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**Prayer of the Week**

We give thanks for the blessings that marked our school holidays and to ask for the Lord's continuing blessing on this new school year.

We welcome all our new pupils and staff who have joined this school community.

**Liturgical Celebrations**



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

*Welcome Mass*

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

*Harvest Liturgies 9.30am*

*Infants / 10.00am Juniors*

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

*Family of God Mass*

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

*Our Lady of the Miraculous*

*Medal*

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

*Advent Liturgies 9.30am*

*Infants / 10.00am Juniors*

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

*Junior Carol Concert*

*2.00pm*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

*Junior Carol Concert*

*6.30pm*

**All Masses will be in the Church at 10am unless otherwise stated**

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of myself and the staff I would like to thank you for all your warm wishes and gifts at the end of the school year. I personally was overwhelmed by the number of gifts that I received. It was extremely generous and kind, a sign that we are part of a close knit community who value and appreciate the school.

**WELCOME:** We welcome a number of new staff to the school. Ms Doherty who joins us as Year 3 teacher and Ms Franey who joins us as Reception teacher. We welcome Ms Lewis, Ms Robinson-Brown and Ms Mashuta who also join the staff team.

We also welcome a few new children across the school. We hope you will all be very happy here.

**START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR:** Life in a school is unpredictable and we face many challenges on a daily basis. We all have to learn to adapt and find the best solution for every problem. A prerequisite of working in a school is to be able to think on your feet!

Just as we were about to open the gate on Wednesday morning, after everyone spending many days preparing and getting the school ready, we were faced with a flood in one of the year one classrooms. Quick thinking by staff and team work enabled us to set up in the reception classrooms, and calm prevailed. The flood has been sorted and year one will be up and running on Monday.

The holidays were great and, as many of you will agree, went by very quickly. However it is good to be back in a routine and to see the children. The school is an 'empty vessel' without them.

The children have come back rested and ready to learn and are happy to be back at school. A huge thank you to all parents/guardians for your support in helping the children to settle back into the school routines.

**PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:** The meetings will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday from 6pm. They will begin with a welcome from the Headteacher. You will then get the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about the curriculum for the coming year. Teachers will share expectations with you and how you can support your child this year. These meetings are held at 6pm to enable all parents, including working parents, to attend.

**CHANGE TO THE MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY:**



The early May **Bank Holiday** in **2020** will move from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day which takes place on 8<sup>th</sup> May. **Please note that the school will be open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and closed for the Bank Holiday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

**WELCOME MASS:** The Welcome Mass will take place next Thursday at 10am. Please note that children in Reception will not be attending the Mass as they will be settling into the school routines. Please come and join us as we welcome in the new school year, praising God for everything he has done for us.

**EXTENDED CARE:** A reminder that we offer extended care through our **BREAKFAST and AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**. The breakfast club starts at 7.45am and the after school club runs from 3.30pm to 5.45pm. The children are given breakfast/a snack, and have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities. Please contact the school office for more details or book online through School Money.

**LUNCH:** We aim to provide pupils with a healthy lunch. Please support this by making sure your child has a healthy packed lunch. This means: no chocolate or chocolate spread, sweets or crisps, except on a Wednesday. Please also note that a number of children and adults have NUT ALLERGIES so please do not send in anything that contains nuts.

**BIRTHDAYS:** If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school why not try a healthy option and bring in fruit pieces. Alternatively bring in a '**Birthday Book**' to share. As a **HEALTHY SCHOOL** we do not accept sweets and cakes to be given out for birthday treats.

**ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY:** One of the most important things you can do is ensure your child comes to school every day and arrives to school on time and is collected on time at the end of the day. It is very distressing for children who are late into class and is also very disruptive to lessons. Being left waiting for a parent/carer at the end of the day can also be very distressing for young children. The school will continue to monitor punctuality closely this year.

Unfortunately **attendance has dropped to 96.6%** this year so we will be having a renewed focus on this.

