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22nd May 2018

Dear Parent

Y3 School Mass – Holy Communion Celebration at 9.30

On Friday we celebrate, as a school, with our children who received their First Holy Communion over the past two weekends.

Last Sunday: Nnamdi, Alice, Sofia, David, Donnacha, Sebastian; Alex, Hayden, Darnelle, Grace, Adam, Kian, Marley, Luis, Paddy, Leon, Robyn, Dario, Caragh, Tommy and Ethan received the Eucharist for their first time and had a beautiful day.

May all the children continue to receive the Eucharist frequently and be forever sustained by the 'bread of life'.

Confirmation – Wednesday 23rd May

Our Y6 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday at 7:30pm – please pray for them as they make this commitment to their faith.

May Procession – Friday 25th May at 2:00pm

As you know, we honour Our Blessed Mother during this her month of May. Please join us – it is always such a beautiful celebration of our love for Mary and reminds us of her love for us. If the good weather holds we shall begin in the playground and process with the statue of Our Blessed Mother held on high.

Thank you for the generosity with which so many of you adorned our May altar and prayer garden planters with flowers this year.

Thought for this week:

Christ wanted all men to see far and to see truly...

...to get that kind of vision requires avoidance of hypocrisies and group prejudice...

John Foster Dulles

Dates for your diary

We have booked these dates for trips as follows:

Reception: Safari Park – 6th June

Y5&6: Blackwell outdoor pursuits centre - Monday 2nd July

Y1: Think Tank - Wednesday 4th July

Y3&4: Blackwell outdoor pursuits centre – Friday 6th July

KS2 Performances – Thursday 12th July; Friday 13th July – more details will follow soon.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for next half term is £78.20 – cheques payable via the School Gateway. If your Y6 child is going to Lourdes, the amount is reduced to £69.00. Thank you.

Half Term – Friday 25th May 2018 at 3:30pm

We break up for mid-term on Friday. Keep safe and well and let's pray that the fine weather holds for a beautiful break. We return to school on Tuesday 5th June. My thanks, as always, to you for your continued support and to the staff for their continued hard work.



Chess Success! Congratulations to Ryan, Rayan, Alfredo, Ralphie, Alex and Sebastian; Benjamin and Zubair (not in photo) who, after a very successful couple of weekends attending the Worcestershire Megafinal, qualified for the next round :**the Gigafinal**, which will be held in Solihull on the first weekend of July.

PTA news:

'St Mary's school PTA is currently in the process of becoming a registered charity and looking to appoint new members to the Board of Trustees. We are aiming to achieve a balance and diversity of skills and experiences with a preference for those with a financial and legal background, but the main requirement is a genuine interest in supporting the aims of the PTA. Please register your expression of interest at ptaofstmarys@hotmail.com'.

PTA Meeting this Thursday 24th May at 19.30 in the school hall.

The Parish Council has asked for this appeal to be sent out to you:

"St Chad's Sanctuary Fundraising Sale : Wednesday 23 May 2-4pm, Parish Centre. Nearly new and pre-loved clothing sale; including designer and size 16+ items. Please come and browse whilst enjoying the range of refreshments available!"

Yours sincerely

H M Cusack
Headteacher

School Dates - 2018-2019

Autumn Term	Tuesday 4 th September - Friday 26 th October
	<i>Half-term</i>
	Monday 5 th November - Friday 21 st December
Spring Term	Monday 7 th January - Friday 15 th February
	<i>Half-term</i>
	Monday 25 th February - Thursday 18 th April
Summer Term	Tuesday 7 th May - Friday 24 th May
	<i>Half-term</i>
	Monday 3 rd June - Friday 19 th July