6 children who have worked very hard all week on their statutory SATs papers. There is huge national debate about whether or not our children should have to go through testing at this age, but they all know they are more than a score!

1Y Class Assembly – Class 1Y took us to India on Thursday! They taught us a lot of interesting facts about India and also entertained us with singing and dancing. You can see some of the action here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioOSb09iQpk>

School Dinners – A number of children are not booking their school dinners and consequently children are arriving for lunch, but Joyce hasn't cooked enough food! Please, please book several weeks in advance – it only takes a few minutes and makes life at school much less stressful for everyone!

Pay for the planetarium – An email was sent last week about an exciting Planetarium visit that we have coming on Monday. A voluntary contribution has been requested from children from Reception to Year 5. It is £3.75 per child. Please pay via ParentPay. Over 100 have not paid yet. Many thanks

Diary Dates

Monday 15th May – STEM day for the Feast of St John – Planetarium in school

Monday 15th May – Year 6 off to the cinema as a treat after all their hard work. Wear own clothes, bring a small snack & drink as well as money for MacDonalds.

Tuesday 16th May 7.30pm online – Internet safety session for parents. An opportunity for parents to share ideas or ask for help about any concerns they have about mobile phones/using the internet. Zoom link to be sent on Monday.

Wednesday 17th May – National Numeracy Day – children can dress up on a maths theme.

Thursday 18th May – Mass in school for the Feast of the Ascension – a Holy Day of Obligation.

Friday 19th May – International Cultural Diversity Day – children may come to school wearing national dress/costume, national team sports kits or flag colours.

Thursday 25th May 9.15am – 4Y Class assembly – 4Y families invited.

Friday 26th May – Break up for half term

Monday 5th June – Staff training day school closed

Wednesday 14th June 1.30pm – Reception Dad's (grandads/uncles) stay and play.

Friday 16th June 1.30pm – Years 2 and 3 Dad's (grandads/uncles) stay and play in lieu of their Reception afternoon which didn't take place due to covid.

Friday 23rd June 1.30pm – School occasion to remember Siobhan – all families welcome – details to follow

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher