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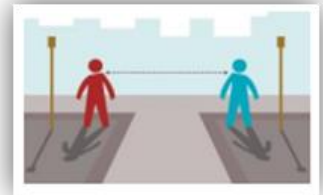
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Dear Families,

We hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well. As we are approaching the end of the summer term, unfortunately we still have COVID restrictions in place, which means that many planned events have had to change.



Sports Day 2021

We cannot now have parents and carers at sports day as we normally would. We had hoped that we could invite you onto the school field to see at least one event, however when the government made the decision to delay the wider reopening of events and lift restrictions, we looked very carefully at the guidelines and have followed protocols. We also sought advice from Health and Safety and our Risk Assessments have been updated. The guidance clearly states that the legal gathering limits where spectators can gather outside in separate groups is up to 30. Most of our year groups are larger than 30, so even with one adult per child, we would be failing to comply with guidelines. We will take as many photos as we can to share with you and upload them to our school website. I understand that this is disappointing for many of you, particularly if this is your child's last year at primary school, but we have followed the guidelines to stay safe.

As Euro 2020 is taking place, we can all see the groups of supporters and crowds. They have a different set of guidelines to follow, so we cannot be compared to those. Our priority is protecting the staff and pupils. Thank you for your continued support when dropping off or collecting children. Please continue to support the social distancing and systems we have in place.



Staffing

We are finalising our staffing arrangements for next year and we will inform you about your child's teacher for next academic year as soon as the final decisions are made, which should be by this Friday. Teachers will write to your child to introduce themselves. We have managed to organise the year groups so that next academic year class sizes will be small cohorts class sizes, they will be taught as single year groups and years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be split into 2 classes in September.

We are able to share with you that we have made some outstanding permanent appointments for our school:

Mr Bowdler, Mrs Howe and Miss O'Connor were interviewed for permanent teaching positions and all were successful. Miss Lawrence, an experienced teacher currently at another school, will also be joining us to take up the responsibility as Phase 1 lead with responsibility for leading years 1,2 and 3. She will also have responsibility for personal and pastoral development across school. Miss Lawrence comes with a wealth of experience. We look forward to their continued or new career with us at Our Lady of the Rosary. As a Senior Leadership team, we are hoping that our plans for a more enriched curriculum are allowed to happen from September and I am sure you will agree when you meet the staff that we have a very strong and dedicated team teaching your children in September.

Transition

We have unfortunately had to cancel our planned up-coming reception meeting, due to COVID guidelines. The children will be transitioned to Reception through nursery during their current nursery sessions and those not in our nursery will be invited into school. A pack with information will be sent out to you. If your nursery child is attending a different school then staff will be in touch directly with you.

Reception children are being prepared for Year 1, all other classes cannot enter another bubble so their “new “ teacher will come into their bubble to introduce themselves and if the guidance changes in the last week we will be able to allow children to visit new classes.

Year 6 are due to attend their secondary schools for transition in July; we are awaiting information about how this will be held.



Sun Ready Schools

We will be talking about sun protection in our PSHE lessons. Please support this by putting sun cream on your child before they come to school and by providing them with a hat and water.



Summer holiday provision

We were hoping and had planned to run summer school provision for the first two weeks of the holidays. Due to exceptionally low numbers, it will not be viable to run these clubs and therefore they will be cancelled. Any money paid will be refunded via ParentPay. We are so sorry to disappoint anyone who had booked. Any payments made for the Grassroots summer school will be refunded directly by Grassroots.

Upcoming events

Dates	Pupils involved	Events	Notes
Monday, 28 th June 2021	Reception- Year six	Sport's day	The whole school will be taking part in a fun sport's day. PE kits to be worn by all. Please bring water bottles. If your child wants to buy a slush, please remember to send £1 in with them or pay via ParentPay – Sports Day.
Wednesday 30 th June 2021	Nursery	Sport's Day	PE kits to be worn. Please bring water bottles.
Friday, 2 nd July 2021	Nursery- Year six	INSET day	Whole school is closed for staff training.
Friday 9 th July 2021	Nursery- Year six	Football Friday	Children can attend in any football strips or sports wear. Raffle for a Euro football, tickets 50p a strip to be bought on the day via class. Further plans for the day to be sent out.
Monday, 12 th July 2021	Nursery- Year six	End of year reports	Children will bring home their end of year school report.
Monday, 12 th July 2021	Year six	Cluster leaver's liturgy	The cluster primary schools are meeting virtually to reflect on their time at primary school. Rearranged from 30 th June.
21 st July 2021	Year six	Liturgy and Leaver's assembly	Year six will host their leaver's assembly to their families, this will either be live or recorded.
Wednesday 21 st July 2021	Nursery	End of term	Nursery closed
Thursday, 22 nd July 2021	Rec - Year six	End of term	School will close at 1:00pm for the summer holidays.
Friday, 23 rd July 2021	Nursery- Year six	INSET day	Whole school is closed for staff training.

Thanking you,

Mrs Graham
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Sutherland
Deputy Headteacher

