

St. Herbert's RC Primary School

Summer Term

26th April 2024



Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had a peaceful Easter break; thank you for your support with our Easter Raffle; we raised an amazing £514.80!

We are going to carry out our May procession in two stages again this year, at the request of the Church. EY and KS1 children will be going on Thursday 2nd May, in the morning, to present a flower to Our Lady in Church - please could each child in the two departments bring a flower on Thursday morning. KS2 will be going to Church to present their flowers on Tuesday 21st May in the afternoon, and could we ask that children in KS2 bring their flower on that Tuesday morning. This is so that the flowers can be replenished throughout the month of May.

You are always so generous with your flowers, and this makes the Church look so beautiful. Thank you in advance.

On Monday 13th May, we will be holding a reflection for Our Lady, as May is the month of Mary. We will be inviting families to visit our 'Grotto' after school. More details to follow.

On Friday 17th May, we will be attending Mass at church to celebrate Pentecost.

Parking

A huge thank you for supporting the parking issues/concerns on Edward St. All your messages of thanks and support are truly appreciated, and it is lovely to see so many of you in the mornings!

You may have noticed the road signs appear, stating night closures from next week w/c 29th April – highways are resurfacing the junction, following the recent junction works, which will hopefully rectify the flooding issues around this junction.

Traffic and Punctuality

Traffic is becoming more challenging, and as we are now expecting further roadworks on the junction, please can I ask that you leave more time for travelling, parking and walking.

We open our gates at 8:35am, and we close gates, doors and registers at 8:55am, but please can we ask that children are in school **at 8:45am** as morning activities commence then. If your child arrives after 8:55am, they will need to go to the school office. Many children are missing up to 10 minutes every day, which is a key time when they are practising skills to help retain their knowledge.

Uniform

As we enter the season of Summer, and hopefully better weather, our Summer uniform can now be worn. I have attached our uniform policy; please take a look at it, to make sure your child is in correct uniform, particularly their footwear – black school shoes only please.

Mrs Collins has a selection of spare uniform, particularly gingham green dresses, if anybody needs anything.

SATs and tests

Over the next few of weeks our children will be taking their SATs in Yr 6, phonics screening in Yr 1 and multiplication tests in Yr 4, and pupils will be assessed for their learning. Please ensure that all children attend school during this period, and they are on time for school, particularly those completing their SATs (Yr 6 SATs week is Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May).

Scholastic Book Fair

A quick reminder, we have a book fair visiting our school next week (Mon 29th April – Thursday 2nd May), where families can purchase books. A letter was issued with details a few days ago. If you can, please support this fair, as school receives commission for books, on every book purchased.

New School Library

As you know, we have spent the past few months creating a new school library. After building, fitting furniture, and filling the library with lots of new books, we are now ready to roll out its use. We have decided to trial one class first, loaning books just for two weeks to begin with (We have a full library management system, just like a public library, which tells us where books are, any overdue/not returned etc). From w/c 6th May, we will be rolling out this system across KS2 to begin with. More details will be issued nearer the time to each class, at the point they are ready to loan books, however children will only be allowed to take the book home if they have a school brown book bag to protect the book; I wanted to give you notice in the case you need to purchase a book bag.

Sport's Day 24th May

We are going to hold our Sport's events on Friday 24th May, in the morning; last year we had to cancel this event due to poor weather, so we are going to hold it early in the hope that we have enough time and dates to postpone if needed! Parents are invited to join us on the school field and we recommend you bring a camping chair, refreshments (no alcohol please) and if needed some shade (umbrella/parasol!) - we will seat the children down the right hand side of the field under the trees, but that means the 'audience' have to be seated in the middle of the field facing the trees. This has always worked well in the past.

EYFS and Key Stage One children from 9:00 - 10:00.

Key Stage Two children from 10:15 - 11:45.

Wembley!

Following selection to represent Oldham Athletic, our school football team attended many heats which culminated in winning the National League North finals just before Easter. We are thrilled to now be in the National League North vs South final, which is being played at Wembley! This match will take place before the Vanarama National League Promotion Final on the 5th May – wish us luck!

We are so proud of all our children; whatever they attempt to do, they always do this with enthusiasm, effort, and determination, and most importantly with the best attitude. We have children who represent their school and even county in various sports, they win dance tournaments, awards for performing arts, and carry out acts of kindness across our school and wider community.

They are a credit to their families, and their teachers, who all work so hard to support their learning and wider personal development. Very, very proud!

Enjoy the long bank holiday weekend when it comes (**Monday 6th May**, school closed).

Thank you for all your generosity and support.

Kind Regards

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