



ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a very short but very busy half term, as we finish school for the Easter holidays this week there are a few key messages and reminders to share with you.

EASTER PARADE & BINGO: Thank you to everyone who supported the EYFS Easter Parade and the Easter Bingo yesterday – well done to all the winners plus every child went home with an Easter Treat! The events raised more than £250.00 for the Friends of St Raphael's.

WILLOW WOOD EASTER FLUMPETS: Thank you to everyone who has bought an Easter Flumpet. All the money collected from the sale of these will go to Willow Wood Hospice to support the amazing work they undertake in our community.

RETREAT WEEK: This week the children have been on retreat. They have spent time in their houses preparing for an art exhibition this afternoon where each child has produced a piece of art based on aspects of our religious education at St Raphael's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Year 6 will be leading our service tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 9.30am in school. All are welcome and our exhibition of religious art will also still be on display.

EASTER QUIZ: The Friends of St Raphael's are also sending home an Easter Quiz with the children tomorrow for you to complete as a family over the Easter Holidays. The entry Fee is £1.00 and the closing date is Friday 13th April. Further copies can be found on the school website!

EASTER HOLIDAYS: School will close at 1.30pm after the children receive the afternoon mark tomorrow (Thursday) and reopen on Wednesday 11th April 2018. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed for the Summer Term after spending Easter with your families.

SUMMER UNIFORM: When we return the children may wear their summer uniform, details of this are available below with full uniform guidance available on the school website. Please also be reminded not to have children's ears pierced or have any extreme haircuts.

- Gingham Blue Dress / Skirt & Blouse
- Grey Shorts / Skirt.
- Plain Blue Polo shirt / School Branded Polo Shirt.
- School Branded Blue Jumper / Cardigan / Sweatshirt.
- Sensible, black footwear only.

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ASSESSMENT TIME: When the children return we will get ready for Assessment Time in school. The children in Year 2 will be getting ready for their end of Key Stage 1 tests and our Year 6 children will be making final preparations for their SATS tests. In addition all other year groups will be taking part in Assessments within class and the Year 1 children will also be preparing for their phonics screening test. We wish all the children well in their tests and ask parents to ensure that the children are in on time, every day during this key period.

SWIMMING LESSONS: The children in Years 3-6 will be attending Swimming Lessons at the Copley Centre in the Summer Term. These will take place on Tuesday afternoons. In the first half term this will be for Year 3 and 4, while in the final half term it will be Year 5 and 6. The children will need;

- a one-piece swimsuit for girls (no bikini please)
- swimming trunks for boys
- a towel and a bag
- the children are not allowed an aerosol.
- a swimming cap for any child with long hair (please contact Copley Centre with any questions **NOT** school)
- goggles where required with a letter from the parents given to school for the swimming instructors (please contact Copley Centre with any questions **NOT** school)

SCHOOL DIARY:

APRIL 2018		
Wednesday 11 th	School Starts	8.55am
Tuesday 17 th	Swimming Lessons at Copley Begin Year 3 & 4 Prayer Sponsors Party	Afternoon 2.15pm
Tuesday 24 th	Thumbs Up Tuesday	9.00am - 9.30am
Friday 27 th	Year 1 Assembly	9.15am
MAY 2018		
Tuesday 1 st	Key Stage 1 Assessments Begin	All Month
Thursday 3 rd	EYFS School Trip – Blue Planet Aquarium	All Day 8
Monday 7 th	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Monday 14 th	Key Stage 2 SATS Week	All Week
Saturday 19 th	First Holy Communion	10.00am
Monday 21 st	Assessment Reward Day for the children – they will have worked hard!	All Day
Tuesday 22 nd	Quiet Liturgy – The Wedding at Cana	9.30am
Friday 25 th	End of Term	3.15pm

Finally... May I wish you all a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you for the last term of this academic year when we return on Tuesday 11th April!

All Blessings,

Mrs L Lakner
Head of School



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