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NEWSLETTER

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Catholic Life of the School

I would like to send all of the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend, our warmest blessings and good wishes. I will be attending both services at JFK school and look forward to sharing this special day with them and their families.

We held a 1 minute Silence on **Tuesday 6th June** in honour of the victims of the terrorist attack in London. Where appropriate, we have discussed safety with the children and emphasised key messages of **love and tolerance**.

On **Friday 9th June**, our children are invited to wear their own clothes in **exchange for a jar of sweets or a bottle** for our bottle stall at our **Summer BBQ**. This event, hosted by the Parents' Association, will take place after our Sports' Day on **Friday 30th June**. Please help our Parents' Association raise funds for our children by supporting this non-uniform day and by attending the BBQ. Thank you.

Our children in Years 4 and 5 attended the **Monday morning Mass at Our Lady's** last half term and our Year 6 class will attend on Monday 12th June. I received a lovely telephone message from one of the Parishioners regarding the attendance of **Year 5 on May 22nd** stating how impressed they were with the class and how well they read the bidding prayers and readings. Thank you to Mr Gibson and his Year 5 class for being such great ambassadors for our school.

On **Thursday 15th June** we will celebrate the **Feast of Corpus Christi** and invite all of our children who will have received their **First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th June** to wear their special clothes to our service which will begin at **9:30**. This will allow time for the children to arrive in their school uniform and change into their special clothes. I would like to extend an invitation for any family members and friends to attend this service. Mrs Anderton will also take a whole group photograph and we will send out further details about how to order copies.

We will celebrate the **Feast of St Peter and St Paul** on **Thursday 29th June**. As this will take place during our Healthy Living Week, we will have a short service during the day for the staff and children only.

The **'Good Shepherd' Mass at Westminster** was re-scheduled and our School Council representatives will now attend on **Wednesday 5th July**. We will be travelling by coach with the children from St Rose's and St Cuthbert Mayne. Letters will be sent out confirming the details.

Our **Leavers Mass** will be on **Monday 17th July at 7:00 pm**. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the family and friends of our **Year 6** pupils.

Sporting News

It has been brought to my attention that we have another talented swimmer in our school. **Lilly Smith** in Year 5 is a member of the **Dacorum Synchro Swimming club**. This is a club dedicated to identifying and nurturing talent, and developing the multi-disciplinary skills required in synchronised swimming. The members need to be proficient in front, back, and breast stroke, dedication and commitment. They were nominated for a 2017 Dacorum Sports Award and I am delighted to announce that they won. Congratulations to Lilly.

Staffing

Mrs Thomas will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. We are very grateful to Mrs Thomas for agreeing to come and teach our Year 1 class for 2 terms and the children have thrived in her care. We wish Mrs Thomas all the best and hope she will agree to come back when we need a supply teacher.



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Miss Davey will also be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Miss Davey has had a very successful year as a NQT but she has decided to take some time out from teaching to focus on her family life. We wish Miss Davey all the best and have asked her to make sure she comes back to us when she decides to return to teaching (and she has promised us she will).

If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Mrs Thomas or Miss Davey, there will be envelopes in the school office.

I am delighted to inform you that I have appointed **Miss Siobhan Wallek** who will be teaching Year 1 from September and **Miss Marian Lally** who will be teaching our Year 2 children. Miss Wallek is coming to us from Sarratt Primary School and Miss Lally is coming to us from Holy Rood Primary School. Some of you may know Miss Lally through our church and/or her family (her Uncle is Mr Mundy who was the Headteacher here before Mrs Fleming). Miss Lally was a pupil here at St Albert's and we are thrilled she is 'coming home'. I am sure you will make both teachers very welcome.

Staffing for the other classes will be confirmed before our **'Moving Up' day on Tuesday 4th July**.

Summer Term Dinner Money

Dinner money for the 2nd half term is £82.25. Dinner money must be paid in advance, preferably using Schoolcomms. Alternatively, cheques can be made payable to 'Hertfordshire Catering Ltd'. Your Child's school meal account **must** be kept in credit as we are not allowed to accumulate debt on these school meals. If you do not pay for these meals, you will be asked to provide a packed lunch. Thank you for your support.

Free School Meals

If your child receives a free school meal, not only does he/she benefit from a free, nutritious meal, but the school receives additional financial support too. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be eligible, but you have to make an application. For further information or to apply, please telephone 0300 123 4048 or go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. Mrs Tompkins in the school office is also very happy to discuss the process with you in confidence.

Dates for the SummerTerm:

10.6.17	1 st Holy Communion Masses at 11:00 & 2:00
12.6.17	Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks begin Year 6 class to 10:00 Mass at Our Lady's
13.6.17	Second Year 1 Forest School group begins
14.6.17	JFK Language Leaders here to work with Years 5 and 6.
15.6.17	Feast of Corpus Christi Mass at 9:30 with Fr Derek
16.6.17	Year Reception Sharing Assembly
20.6.17	FS1 information session 9:15
21.6.17	FS2 information session 2:00 followed by food sampling with Herts Catering
22.6.17	Year 2 to KS1 Singing Festival at St John's, Boxmoor
23.6.17	Year 2 Sharing Assembly
26.6.17	Healthy Living Week
30.6.17	Sports Day and Family BBQ
4.7.17	'Moving Up' day and JFK Transition day for Year 6
5.7.17	Good Shepherd Mass (KS1 and KS2 School Council) Year 1 and Year 3 classes to Chiltern Open Air Museum
7.7.17	End of Year Reports go out
10.7.17	District Sports at Jarman Park Year 6 Play 7:00 pm
12.7.17	Year 6 Play 7:00 pm
14.7.17	Nursery Class to Langleybury Farm, Reception Class to Woodside Animal Farm Year 2 'Graduation' at 2:00
17.7.17	Year 6 Leaver's Mass 7:00 pm
18.7.17	Year 2 class to Mead Open Farm
21.7.17	Term Ends 1:30 pm

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