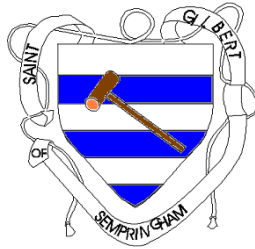


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Friday 14th July 2017

Dear Parents,

Re: Newsletter-July 2017

How has another year passed? It really is true that time flies when you are having fun. We have worked hard and been so proud of our children and it's always a pleasure to watch them grow and mature. This time of year is always bitter sweet as we pass them on to the next stage of their lives!

Summer Fair:

The Summer Fair was an outrageous success and we raised £1200. Y6 really excelled themselves and raised another £328 which will be put towards their end of term disco. Thank you for all your support.

Welcomes and Goodbyes:

A big thank you and goodbye to Mrs Duffy and Mrs Clarke who are leaving us for pastures new; we wish them the best of luck. We welcome Duncan Robinson as the new school gardener, Mrs Teneria on welfare and Miss Beddows in Nursery.

It is always a sad time when we say goodbye to our Y6 but even more so when that family is leaving the school. This year we say goodbye to the Williams, Housley, Blackburn, Glynn, Feeney, Doolan, Behan, Betts, Duffy, Fanning, Guy, Hollies, Holme, Inwood, Kelly, Lee, Mathew, McLoughlin and Wieczorek families. We have loved having your families as part of our community and we wish you well in the future.

New Deputy Headteacher:

Last Friday we appointed Mrs Neville as our permanent Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Neville will return early from Maternity Leave to begin the post in January. Mrs Stevens will also maintain her role as Acting Deputy Headteacher during this time to allow for an easier transition period.

Requests for Absence:

The Governors are changing the school policy for absence requests and will be enforced from September 2017. Children are expected to be in school during term time. Any requests for extra-curricular absence would need at least half a term's notice in order that it be sent for Governor approval. Governors are only likely to grant permission in exceptional circumstances. The forms to request a consideration for an absence are available from the school office. The policy will be available online from the start of July 2017.

KS2 Production:

Miss Ward, Mrs Shaw and the Y6 children excelled themselves with a very amusing and nostalgic production earlier this week. For photographs of the production, please see our twitter feed.

Cleavley's Sports Afternoon:

On Monday we took our KS2 to the athletics track to try their hand at a wider range of sports. We all had a lovely afternoon. A big thank you to parents who came to help.

School Uniform:

Please don't forget that jewellery of any form (except discreet analogue watches) are not allowed in school. If you are thinking about pierced ears, please do so at the beginning of the holidays so that they can be taken out by the return to school. Equally, anyone building up to a more radical haircut, please leave enough time for styling to grow out in time for the return to school.

Playground Etiquette:

Sadly, we have recently experienced behaviour by a small minority parents and carers on the playground that we do not believe is a good example to the children and is threatening to staff. Understandably, there are occasionally things that you are concerned about, but shouting at staff is humiliating and unnecessary. Primary schools are not a place that warrants this type of behaviour and asking for a quiet, calm conversation away from the child, where concerning aspects can be resolved and the integrity of the home/school relationship can be kept intact should always be the leading option.

KS2 SATs Results:

	National	School
the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics	61%	77%
the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading	71%	80%
the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in writing	76%	87%
the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in mathematics	75%	90%



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Key Diary Dates for Autumn 2017-18:

We are in the process of turning our school website calendar into an app that you can sync with your smartphone calendar to save you having to go to the school website. More details on this in September.