**UNIFORM:** Some of the classes have already had PE which has raised the problem, "what do I do when I don't recognise my trousers and they are not labelled?" Several children have been quite upset because their uniform was not labelled and they did not know what belonged to them. One jumper looks like the next to a 6 or 7 year old. **Please ensure your child's clothing is labelled.** This will also help when a jumper is left in the playground. If it is not labelled it is difficult for us to return it to you.

**YEAR 6 MOBILE PHONES:** A reminder that children are only able to bring mobile phones to school if they are in year 6 and are walking home on their own. Due to safeguarding reasons, *(children are at greater risk of attack if using a SMART phone on the street)* we agreed with parents in October 2018 that SMART phones would not be allowed.

**SNACK:** Children in the infant department are provided with a piece of fruit. Children in the junior department are invited to bring in fruit for their snack.

**SPORTS:** As we start the school year please ensure that your child has the correct size plimsolls for their PE lessons.

All our Sports Clubs start after-school next week. There is a new Tag-Rugby club starting on Monday.

Tag Rugby is a non-contact game for boys and girls. **It is a taster session for you to try it out** so make the most of this opportunity. As the Rugby World Cup approaches we will have lots of opportunity for competition.

We aim for every child in Y6/5/4 to experience an interschool festival or competition during the school year.

Most events will now take place on Fridays. The Brownlee Mini Triathlon is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September for all Y5 pupils and we will be putting together a team for the Borough Cross-country race on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. We always need Parent Helpers for these outings so please make sure that you are DBS checked and that the Office know that you are available to help. Without parent support we may have to withdraw from these events.

Please note that pupils are expected to have a good attendance record to be selected to represent the school (97%).

We are looking forward to another successful year.

## Events and Dates

### September 2019

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>* – 6pm – Reception –  
Year 2 Parent Information Evening  
*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>* – 6pm - Year 3 – 6  
Parent Information Evening  
*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup>* – Year 6  
trip to Osmington Bay  
*Friday 27<sup>th</sup>* – Macmillan Coffee  
Morning & FoTV AGM  
*Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup>* – Phonics &  
Reading Demonstration Lessons for  
Reception – Year 3 - Dates to be  
confirmed

### October 2019

*Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>* – Parent Consultation  
Evening – school closes at 2.00pm  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Half  
Term**  
*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>* – Individual School  
Photos

### November 2019

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup>* – 2.30pm – Writing  
Workshop for year 1 and year 2  
*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>* – 2.30pm - Writing  
Workshop for year 3 and year 4  
*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>* – 2.30pm - Writing  
Workshop for year 5 and year 6  
*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>* - 6pm - Writing  
Workshop for year 1 to year 6  
(Repeat of afternoon workshops)

### December 2019

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm*  
*Junior Carol Concert*  
*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm*  
*Junior Carol Concert*  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Term ends for  
Afternoon Nursery**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Term ends for Morning  
Nursery and Main School. School  
closes at 1.30pm**

## **School Term and Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2019 / 2020**

**Autumn Term 2019** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December

**Half-Term:** 21<sup>st</sup> October to 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Last Day of Term:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December / school closes at 1.30 pm

**Spring Term 2020** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Half-Term:** 17<sup>th</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Last Day of Term:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April / school closes at 1.30 pm (*Easter  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April*)

**Summer Term 2020** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**May Bank Holiday:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Half-Term:** 25<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Staff Training Day** – (students not in school) Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Last Day of Term:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July / school closes at 1.30 pm

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**Autumn Term 2020** – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Half-Term:** 26<sup>th</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Last Day of Term:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December / school closes at 1.30pm

**Spring Term 2021** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Half-Term:** 15<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Last Day of Term:** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March / school closes at 1.30pm  
(*Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April*)

**Summer Term 2021** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**May Bank Holiday:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half-Term:** 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Staff Training Day** – (students not in school) Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

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