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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.*

### **Fond Farewells**

We wish all of our Year 6 pupils a fond farewell and all the very best for their futures as they leave us and make their first steps on to high school. It is very sad to have to say goodbye but we know that they will go on to even greater achievements throughout their lives.

We wish Mrs Merriott all the very best in her new role. Many, many thanks to her for all of her tireless hard work and commitment to the school throughout the six years she has been with us. Her dedication and desire to achieve the very best for the children in our school has been fantastic. Mrs Merriott was presented with a leaving gift at our end of term Mass this morning on behalf of the whole school community.

Mr Hardy is retiring from the school staff but will not be completely absent from school as he will continue to teach keyboards and piano in September. He has been a teacher here for 30 years and has brought so much joy and energy to strengthen the life of the school. In particular, Mr Hardy has helped ensure that the children of St Mary and St Peter have the chance to worship and celebrate their faith through singing and he has been a much-loved figure of the school and church community through his work and support in this. We wish him all the very best for his retirement from the school staff. Mr Hardy was presented with a leaving gift at our end of term Mass this morning on behalf of the whole school community.

### **Achievements**

As you many of you will be aware, at the end of primary school in Y6 the children have a week in May of sitting the Department for Education's SATs tests. Our current Y6 class have had two and half years of learning in the new curriculum which is tested through these tests. They have shown the most amazing learning attitudes throughout the entire time they have been with us and it is a real testament to themselves, their families and the school staff as to how they have stepped up to meet the increased expectations of this new curriculum and tests. Fantastically, the class have scored an absolutely amazing 81% pass rate across all of the key subjects, (the combined measure of Reading, Writing and Maths). This is even more impressive as it is 20% higher than the national average of all primary schools in England in this combined measure which was 61%. Well done to you all.

### **Clubs**

Details of all clubs for September 2017 have been sent home with your child today.

Breakfast Club will commence Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (first day of term). If your child is attending Breakfast Club on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September please ensure you have booked using Wisepay no later than 1.00 pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

All other clubs will commence Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**All bookings for clubs and dinners can be made on Wisepay from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.**

**Year 5 Notre Dame Visit for science workshop**

Our day in Notre Dame was AMAZINGLY FUN AND INTERESTING! Especially since we got to use year 7 science equipment such as microscopes, viewers and test tubes. It was AMAZING! - Rayhan and Grace

### **Carnival Week**

We have had such a great time this week in workshops and performances for our Carnival of Culture. Circus Ferrell have been resident with us all week and this has really brought a very special dimension to the school and added that extra special element to bring awe and wonder to all of the school. Thank you so much to all of you who have helped make our Carnival of Culture week such a positive and successful learning experience for the children. The shows were fantastic and your support of these as well as the two evening shows put on by Circus Ferrell themselves was truly fabulous, thank you. I am so pleased that we were able to have so much to enjoy and celebrate together as a school community.

And despite the bad weather, our Summer Fair was a great success. Again, this was down to you as parents and friends of our school community coming together to make it such a great experience for the children. Many thanks indeed go to all of the staff across the school who have worked incredibly hard to help this all come together and be such a great experience.

The amount raised from the performances and the summer fair was an amazing £220.13 which will go to the school fund to support future activities for your children. Your kind donations are very much appreciated indeed.

### **Happy Holidays**

I hope all of our children and their families, staff and friends of our school have a fun and relaxing summer holiday. As ever we would like to thank all parents for their continued support to the school.

See you all on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for the start of the autumn term.

All reception children will start on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September mornings only and should refer to the previous letter regarding subsequent dates.

<b>UPCOMING DATES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Bookings can be made on Wisepay	Book meals for this half-term and clubs on Wisepay.
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Deadline is 23.59 for booking meals for 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> September	
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September start of autumn term	
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Open Day Notre Dame High School for current Year 5	Contact Notre Dame for further information
18 <sup>th</sup> October – 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 (Current Year 5) residential visit to Eaton Vale	Online installment payments due 2 <sup>nd</sup> August & 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2017
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-term	Back to school Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 3 & 4 at The Marina Theatre Lowestoft	Further details to follow.
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 1 & 2 Discover Advent & Christmas at Norwich Cathedral	Further details to follow.
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017	Christmas holiday	Back to school Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018.