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"Through Jesus we achieve our very best."

Newsletter No 17 - The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul- Friday 29th June 2018

Attendance & Punctuality since the last Newsletter. Congratulations to Reception & Year 3.

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	93.5	89.1	93	91.9	91.6	88.4	88.5
No of Lates	27	18	19	17	24	29	27
Whole school attendance this year			94.6%	School Target			96%



First Holy Communion Congratulations to our children who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday. The children were fantastic and a great credit to their families and our school. A huge thank you to their parents who supported them throughout the preparation programme and on the day worked so hard to ensure the children looked wonderful. Thank you also to the Year 4 parents who organised and cleared away the Communion breakfast.

Heatwave The weather has been wonderful but dehydrating. Thank you for sending the children with water bottles and sunhats and also for applying sun cream before school.

Sports Days- Miss Haydon re arranged Sports Day to keep the children out of the direct sunlight as much as possible. We had a fantastic turnout of parents for the Key Stage 1 afternoon. Every child can be proud of their achievement in the relay, the obstacle course, the slalom, throwing and balancing. Well done to St John Wall on winning the afternoon. As I write, we are looking forwards to Key Stage 2 Sports Day this afternoon.

Athletics Teams Our athletics team competed at the annual school games at the Alexander Stadium. The team performed very well in their individual events following in the footsteps of the likes of Usain Bolt and Denise Lewis who have run and jumped on that track. Well done to: Amour, Chaela, Elena, Lucas, Chase, Dominic, Kamill, Raeden, Ceire, Reuben, Tesiah, Bo, Omoruyi and Aliyah

Our Year 3/4 athletics team competed in a Schools' Games at Queensbridge. The events were a 60 metre sprint; the javelin; standing long jump and 400 metres. Once again, all the children involved should be proud of their achievements. Well done to Aliyah, Omoruyi, Ismail, Kayden, Bo, Tesiah, Anaya and Kianna

Cricket- Our cricket team won the Philip Hughes Spirit of Cricket Award at Sheldon Marlborough CC this week. We are very proud of Armaan, Tane, Raeden, Azaan, Isa, Esa, Farhan and Musa

PTA – We are all indebted to the fantastic work of the PTA. This week has seen them preparing for Sports Day, organising a raffle. Tomorrow morning they are gathering at 10 am to prepare for the Summer Fayre. Please consider joining them as their vital work benefits all our children.

*Summer Fayre –
Tomorrow
12- 3pm – please
come along*

Congratulations to the following children who have celebrated their hard work and excellent behaviour with an afternoon tea;

Reception – Ivy & Leah
Year 1 – Anthony & Haadiah
Year 2 – Shiv & Ayaan
Year 3 – Taiyah and Seth
Year 4 – Isla, Bo Bo & Theo
Year 5 – Tane & Kyra
Year 6 – Satvir & Maria

Farewell Sister Christina and Mr Marsh Two of our governors leave their roles at the end of their terms of office after giving outstanding service to our school. As Chairperson of the Full Governing Body, Mr Marsh has contributed greatly to the development of our school. We thank him for all the time and support he has given.

Sister Christina has served our children and families over many generations since the school first opened. She taught here at the school and after retirement served on the governing body. The impact of her work on the education of our children is immeasurable.

We wish both Sister Christina and Mr Marsh all the best for the future and will remember their contribution to our school.

DIARY DATES:

- **Sat 30th June - Summer Fair** 12-3pm
- **Mon 2nd July - Year 5** - 2 weeks swimming begins
- **Mon 2nd July - Year 6** Trip - Harry Potter World
- **Mon 2nd July - Year 3** Trip - Kingsbury Water Park
- **Tues 3rd July - Year 4** Mass 9.30am - all welcome
- **Wed 4th July - Transition Day**
- **Wed 4th July - Year 4** Trip - Rush Trampolining
- **Thurs 5th July - Coffee Morning** 9am - all welcome
- **Thurs 5th July - School Nurse.** 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- **Mon 9th July - Year 2** Trip - Weston Super Mare
- **Tues 10th July - Year 1** Mass 9.30am - all welcome
- **Thurs 12th July - Year 6** Production
- **Fri 13th July - Reception** Class Assembly 9.10am
- **Fri 13th July - School Reports** issued
- **Tues 17th July - Leavers' Mass** 9.30am - all welcome
- **Tues 17th July - School Concert** - 1pm - all welcome
- **Fri 20th July - SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15PM - SUMMER HOLIDAY**
- **Mon 23rd & Tues 24th July- SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAYS**
- **Mon 3rd & Tues 4th Sept - SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAYS**
- **Wed 5th Sept - SCHOOL RE-OPENS**

All children were given a letter containing the academic term dates for the next school year. Please do keep these somewhere safe - maybe pin them to your kitchen wall!

Reminders from the office – As we approach the end of term it is important that any outstanding debts for school meals, after-school & breakfast club are cleared. Final date for these payments is Monday 9th July. If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please come to see Mrs Sullivan.

Kingswood Residential Trip – Please could final balances be paid by 16th July.

Thank you

Thanks to Mrs Kausar's hard work and commitment our after-school club has proved very popular this year and a number of parents have asked whether we could extend the hours to 5.30pm or 6pm. In the past there has not been enough demand to run the club to these times without making a loss but we are hopeful that there may be enough parents who would benefit from longer hours to make it viable next year.

The cost at the moment is £5 per hour which enables us to break even. If you would be interested for September 2018, please email enquiry@st-martindeporres.bham.sch.uk stating whether you would use after-school club until a) 5.30pm or b) 6pm. As soon as we know if there is sufficient uptake, we will inform you to help you plan ahead.



Parish Events

Sunday Mass in Church 10 am – all welcome
Young Children's Club after Sunday Mass in the parish hall.

All lost property accumulated this term will be out on display in the junior playground on Tuesday 3rd July, both before and after school. Please do come and re-claim any items belonging to your child.