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Week beginning Tuesday May 4th 2021

Thought for the week:

“Even if you’re on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there”

Dear Parents,

Academic year 2021-2022. The governors have now ratified the following dates for next year.

Autumn term 2021	Spring term 2022	Summer term 2022
Monday September 6th to Friday October 22nd	Wednesday January 5th to Friday February 18th.	Monday April 25th to Friday May 27th
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Monday November 1st to Friday December 17th	Monday February 28th to Friday April 8th	Monday June 6th to Friday July 22nd
Christmas Break	Easter Break	Summer Break

Sacramental Programme 2021. Another reminder that school is about to embark on its ambitious programme of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in May, June and July. The primary aim is to make sure all the children that are due to make their First Holy Communion this year actually do so. Organising this alongside the current restrictions has been very challenging, I am very grateful to Father Simon and Mr Barton for their help with these matters. The remaining Y4 children that still haven’t made their First Holy Communion will receive the sacrament this half term whilst Y3 will make their First Holy Communion after the half term break. Father Simon and I must insist that only two adults attend the masses to comply with the current restrictions. This will remain the case for all of the masses between now and July. A footnote to this is that if any family wants to take the day away from school for a special meal/celebration after mass then please feel free to do so. All I ask is that you let Mr Barton or I know what your plans are.



Confirmation will be over two masses 5:00pm and 7:00pm on June 9th, again Father Simon and I must insist on only two parents attend to ensure we comply with current restrictions. **Coronavirus.** All the signals continue to look promising as society heads further along the roadmap of returning to something like normal. We have however been informed that one of our families is having to self-isolate due to a positive case in their household. Please let's stay vigilant, follow the rules and get your vaccine when you asked to attend. Staff are continuing to test themselves twice a week and will do so for the foreseeable future. I hope that there will be no more interruption and we can all get through to July without any children missing any more school.

Summer Term. School will close for the Whit holiday on **Friday May 28th**, reopening on **Monday June 7th**. **The school year ends at 1:00pm on Friday July 16th**. A reminder that school will be closed on Friday June 25th for teacher training.

Finally, all schools are closed on Monday (3rd) for the Mayday Bank Holiday.

Nursery 2021. *School only has very few places remaining for September.* If you have already applied, we will write and let you know next week if school can offer you a place. If however, you have not please contact the school office as a **matter of urgency.**

Attendance for the week ending April 30th 2021

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	100%
Rec R	93%
Y1J	97%
Y1P	97%
Y2H	99%
Y2M	99%
Y3A	94%
Y3P	99%
Y4B	99%
Y4C	97%
Y5M	99%
Y5Y	99%
Y6M	91%
Y6Mc	99%
Weekly Average	97%

Please Pray For. School has a number of families with relatives living in India. Please pray for the Indian people who are suffering so badly currently because of the pandemic. Finally, the governors held interviews on Wednesday for the new head teacher of our school. Father Simon will be writing to everyone tomorrow with their decision. Many thanks for your support and cooperation with all these matters. Enjoy the Bank Holiday!

M Aldred. Head teacher.



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