

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 5th May	6pm Meeting at Church for First Holy Communion Candidates
Monday 9th May	Year 6 SATs week begins
Tuesday 24th May	Quantam Science Theatre Visit
Wednesday 25th May	Maths Olympic Day – promoting the enjoyment of maths through celebrating Rio 2016!
Thursday 9th June	Sports' Day (Weather Permitting)
Saturday 11th June	First Holy Communion @ 11am at Our Lady's Church
Wednesday 15th June-	
Friday 17th June	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 7th July	Confirmation at 7pm in Our Lady's Church
Thursday 21st July	Last Day of the Summer Term. Mass 9:30am in Our Lady's Church



Some of you will remember Mrs. Pat McLaughlan who was our former Bursar who passed away suddenly in April of last year. It was a very sad time for us all but we have remembered her this year with great fondness. In her memory, we have set up an annual prize that will be awarded each year to a Year 6 pupil who embodies the qualities that we value most at Our Lady's.

I am delighted to announce that Taylor Homewood Clack was the first recipient of this award. Throughout his time at our school, Taylor has always shown himself to be a kind hearted, friendly and happy child. Congratulations to Taylor!

### **St. Luke Multi Academy Trust**

It has been just over a year since our school converted to academy status alongside, St. Thomas More and St. Edward's in Kettering. St. Brendan's school joined our trust back in September 2016. So far, it has been an extremely positive experience for us all.

The staff from all four schools meet up on a regular basis to discuss developing our curriculum and to ensure that standards across the four schools remain high.

The children have also begun to work together in various ways and some of the children from Year 2 recently spent the day at some of the other trust schools.



## Social Media

It has come to my attention that some parents are posting negative comments on social media about the school and in some cases, class teachers. This is absolutely unacceptable and the school can, in extreme circumstances, take legal action if libellous comments are posted.

I am sure you as parents would be very upset if someone was to call your actions into question, please try to remember how we as the school feel when we see such comments.

Of course, you are fully encouraged to follow the correct channels to let us know of anything you are unhappy with and we will do our utmost to address any concerns.



## Statutory Testing

The children in Year One will be sitting their Phonics Screening test during the week beginning 13th June 2016.

Children in Year 2 will be sitting their SATs tests during the month of May. As you may have heard, the children's Spelling and Grammar test for KS1 children has been withdrawn due to the live test being accidentally posted on line by the DFE.

# SATs 2016

Year 6's SATs take place in the week beginning 9th May.

These are very important for both the children and the school so please try to ensure that the children are prepared in terms of being in school on time and having a good breakfast before they come to school.

## School Holidays

As you will be aware, currently if families take 10 or more days out of school they receive a fine from the local authority. It is very likely that shortly, this will be reduced to 5 days. So if a family of two children and two adults took 5 days holiday, there would be a fine of £120 - £60 per child, per adult, per week.



It is a proven statistic that there is a direct link between children's attendance at school and the progress that they make in school. Please do not book holidays during term time!



## Annual Summer Hogroast

The Parents' association have begun to plan our end of year Summer Hogroast and you will be sent more information very soon. If you think you could help in any way, either with this event or with the PTA more generally, please contact Mrs. Tortoisshell or Mrs. Curran in the school.

## Parent Governor

Mrs. Natasha Cross is our parent governor and is keen to be available to parents. If you wish to make contact with her, please let the school office know.

## Disco

The PTA are organising a school disco. Once the date is confirmed we will send out the letters with all the information.



## Clubs

Don't miss out on clubs this summer term! Please come to the office for any letters or information.

Change 4 Life—starting up next week!



Athletics Club—will begin this term.

## Eco Warriors



Congratulations to the Eco warriors! They have now achieved the Eco Schools Silver Award. Recently, they have just organised a school litter pick. It is great to see the children working together and taking pride in their school.

## Parking Incident

There was an accident outside on Occupation Road at the end of school last week, which involved our pupils and parents. The persons involved were not injured however rather shaken. As in previous correspondence, we have tried to stress about the parking at school times to ensure parents are parking responsibly, in line with the highway code. We are working very closely with the Police and they have our full support in ensuring the safety of our children. The police will be taking photos and issuing fines starting at £30 for any offences.