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Dear Parents,

Re: Newsletter-April 2017

What a wonderful term we have had at St Gilbert's school. The dedication shown to our school's Catholic ethos and the period of Lent has been exemplary by both staff and parents. As always our pupils are a credit to our school and as we close this second term we are always amazed by how much they have grown.

Easter Bingo:

We had a wonderful evening at our Easter Bingo. The atmosphere was a heady mix of enthusiasm, joy and fierce competition. A big thank you to all the staff who helped the evening go smoothly but particularly to Mrs Boslem and Mrs Hickey who organised the event. We raised a fantastic £843.00 which we are going to put into a fund to purchase equipment for the KS2 playground.

St. Joseph's Penny Box Appeal:

A huge thank you to all those who brought in rattling penny boxes. To learn more about the appeal and learn how the money has been spent please copy the link below in google: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/news/st-josephs-penny/>. We will let you know how much was raised once we have had a final count.

Visit from the Mayor:

Recently Salford's ceremonial Mayor came to St Gilbert's for afternoon tea. Our Y5 Chaplains proudly showed her around our school and the Mayor answered lots of interesting questions. Then the pupil chaplains sat with the Mayor telling her about all the fund raising they have been doing during the year.

Mrs Neville:

This Easter will bring about the start of Mrs Neville's maternity leave. We look forward to hearing the news of a safe delivery of a healthy baby joining the Neville family and ask God to watch over them.

Re-decorating Y2 Classroom:

Y2 is set to have a makeover during this next term. Eventually it will have new furniture, flooring and walls. It is a slow process as we have to ensure it is still a safe, useable classroom during the week. It will look wonderful eventually but may not look as colourful as normal for a short time.

Appointment of Acting Deputy Head:

Recently we appointed Mrs Stevens to the position of acting Deputy Headteacher in our school. Mrs Stevens has worked in three other schools as the Deputy Headteacher and has a proven track record of successful school improvement. We look forward to working with her and are confident her experience in the classroom and office will be of great benefit to our school.

Trim Trail:

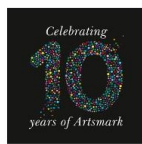
Our Trim Trail is finished and looks wonderful. We are allowing Y1 and Y2 to use it first whilst we learn the safest way to use it. It is important we challenge the children physically and that they learn how to judge risk. Obviously, as with any outdoor activity where children are challenged, there are always risks of slips and bumps, but by teaching them how to use the equipment correctly this should be a managed risk. Please can we also ask that before and after school you do not allow your children to play on the equipment. The school will not be responsible for any accidents occurring at this time and we do not want any equipment damaged.

Car Park:

I am sure you have noticed that our car park is extremely busy and often it is difficult to see staff crossing with the amount of cars present. Please can we ask parents and carers to avoid using the car park for dropping off, collections and turning cars around.

Governor Appointment:

We welcome Lidia Ciesielska as a foundation governor to our hard working team. Lidia has already attended a number of meetings and is looking forward to the contributions she can make.



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School Uniform:

PSU have informed us that the next school delivery will be on **Wednesday 26th April**, orders must be in by **Monday 17th April**. If you need items before please use their home delivery option. After Easter boys can wear black shorts and it is advised girls wear black ankle socks and a short sleeved revere blouse with their normal skirts and pinafores. I recently noticed that Asda, Tesco and Marks all had white short sleeved revere blouses on their websites.

Dates for your Diary

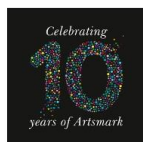
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| Friday 28 th April | 2:30pm-Yr 5/6 Resurrection assembly. Parents welcome |
| Monday 1 st May | Bank Holiday – School closed |
| Friday 5 th May | 9:15am Reception assembly – Crowning of Mary. Each child to bring a flower. |
| Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May | Year 6 SATs |
| Monday 8 th May | 2:00pm Coffee afternoon (school hall)– Parents welcome 2:00pm Nursery/Reception ‘Pray, Stay & Play’ |
| Friday 19 th May | 2:30pm Y4N Assembly-Parents welcome |
| Mon 29 th May – Mon 12 th June | Whit Half Term-school closed |
| W/b 12 th June | Year 1 Phonic Screening Test |
| Thursday 15 th June | ‘Big Sing’ competition. Relevant children will be told more about this at choir. |
| Thursday 15 th June | 2:00pm Y6 Leaver Mass at Salford Cathedral. School will take and bring back but they may have a late return. |
| Thursday 22 nd June | 1:00pm – 3:00 p.m. Years 1, 2, 3 Sports Day 9:00 am – 12:00am Years 4, 5, 6 Sports Day |
| Friday 23 rd June | 1.00-3.00pm Nursery & Reception sports day |
| Friday 26 th May | 2:30pm Y4R assembly |
| Friday 30 th June | Non-school uniform day. Please bring a bottle for Summer Fair |
| Monday 3 rd July | School closed – Inset day |
| Tuesday 4 th July | 9:15am First Holy Communion Mass in school. Pupils who have recently made their sacrament are welcome to wear their special outfit. Parents welcome |
| Thursday 6 th July | Meet the teacher & Nursery visit |
| Friday 7 th July | 2:00pm Summer Fair. Parents welcome to attend |
| Friday 14 th July | School reports sent home. |
| Monday 17 th July | 2:00pm End of Year Mass. Parents welcome to attend |
| Tuesday 18 th July | Reading, Writing, Maths Star assembly Talent Contest |
| Tuesday 18 th July | 6:00pm Y6 Leavers’ disco |
| Wednesday 19 th July | Paul Betts Award & Worker of the Year assembly |
| Wednesday 19 th July | 1:30pm Summer holidays! |

This past week has seen the children acting out the growing desperation of the Passion and we finish school today having witnessed the continually harrowing account of the crucifixion. Over the weekend, as we look towards the hope and life the resurrection brings, I hope you all have a happy and holy time with your family and revel in the joy of Easter.

*See the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose.
Seeds, so long in darkness sleeping,
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above rejoices;
Fields and gardens hail the spring;
Shaughs and woodlands ring with voices,
While the wild birds build and sing. ~Charles Kingsley*

God bless,

Miss J. Tumelty
Head of School



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