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Week beginning Monday June 14th 2021

Thought for the week:

“Asking silly questions is better than fixing silly mistakes”

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back. A warm welcome back to everyone for the last half term of the school year. It has been another disturbed year and for all of us it has been challenging on so many different levels. I can only hope that we suffer no more interruptions to learning and that we can arrive in July with no year groups having to self-isolate.

Confirmation 2021. Congratulations to all the Confirmandi. They received the gifts of the Holy Spirit last Wednesday night across two masses due to the restrictions still in place. Many thanks to father Simon for confirming the candidates and thanks to both Y6 teachers (Ms McCarron and Mr Mulligan) for helping to prepare the children. Finally thank you to everyone for their support on Wednesday, the format was maybe not the way we would have wanted but both masses were suitably reverent occasions.

First Holy Communion 2021. Congratulations to Braeden, Alex, Timi, Solyana, David, Amelia, Logan, Ruby, Carter and Adiam who all made their First Holy Communion last week.

A polite reminder that the arrangements that are in place will remain as they are regardless of any potential easing of lockdown measures nationally. Two parents only please and any siblings in school can attend each Mass. Trying to predict where the country will be over the next six weeks is impossible thus making changes very difficult. I also believe that it is the fairest way of trying to organise the masses and to make changes seems unfair on families who have already made their first Holy Communion this year and last. **The most important factor is that the children will receive Jesus for the first time this year and not have to wait a further 12 months like some families and children have.** A reminder to Y3 families that if they want to spend the day celebrating together after mass then please feel free to do so.

Coronavirus Unfortunately the country has seen a rise in cases recently added to new variants that seem to be further complicating things. It is looking more likely than the



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original date for easing all restrictions may well be delayed. If not delayed then compromised is some small way. I have written before about the importance for all of us to continue, “doing our bit” to help stop the spread of the disease. A little more patience may well be needed to make sure that September will see all schools return fully back to normal.

End of Term events. I have written previously that school will not be able to end for the summer break in the usual way. The restrictions simply won’t let us. School is however going to try to make things as normal as we possibly can with as many “controlled activities” as possible.

Summer Term. 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.

Attendance for the week ending June 11th 2021

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	96%
Rec R	93%
Y1J	93%
Y1P	98%
Y2H	96%
Y2M	95%
Y3A	92%
Y3P	98%
Y4B	93%
Y4C	98%
Y5M	97%
Y5Y	99%
Y6M	96%
Y6Mc	97%
Weekly Average	96%

Please Pray For. The children making their First Holy Communion and the Confirmandi.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with all these matters.

M Aldred. Head teacher.



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