St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School School



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Through nurturing trust and strong relationships, our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love.



Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a wonderful two weeks of hard work and learning but in today's newsletter we must reserve a huge congratulations and well done for **Year 6** who have been sitting their **SATs**. It was an honour to invigilate in the room with Miss Melton and see how maturely and sensibly you tackled each test. We are immensely proud of you and know that you have all given your best effort.

'Congratulations Year 6'



School Values

Believe, Love, Respect and Trust.

With Christ at the centre
of all we do we Believe
and Trust in Him to
help us to show Love
and Respect to all.



Upcoming Events

I am pleased to pass on the following dates for your diary:

Ascension Day

On Thursday 26th May we will be walking Year 3-6 to St Peter's Church to take part in the Ascension Day Mass to commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. The service begins at 10am.

Jubilee Celebration

The school will be celebrating 70 years of the Queen's service on the 27th May, the last day of this half term. Children can wear non-uniform of red, white and blue and class teachers have planned a range of themed lessons linked to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The kitchen will be offering a themed lunch option on this day more information will follow.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on the 13th July this year, with a reserve date of the 15th July in case of inclement weather. KS1 and Reception will host their competition in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend and further information will be sent out closer to the time.

We are very pleased to have received sponsorship for one of our Key Stage shields which we will be awarding this year to the winning House. If any other firms would like to sponsor a shield, please contact the school.

Mini Vinnies

The mini Vinnies are holding a coin trail on Friday 20th May in the afternoon. Children are invited to bring in silver coins to fill a chalked-out heart on the playground. The money collected will be donated to the James Paget Hospital.

School Vision

We believe that even with God's love we can sometimes experience challenges. Just like our patron saints, Mary and Peter, they experienced difficult times in their life that took strength and perseverance to overcome. At our school, we value this challenge and encourage children to experience it, knowing that together with our support and love, they will experience a successful outcome be it in an academic subject or through social experiences. We are all exploring our own talents and each day we 'Set Sail for Success'

Staffing

We will be extremely sad to say goodbye to Miss Melton at the end of the Summer term. She is moving on to teach a Year 5 class in Wymondham and we wish her every success. We know she will continue to influence and inspire young minds and continue to be a fantastic teacher. Congratulations.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Hardy, our piano teacher and faithful pianist. He has accompanied the school's choirs, assemblies and Mass for many years, as well as teaching children to become accomplished pianists. I am certain we will be able to encourage him back for some concerts and performances in the future. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the school.

We are also delighted to welcome back Ms Cooper, who will be covering Mrs Agu's maternity leave from the end of June in Nursery. I know that she will be a familiar face to many of you having worked for the school in previous years.

Meal Ordering Changes

From 6th June 2022 all orders from meals will be placed via Select and not through Wisepay. You will receive your log in details shortly for this. Please ensure you log in and order at least one meal on the system before Thursday 26th May 2022 so that if you have any issues the office staff can assist.

Wisepay will be continue to used for all other payments / orders.

Community Donations

I have been amazed this week at the generosity of parents and the local community in supporting the school with donations of equipment and plants for both our Early Years, including a mud kitchen, and our Gardening Club. We are working hard to make the most of our outside space to ensure children have enriched learning experiences both inside the classroom and out.

We are still keen for donations for the mud kitchen and Gardening Club. We are looking for more flowering plants to bring some colour to our grounds and any vegetable or fruit plants to support children learning to grow food.

Twitter

We now have Twitter up and running again so that we can celebrate all the amazing learning and opportunities the children are participating in. Please follow us @SMSPGorleston

Prayer

Lord our God, in your generosity and love you surround us with wonders of the universe. Send your Spirit upon us all and fill us with your wisdom and blessings that we may devote ourselves to our studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.