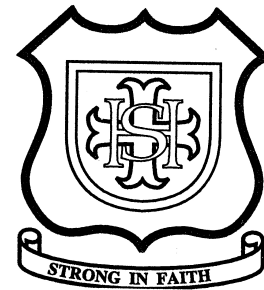


St. Herbert's RC Primary School

Summer Term

16th April 2023



Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare to start our Summer Term tomorrow, we hope you have had a lovely Easter break. This is a very short term, as we finish for our May half-term break on **Friday 19th May** (normal time), and we also have two bank holidays in this half-term: **Monday 1st May (Spring bank holiday) and Monday 8th May (King's Coronation)**. It is also an exciting term as we celebrate an historical moment, the King's coronation; we plan to recognise this event with activities on Friday 5th May. A previous email has been sent to parents covering the various activities (6th April), and more details will be sent in the days leading up to this event.

Lunchboxes and snacks

A few items are being brought into school (not many!), that are not part of our healthy school's programme, and it was brought to my attention that it is quite a while that we provided any information in this area.

Therefore:

A quick reminder that we are a Healthy School, and do hold the Healthy Schools Award. As part of this programme we strive to encourage healthy lifestyles including healthy eating. Therefore we only allow fresh fruit or vegetables as a snack in KS2, at breaktime, together with water only in their water bottle (EY and KS1 have their fruit and milk provided). We also ask that children do not bring in chocolate (of any kind including chocolate spread) or sweets in their packed lunches. Crisps should also be of the baked variety. Thank you for supporting our school in this area.

Speak out, stay safe NSPCC workshops

Schools are recommended to carry out the 'Speak out, stay safe' workshops every couple of years, for Yr 1 – 6 children. Workshops are adapted for KS1 and KS2 children, and therefore pitched at age-appropriate content in line with the National Curriculum. Due to the pandemic, this programme has been delayed – we are therefore carrying out our workshops w/c 24th April. Please see a separate letter and parental resources provided by the NSPCC, attached to your email, and if you have any concerns/questions please contact school.

School Summer Trips

At present, it is looking that school trips will be costing approximately £25-£28! This is due to coach costs, which are coming in around £15-£18 per child depending on where we go, number of places required etc! This week we will send a google form out to parents, asking their opinion on whether you wish us to pursue booking trips or if you feel this is just too expensive – my view at this time is it is just too much money with everything else families are trying to fund. Going forward, the school and PFA are looking at funding avenues and grants etc which we can use to subsidise our trips, but to remove coach costs we would require approximately £8000 to allow the whole school to go on Summer Trips.

PFA

A huge thank you to the support provided, as we resurrect our PFA. As discussed above, we are looking at ways to fundraise to support families in being able to provide trips/experiences for our children, but this will take time.

With that in mind, we will be holding another 'Break the Rules' day on the last day of half-term, Friday 19th May – this event was a huge success, contributions can be as small or large as you wish depending on number of rules broken, and above all the children loved it! The staff also loved breaking the rules!!!! A flyer will be sent out nearer the time, as a reminder.

Food pantry

Our food pantry continues to be a vital service for our school community, and we thank you for all your donations throughout the term.

We look forward to a busy, but exciting half-term, and thank you for all your support.

Kind Regards

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