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St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Please let us know if you would like this letter (or others) in another language. We would be happy to organise this for you.
Por favor, deixe-nos saber se você gostaria que esta carta (ou outros) em outro idioma. Ficaremos felizes para organizar isso para você.
Daj nam znać, jeśli chcesz ten list (lub inne) w innym języku. Chętnie zorganizować to dla ciebie.
S'il vous plaît laissez-nous savoir si vous souhaitez que cette lettre (ou autres) dans une autre langue. Nous serions heureux d'organiser pour vous.

Year 6 applications for high school places for September 2017

Year 6 parents are reminded that the closing date for applications to Notre Dame High School for September 2017 places is 31st October 2016. Please apply both to the local authority, and also to the school using their Supplementary Information Form ('green form'), available on their website www.ndhs.org.uk. Notre Dame is rated outstanding by Ofsted and welcomes applications from all parents, whether they are Catholic or not. In summer 2016 over 78% of Year 11 pupils achieved at least 5 A*- C grades at GCSE, amongst the best in the County.

Year 5 Curriculum News

This term we have been learning about the book "Goodnight Mr Tom." We have been looking at maps of Great Yarmouth and comparing how it looked during World War 2 and how it looks now. In maths we have been looking at column method of addition and subtraction. By Alena and Aleta

Bake Off

Thank you to all pupils, parents and staff who supported the recent "Bake Off" competition. We received around 100 cakes for the competition and collectively with the selling of the £1.00 squares we raised an amazing £464.12 for three local children with cancer. There are lots of photos of the event on the school website www.smspprimary.co.uk please visit the website to have a look. We were also featured in last Friday's, Great Yarmouth Mercury if you have not seen this yet please look at their website.

Attendance at School

We are now at the end of the first half term of this year – it has passed by so quickly! There has been a noticeable increase in children being absent from school. I do need to remind ALL parents of the following point that is set out in our policy: **"The Local Authority has introduced a system where any student who has an attendance of 85% or less with at least 15% unauthorised absence over a 6 week period or 10 consecutive sessions unauthorised absence will meet the criteria for legal intervention which could be in the form of a Fixed Penalty Notice. This includes unauthorised leave in term time."** It is very easy for your child's attendance to fall to these levels if you take a term-time holiday. You will receive a letter from the school informing you of the concerns and what is expected for school attendance. The school policy can be seen on our school website and also by following this link: http://media.wix.com/ugd/710e1b_484b838b989245c4a7acdc9ca9529cc9.pdf

School photos

We will be having the photographer in school on Wednesday 9th November 2016 to take photos of pupils individually and with their siblings who are in school (including nursery). This year parents will be given the opportunity for pupils to have their photo taken with any pre-school siblings. If you would like to have a photo of your child(ren) in school with a pre-school child(ren) please arrive at the front office on 9th November 2016 at 8.30am – 8.40am. Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate anyone arriving later than 8.40am so please ensure you arrive promptly.

Book Fayre

We sold an amazing £444.19 of books at the book fayre. We hope the children are enjoying their new books and thank you to all the parents who supported this event.

Car Drop Off System

We are continuing to operate the morning car drop off system for parents who wish to use this. Can we just remind parents that children **MUST** only be let out of the cars, at the point where Mr Lawrence waits to assist them; this ensures the children are directed safely straight into the playground.

If a child needs to visit the school office they should get out of the car by Mr Lawrence and then follow the footpath directly in front of the school building.

Children must not be let out of cars at any other place and parents must not park in the school car park this ensures the safety of all children at a busy time of day.

Poppies For Sale

There will be the opportunity for pupils to make a donation for a poppy during the school day after half-term. If your child would like a poppy please give them a donation to bring into school. Poppies will be sold in the classroom by our Year 6 children during the day.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES: -

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
24 th – 28 th October	Half-term – have a relaxing holiday.	Term starts Monday 31 st October 2016.
1 st November	All Saints Mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
4 th November	Year 1 class mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
7 th November	Open time for prospective Nursery & Reception – 3.30 – 4.30pm.	Open time for nursery & reception prospective parents.
8 th November	Art exhibition & café – 2.45 pm	Further details to follow.
9 th November	Individual photographs	Further details to follow.
11 th November	Year 2 class mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
17 th November	School Disco	Further details to follow.
18 th November	Year 6 class mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
18 th November	Children In Need	Further details to follow.
25 th November	Year 5 class mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
29 th & 30 th November	Festival of carols at The Hippodrome 7.30pm	Further details to follow.
2 nd December	Year 4 class mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
8 th December	Bring & Buy Sale – 2.00 am	All welcome.
9 th December	Year 3 class mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
13 th December	Christmas show – 9.30 & 1.30	Further details to follow.
14 th December	Visit to Gorleston Pavilion for pantomime.	Further details to follow.
15 th December	Christmas Lunch	Further details to follow
16 th December	Whole school Christmas mass – 10.00 am	All welcome.
16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Further details to follow.
19 th Dec – 4 th Jan 2017	Christmas Holidays	Term starts Thursday 5 th January 2017.

