



Friday Update



11th May 2018

Pleas for help:

- Please remember to apply suntan lotion to your child when necessary and always send them to school with a water bottle and sun hat. We have had a lot of children without water bottles during the recent spell of hot weather.
- Once again parents, we have had reports of bad parking and not adhering to our voluntary one-way system, entering Sancreed Road via Newlyn Way and exiting via Northmere Road. Very recently we had to call an ambulance to school and the paramedics actually had to ask parents to move their cars so they could gain access to the school. This is simply not acceptable and is also unfair on our neighbours, some of whom are elderly and could need an ambulance to be able to park outside their homes. Parking is only permitted in the designated areas. Some of our neighbours have reported that their drives are being blocked on a daily basis. Please park with due care and attention to the law, our neighbours and the safety of our children, even if it does mean walking a little further. Thank you.
- Please do not allow children to use their scooters or bikes in the playground. They must be pushed until you are off the school premises. This includes pre-school children who have very little sense of direction and there have been a few near misses with children being hit. There was even one adult who rode across the playground!! Thank you.

Hot Meals

Hot meals must be ordered on time even if your child is in Reception, Years 1 and 2 or entitled to free school meals. The deadline for ordering meals for after half term for week beginning 4th June is Monday 21st May. Please ensure your orders are in by that date if you wish your child to have hot meals the first week back. Thank you.

Breakfast Club will be going up from £2 per morning to £2.50 per morning from September 2018.

Year 6 – SAT's

Year 6 are busy with SAT's preparation. These important tests take place next week, from 14th May. School attendance is always important but even more so that week. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school all week and on time.

'Bake Sale' in support of Southampton Trauma Centre for children

Thank you for supporting our Bake Sale. We were so lucky with donations that we managed to hold 3 cake sales and raised the grand total of £278 for the Wave 105 charity event for Southampton Trauma Centre for children, who have helped several of our families over recent years.

PTFA

- We are holding a Magic Show for Reception (Hedgehogs) and Year 1 children after school from 3.00 – 3.45 p.m. The dates are Thursday 24th May for Year 1 and Friday 25th May for Hedgehogs. Letters to come home shortly.
- The Summer Fayre is fast approaching (Friday 22nd June) and the PTFA are in need of help to ensure that it is our best fayre yet. If you are able to help planning, setting up or manning a stall, please let the office know and a member of the PTFA will be in touch with you.
- The next PTFA meeting is next Wednesday 16th May. It will be held in the blue room (after school club) at 6.00 p.m. If you are able to, please come along and see what the PTFA do for the children in school and if you would be able to help in any way.

First Holy Communions

There was a lovely Mass last Sunday, 6th May at St. Joseph's Church with children from our school making their First Holy Communion. The children attending Our Lady of Fatima will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday 12th May. We wish them every blessing as they continue on their journey of faith. There will be a celebration Mass in school on Wednesday 23rd May at 9.15 a.m. for the children.

Book Fair

A big THANK YOU from Miss Molly for supporting our 3 for 2 Book Fair last week after school. With your help, £400 was raised to purchase new books for our school Library. Thank you Miss Molly for arranging another Book Fair which benefits both our children and school library. Well done.

Patchwork Parenting Course

Don't forget we are running the Patchwork Parenting Course in school every Thursday from 1.30 to 3.00 p.m. until 5th July 2018. Parents who attended last week found it very helpful. There are still more spaces available if you would like to come along.

Year 4 visited our local Bourne Valley Nature Reserve last Thursday. They enjoyed sketching the local habitat and identifying living creatures/plants/trees. They also took part in a 'bird hunt' to try and identify birds in the area. See if they can name the birds that visit your garden. Year 4 have also been lucky enough to be invited to attend a concert performed by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Lighthouse in Poole on Tuesday 22nd May. The concert is free but there is a £3 charge for the coach transport. If you haven't yet sent in the £3 please can you do so by 18th May. Don't forget you can also pay by our on-line Parentpay system. Thank you.

Sports and Music

Children in our school are very fortunate to be given the opportunity to take part in a variety of sports and musical events. Last week our school band visited Parkstone Grammar School to watch their concert band rehearse. They were very impressed. There will be a variety of musical events taking place this term including Summer Fun Songs for our Hedgehogs and the Leavers production of Annie nearer the end of the summer term. Besides all of the before and after school sports clubs, our sports teams are going to be very busy this term. We have teams taking part in Tri-golf; Kwik-Cricket; Multi-skills event; Tennis; Football and Quad Kids Athletics to name but a few. These events give the children the chance to be part of a team and to enjoy taking part in a variety of sports. Thank you very much Mrs. Keohan and Mrs Cook for giving our children these opportunities.

Class Photos and Year 6 Individual Photographs

Don't forget class photos and Year 6 group photographs will be taken on Friday 25th May during the school day.

Waitrose Thank you for supporting the Monty Fund when shopping at Waitrose on Ashley Road. It raised £403 towards the upkeep of Monty.

Dates for your Diaries for this half term:

Saturday 12th May -	First Holy Communion's at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11.00 a.m.
W/B Monday 14th May	Year 6 SAT's week
Thursday 17th & 24th May	Patchwork Parenting Course from 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. in school
Tuesday 22nd May	Year 4 Bournemouth Symphony Concert at Lighthouse A.M.
Wednesday 23rd May	Year 3 Mass to celebrate First Holy Communion's 9.15 A.M. in school
Friday 25th May	Class photos and year 6 group photographs

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If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers
Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mr. McDermott, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. Lewry and Mrs. Thomas.*