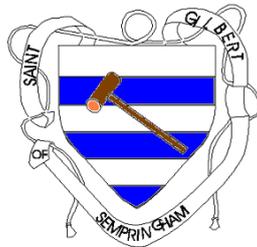


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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to be back at school, seeing how everyone has grown and sharing their successes from the year so far. Thank you for all kind wishes and comments of support.

## School Uniform

Following a number of concerns raised regarding the quality of jumpers, the Governors have investigated and spoken with both PSL and other suppliers to find the best solution to the issues. At this time, the Governors have decided to remain in their contract with PSU with a jumper from a different supplier to the company. Some different options for a replacement jumper were tested by some parents on the Governing Body for their durability and from there the best one was selected. The Governors found the style hard-wearing and easy to care for when the the supplier's instructions were followed properly. Due to the different material combination, the colour of these jumpers is slightly darker. The new jumpers will be available immediately for order and we hope that this way there are no further issues.

## Response to parent questionnaires

Thank you to the parents who returned parents questionnaires earlier this year to Mr. Graves in the Autumn term. I have enjoyed reading through these on my return. As always, we shall be publishing the analysis and feedback from these which will be available on the school website shortly.

## The Daily Mile

Following the chocolate-fest that was Easter, we have joined up to the Daily Mile initiative! This is aimed at helping children get fit, live active and healthy lifestyles and develop skills such as resilience and determination through walking, jogging and running. The aim of the scheme is to get children to jog or run 1 mile every day. Mr. Marshall has created a course around school which, if the children complete the correct number of laps, will allow them to achieve the 1 mile target and over time they should be able to do this quicker and at increased speed. Make sure to ask your child if they've managed their mile today!

## Breakfast Club/Afterschool Club parking in car park

It has come to our attention that a couple of parents have been using the staff car park when dropping children off at Breakfast/Afterschool Club. Our car park is extremely busy and not a suitable place for children. It also means that school staff have not been able to access spaces when they arrive in the morning and have had to park on the road adding to the congestion in an already over-burdened area. Therefore, we kindly request that parents continue to park in suitable spaces on the road as normal in the mornings.

## May procession

The month of May is traditionally the month to honour Mary. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am our Reception Class will be hosting our annual May Procession with the crowning of Mary. On this day, we request that all children bring a flower or small plant to present to Our Lady. This is always a beautiful service of prayers and favourite hymns and we warmly welcome and encourage all parents, carers and parishioners to join us in the procession.

## Blessing of the Prayer Garden

Earlier this year, we had a brand new Prayer Garden built in the Key Stage 2 Playground. This is intended to be a special area for quiet reflection and can be used for whole school and class worship. We have decided, now that the flowers are growing, it would be a great time to have an official opening and blessing. This will take place as part of the May procession. We would like to thank 'All Churches Trust Ltd' for their donation of £1000 towards the project.

## Ascension Mass

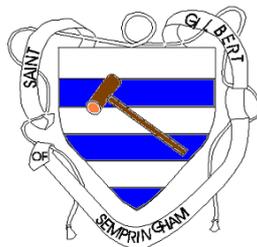
In celebration of the Feast of the Ascension we will be holding a shared Mass with the children of Holy Cross and All Saints school at Holy Cross church on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. This will be for Years 3, 4 and 5H (Y5S who are out



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on a visit that day). Parents are most appreciated for their support when walking there and back again and, as always, are welcome to join us in recognition of this celebration.

## Pentecost Party

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, the last day of term, we will be having a Pentecost Party in school to celebrate the birthday of the Church which occurs on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May this year. It will be a non-uniform day but with the theme of the colour red which is the liturgical colour for Pentecost. The staff have a number of Pentecost themed activities for the children to enjoy once they have finished their assessments.

## Year 2 & 6 SATS

Our assessment week, including year 6 SATs, is the week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> May and year 2 SATs commence on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep the children of our school in your thoughts as we enter this examination period, especially our year 6 children who have worked tirelessly for months in preparation.

## CAFOD Donation

We have written a cheque to CAFOD for a fantastic £725 which was raised through the chocolate bingo and the St Joseph Penny collection. Thank you to everyone who make a donation.

## EYFS Outdoor Area

The EYFS team have recently been making a few improvements to their outdoor area in anticipation of lots of sunny days. If you think you could make a contribution in any capacity please see Mrs Boslem at the beginning or end of the school day. Thank you to Mr Rollinson, Mrs O'Dowd, Mrs Hamilton, Miss Birchall, Miss Harrison, Mrs Bradborn and Mr Jones who have already been so helpful.

## KS1 Readers

As you know, we think reading is so important in our school. If you think you or perhaps your parents could spare half an hour to come in to school to help us listen to children reading please let Mrs Killeen know.

## Key Dates in May

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y6/3 Class Mass	Parents and Carers are welcome to attend. Refreshments served afterwards.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday	Have a great day!
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May at 10am	Ascension Mass at Holy Cross Church	Parents and Carers are welcome to join us at church or walk with us.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am	Crowning of Mary procession and opening of the prayer garden	Parents and Carers are welcome to join us on the playground and have a cup of tea following. Children are to bring a flower to crown Mary.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5S at St Patrick's Y5H at St Patrick's	Children will be taken after the register and return at lunchtime.
14 <sup>th</sup> May-18 <sup>th</sup> May	Assessment Week	Please ensure your children are present and on time.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closes for the Whit Holidays	School closes at 3:15pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens	

God Bless,  
Miss J. Tumelty

*For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,  
For song of bird, and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