Tuesday 5th September 2017	SCHOOL STARTS at 8.45
Friday 8 th September 2017	Welcome back Mass 2.00 pm Parents Welcome
Monday 11 th September 2017	3.00pm Meet the teacher meetings – Y6,Y5,Y2,YRec
Tuesday 12 th September 2017	3.00pm Meet the teacher meetings – Y4, Y3, Y1
Tuesday 12 th September 2017	Yr 2 & Yr 6 class Mass 9.15 a.m. Parents Welcome
Thursday 14 th September 2017	St Patrick's Open Morning for Y5/6 children. Parents to take their children.
Tuesday 19 th September 2017	Yr 5 Class Mass – 9.15am- Parents Welcome
Tuesday 19 th September 2017	Yr 6 Maths Reasoning Club. A letter will be sent if your child is involved.
Monday 25 th September 2017	Full time Nursery begins
Tuesday 26 th September 2017	Yr 4 Class Mass 9.15am- Parents Welcome
Tuesday 26 th September 2017	European Day of Language. More information to follow.
Thursday 28 th September 2017	Coffee Afternoon for parents 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday 3 rd October 2017	Yr 3 Class Mass – Parents Welcome 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	Rosary ICT Suite 8.30 a.m. Parents welcome
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	Book Fair 3.15 – 4.00 p.m
Thursday 5 th October 2017	Book Fair 3.15 – 4.00 p.m.
Monday 9 th October 2017	Yr4/5SH, Yr 5S World War II Assembly 9.00 a.m.-Parents welcome
Wednesday 11 th October 2017	Rosary ICT Suite 8.30 a.m. .-Parents welcome
Friday 13 th October 2017	Yr2 Assembly Rosary 2.30 .-Parents welcome
Monday 16 th October 2017	School Photographs (Individual)
Monday 16 th – Thursday 19 th October 2017	Assessment Week
Tuesday 17 th October 2017	Yr 2 Trip to Staircase House. More details to follow.
Wednesday 18 th October 2017	Rosary ICT Suite 8.30 a.m. .-Parents welcome
Wednesday 18 th October 2017	Parent Open Afternoon 2.00 p.m.
Thursday 19 th October 2017	Yr 6 London Trip .-Parents welcome
Thursday 19 th October 2017	Harvest Festival Whole School Mass 2.00 p.m. -Parents welcome
Thursday 19 th October 2017	School Closes 3.15 p.m. October Half Term
Monday 30 th October 2017	School Re-opens 8.45 a.m.
Wednesday 1 st November 2017	Whole School Mass at Holy Cross 10.30 a.m. Y1-Y6-Parents welcome
Thursday 2 nd November 2017	Nursery/Reception Play Stay & Pray 9.00 – 10.00am .-Parents welcome
Thursday 9 th November 2017	Parents Evening 3.30 p.m.
Friday 10 th November 2017	Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11.00 a.m. Parents Welcome
Tuesday 14 th November 2017	Year 6 Maths Reasoning Club. A letter will be sent if your child is involved
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th November	Whole School Wellbeing Week & Antbullying Week
Friday 24 th November 2017	Y2 Road Safety Week Assembly 2.30am Parents Welcome
Tuesday 28 th November 2017	Pantomime at Oldham Colliseum. More information to follow.
Thursday 30 th November 2017	St Andrew's Day Service 9.00 a.m. -Parents welcome
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Cinema 3.30 – 6.30 p.m. Y3-Y6
Monday 11 th December 2017	Yr1/Yr2 Christmas Performance 9.15am Parents Welcome
Tuesday 12 th December 2017	Nursery Christmas Performance 9.15am Parents Welcome
Tuesday 12 th December 2017	11.45am Parish Christmas Dinner-tickets available from church.
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am Parents Welcome
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	KS2 Candlelight Service 6.00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church -Parents welcome
Thursday 14 th December 2017	KS1 Christmas Lunch & Party
Friday 15 th December 2017	KS2 Christmas Lunch & Party
Monday 18 th December 2017	Christmas Café 2.00 p.m. -Parents welcome
Tuesday 19 th December 2017	Whole School Christmas Mass 9.15am Parents Welcome
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	9.15 a.m. Reading/Writing/Maths Star Assembly and Christmas Sing-a-long
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	1.30 p.m. School Closes for Christmas

Can I please take this opportunity to thank you all for such a wonderful year at St Gilbert's. Our community of parents, carers, nanas, grandads, aunts and neighbours make the successes, faith and laughter that we have with the children possible. The children have been as hardworking, polite and caring this year as always. It is the belief that we have in them, and their future roles in the world, that make them central to everything that we do at this school. Finally, a huge thanks to my wonderful, dedicated, coffee fuelled staff who continually go so far beyond any job description in their pursuit of outstanding education and fulfilling the instructions of Christ.

Have a wonderful summer. Please stay safe, run, laugh, read and grow so that you come back in September with a huge smile on your face ready to jump into the next year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Tumelty
Headteacher



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