

# St Gilbert's RC Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Re: Newsletter-May 2017

In what has been a week that has challenged us as a city, I am sure we will all agree that the wider community of Greater Manchester is a place of which we are so proud. If your child has struggled with the events of the week and feel we might offer further support, please speak to the class teacher.

### **Queen of the May:**

We recently had a beautiful assembly where the children crowned Mary, Queen of the May Flower. It was a delightful assembly and you can see the effects by looking at the photographs on our twitter feed. Thank you to those children who led the assembly and the parents who attended.

### **Easter Masses at Holy Cross:**

During the recent Easter week we had a number of children who participated in Masses at Holy Cross. Many of these children had practised their choir roles for some time and did exceptionally well with parishioners contacting school to say how proud we should be of our pupils. Well done to all the boys and girls who participated.

### **First Holy Communion:**

We are very close to watching our children celebrate making their sacrament of First Holy Communion. This year's dates are on the back of this letter and we would welcome all our children and parents throughout the school to come and support the pupils in their sacramental journey. We will be holding a special Mass in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15am to celebrate with these children and are inviting the children who made their sacrament this year to wear their special outfits.

### **Welcome to the World:**

Huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Neville who welcomed the arrival of their baby boy. Mrs Neville looks forward to showing him off as soon as possible. Double congratulations also goes to Miss Grady and her partner who welcomed the arrival of twin boys earlier this month. We wish both ladies the best of luck and hope to see them soon.

### **Breakfast Club & After Care Club:**

If you are intending to use these facilities in the next academic year, please can you speak to the office regarding booking a place for your child. Unfortunately, we have recently had to turn people down due to staffing ratios but by letting us know in advance, we can adjust staffing to accommodate as many people as possible.

### **Assessment Time:**

Well done to all our children for the splendid effort they have made during this assessment period. In particular I would like to mention our Y6 children who have toiled for months in preparation for these tests and impressed everyone who worked with them. The teachers will now mark, analyse and begin writing reports ready to give out to you on the final Friday of the next half term.

### **New Holiday Dates:**

The 2018-19 and the 2019-20 holiday dates are now available on the school website. The Governors have kept all holidays in line with the Local Authority where possible except in relation to the Easter period where the Diocese strongly advocates that Catholic schools should be in school for Easter week. One of the Easter weeks has been moved to June as the Governors concluded that it made more sense to have a shorter holiday before SATs tests and a longer holiday in June. This means a better preparation period for exams and allows parents to take advantage of cheaper family holiday prices in June.

### **Gardener Position Available:**

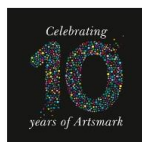
We currently have a gardener position available. If you are interested please see Mrs Darcy for an application form.

### **Pentecost Sunday:**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Holy Cross Church has invited all our parents and children to attend Mass at 10:30am wearing red clothing in honour of the Pentecostal celebration.

### **Teddies:**

If you have any unwanted soft toys, in good condition, we would be grateful to receive them for the summer fair. They will be washed and cared for and look 'good as new' for the 'Teddy Tombola' stall. Please put them in a carrier bag F.A.O. Mrs. Killeen. If you are able to wash them before you send them in, please put in a note to say they have been washed. (This would save us a lot of time.)



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**Filled Jars:**

Can you fill a jar for the Summer Fair 'Jar Tombola'? Take a clean, empty jar and fill it with something good e.g. sweets, pencil crayons, toiletries, small toys, bobbles, craft materials etc. Don't forget to put your name on the bottom of the jar as there will be a prize for the best one.

**Trophies:**

As we approach the end of the school year, award assemblies are being planned. If you have a star award (Maths, Reading or Writing) from last term, please send it in after half-term. We also need the 'Peace Prize' trophies and 'Talent Show' trophies which were awarded at the end of last year.

**DEAR Day:**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May St Gilbert's will be holding a 'Drop Everything And Read' (DEAR) Day. There will be activities through the day aimed at continuing the promotion of reading in our school. Children are asked to wear pyjamas on that day and bring a (good condition) book to donate to the book exchange.

**Sponsored Walk:**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Hickey will be leading the children in a sponsored walk around the school grounds in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. Please look out for a sponsor form.

**Homework:**

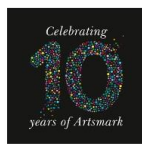
If you intend to purchase a homework book for your child to work in next year, please send back the order form as soon as possible.

**Upcoming Diary Dates:**

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	DEAR Day-remember pyjamas and the book exchange
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Whit Half Term-school closed. School opens on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
W/b 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Test
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming tournament-letters sent to those selected
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 RSE Discussion
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	'Big Sing' competition. Relevant children will be told more about this at choir.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	2:00pm Y6 Leaver Mass at Salford Cathedral. School will take and bring back but they may have a late return.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Macmillan Sponsored Walk with Mrs Hickey
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> June	1.00-3.00pm Nursery & Reception sports day
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am First Holy Communion celebration at Holy Cross
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am Whole school St Peter and Paul Mass at Holy Cross-parents welcome to join us walking to church at 9:30am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-school uniform day. Please bring a bottle for Summer Fair
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	School closed – Inset day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Chaplaincy celebration in Bury-children given more details.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the teacher & Nursery visit
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Poetry recital-more information to follow
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	2:00pm Summer Fair. Parents welcome to attend
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	1:00-3:00pm- KS2 Treat Trip to Cleavleys
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Art day at St Patrick's-chosen children will be given more details
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Show-tickets will be available from the school office
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	3:00pm Children's historical timelines made from canvas on show
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 public speaking events-additional information will be sent home
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports sent home.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1-Teddy Bear Picnic
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2:00pm End of Year Mass. Parents welcome to attend
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reading, Writing, Maths Star assembly Talent Contest
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	6:00pm Y6 Leavers' disco
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Paul Betts Award & Worker of the Year assembly
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	1:30pm Summer holidays!
First Holy Communion Dates	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> -6:30pm at HC Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am at St M Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am at HC Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> 2:00pm at HC Certificates shared at all masses on the weekend of 15 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup>

Yours sincerely,

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