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### Dates for your diary:

#### Term time

The Summer term runs from 17<sup>th</sup> April until, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.

#### Summer term:

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Year 5 & 6 open morning
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Year 3 open morning
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, selected 5/6 pupils out to triathlon event
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Reception and KS1 to Mass
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Early Years outdoor area installation begins.
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, First Holy Communion meeting for parents at 4 pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Break the rules day and end of day Tuck Shop Tombola
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – break for half term

## Dear parents and carers,

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our children making their First Holy Communion this year for making their First Reconciliation with Fr Humble on Thursday in school. As always, the children were very respectful and reverent throughout the service. The First Holy Communion service will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June and more details will be shared at a short meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm in the school hall (you will be able to collect pupils completing FHC preparations straight after this).

### Fr David Smith Assembly

This week the children attended an assembly held by Fr David Smith who has worked for 20 years raising money for people living in the most deprived areas of Kenya. His work has resulted in fresh water supplies being available in local villages, the introduction of a medical service, job opportunities for the local residents so that they can buy food to feed their families and have money to send their children to school. One of the ways that the women are employed is in the making of baskets and bags from the leaves of the sisal plant. The children were fascinated by Fr David's work and adventures and, therefore, as a school, we would like to support his work by buying a basket for each class in school. To help with this, we are going to hold a **'Break the rules day'** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May to raise funds that will be shared between our school fund and Fr David's Kenyan appeal. As in previous years, children will be able to pay a 'fine' for breaking a school rule and can break as many of the rules as they would like to. The rules that can be broken and the cost of each fine will be sent home on Monday. Please return the form indicating rules to be broken and fines paid by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>. We always have a lot of fun on 'break the rules' day and I am looking forward to the daring styles that will come into school on Friday!

### Change of dates

There are three dates changes to those shared previously on the Summer term dates letter. The summer fair will now be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, not the 1<sup>st</sup> July due to clashes with other fairs in the area. Also, the Year 5/6 open morning clashes with our Careers morning and so will now be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, and not the 5<sup>th</sup> as originally stated. Finally, SS Peter & Paul's mass on 29<sup>th</sup> June will be at 11 am, not 10 am.

### Dojo

As you know, you can contact staff using Dojo at any time, but please be aware that staff will not respond to messages sent before 8.00 am or after 6.00 pm. If you are contacting me personally, please remember to email me – I don't use Dojo as a method of communication. Thank you.

### Behaviour policy

It has come to my attention that some parents disagree with the school behaviour policy, especially for younger pupils. As you know, I am always eager to hear your thoughts but I can only respond to comments if they are brought to me personally. I am currently adapting the policy, although I will not be changing the main rewards and sanctions currently in place, and will share this on the school website once completed. I know it is difficult to hear when your child has received a sanction but, for those of you who remember the behaviours in school before I brought in the current policy, I am sure you will agree, there is a definite need for a clear and consistent approach across the whole school. If you would like to discuss this further, please get in touch.

### Finally...

I am incredibly excited to advise parents that our new Reception class outdoor area is due to begin being installed next week. There will be some changes when coming into school or collecting children; we will let you know after the installation meeting on Monday.