



Dates for your diary

Mon 5 th June 2023	Return and Pentecost Day
Tues 6 th June 2023	Y2 Trip to the Farm
Wed 7 th June 2023	Y6 Trip to the Farm
Tues 13 th June 2023	9am or 3:30pm New Starters to F2 – Parent meeting (come to either)
Wed 14 th – Fri 16 th June	Y6 Briars Residential
Wed 21 st – 23 rd June	Y5 Perlethorpe Residential
Thurs 29 th June 2023	Feast of St Peter and St Paul Mass
Thurs 29 th June 2023	Y4 Sleepover – in school
Tues 4 th July 2023	F2 Beach Day
Wed 5 th July 2023	F1 Beach Day
Fri 7 th July 2023	Sports Day – see timings in letter
Wed 12 th July 2023	KS2 Performance – The Lion King
Thurs 13 th July 2023	Annual Reports – sent home
Fri 14 th July 2023	Summer Picnic 2 – 4pm
Wed 19 th July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Mass at 10am
Fri 21 st July 2023	9am Final Assembly of the Year
Tues 5 th Sept 2023	Children return to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems like a while since I sent my last newsletter – so much has happened since. The children had a lovely time celebrating the King's Coronation; both Year 2 and Year 6 children embraced the SATs tests with determination, trying their very best and Father Bill commented on the children's singing at the Feast of the Ascension as some of the best he's heard from us! Lovely praise.

As we reach our final half term before the summer break, please ensure you are aware of all that is going on. Please keep an eye out for further emails too. **There could be a few changes ahead.**

If you have any queries or concerns, please pop by the school office and we will gladly offer our help.

Kind regards, *Anne-Marie Bell*

Year 6 mobile phones in school

Year 6 children will no longer be allowed to bring their mobile phones in to school as of **Tuesday 6th June**. This is mainly due to some safeguarding concerns that have arisen over the last half term. However, children have never been encouraged or allowed to bring their phones in to school, to support them on their journey, unless in unprecedented circumstances. School expectations have not changed and we ask you to support us with this.

Our main feeder school, The Trinity Catholic School, is firm about children having no access to mobile phones – to, from and during school. We are talking to your children regularly about being 'secondary ready'. Accepting such rules is one aspect of this preparation. Any phone brought into school will be retained by the school office, ready for a parent / carer to collect. Children must not bring their mobile phone in their school bag. I ask parents to support school by ensuring your child's mobile phone remains at home, please.

Time for Sun Cream and Sun Hats

I hope you enjoyed the warmer weather over the weekend. It's beautiful to enjoy the outdoors, in the sunshine. This half term, please provide your child with a sun hat for school as children are spending extra time outdoors – learning, playing and gardening.



Try to apply long-lasting sun cream on the days where the weather is expected to be hot. Some children can manage to apply their own sun cream and can top up at lunch time if they have fair or sensitive skin.

Sunglasses are not allowed in school.

On another note, many pupil's in Y6 are not bringing water in with them. Please ensure your child has water with them every day. Preferably in a sturdy, reusable bottle.

Possible Strike Days!

The NEU are planning further strike days for the week commencing 3rd July for 2 or 3 days. The specific days will be decided on 8th June. I am unsure as yet of our teachers' decision to strike, or not. But I thought I would share these possible dates with you ahead of time in case your child's class is forced to close.

Year 6 transition visits to Trinity These are scheduled for 4th and 5th July so may be affected by the strike action; however, my feeling is that these days will go ahead as planned. For those children not attending Trinity in September, please look out for information from your child's school in case there are any changes. Please let the office know when these transition days are.

Sports Day – 7th July 2023

All being well with the weather, sports day will take place as follows:



9:30am F1 (morning and all-day children)

9:30am F2, Year 1 and Year 2

12:45pm F1 (afternoon children)

1:30pm KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

Children will come to school in their school PE kits – navy shorts, white t-shirt. A navy hoodie can be worn if the weather is cool.

KS2 Production – The Lion King Wednesday 12th July 2023

Our wonderful KS2 children are starting to prepare for a great performance to finish this academic year off in style.

There will be 2 performances:

- 09:45am
- 04:00pm

Tickets will be on sale from 1st July 2023.



Swimming Lessons with School

The National Curriculum states children should swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres by the end of primary school. St Mary's are very reliant on the pool availability at Djanogly School. When your child is due to attend, only following medical advice will your child be excused from swimming lessons. New ear piercings **must not** be undertaken in a holiday prior to swimming lessons – all earrings have to be removed. Children can swim with minor colds. Please support your child in accessing the lessons. Swimming is a crucial life skill.

St Mary's Summer Picnic – Friday 14th July 2 – 4pm

Last year, we enjoyed St Mary's Summer Fair, where the community came together once again to celebrate our wonderful community, following a long break due to COVID. We have decided to run the Summer Fair every other year and in between have a School Picnic instead – with a few highlights of the fair. There will be performances from each class – let's hope Mrs Mullen and her team have been stretching and keeping fit for some incredible gymnastics with her F2s. We will enjoy some music, dancing and other talents will be shared I am sure.

There will be food and I am sure there will be a game or two to enjoy.

