



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. We return to school for the final six weeks of the academic year and it's our busiest term yet with lots of exciting events and trips to fit in before we finish for summer!

Sports Day

Unfortunately, we had to cancel Sports Day on Tuesday due to the rain. This has been rearranged for next Tuesday 16th June at Marl Pitts.

You will have already completed a form to indicate if your child is participating. If anything has changed since you completed that form, please contact the school office.

We do expect and encourage ALL children to take part as they normally would be doing, if the event was taking place during the school day. If transport is an issue, please let us know and we can see if we can help organise a lift to Marl Pitts with another parent.

As a reminder, if your child is participating, they need to be collected from school at 2:45pm from their usual end of day meeting point. If your child is not participating, they will need to be collected from the school hall at the normal finish time of 3:20pm. The event itself will begin promptly at 3:30pm and will finish by 5pm. Please note there will be no after-school club that day.

Foundation Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a foundation governor to join our wonderful board of governors. Governors work with myself and the senior leadership team to drive the strategic development of the school and raise standards of achievement.

Governors are drawn from a variety of backgrounds and their experience and strategic skills make a vital contribution to the continuing development of the organisation.

(NB a Foundation Governor must be a practising Catholic and able to supply a supporting reference from their Parish Priest. If you are interested, please contact me to discuss the role further).

Smart Watches

Please be aware that, in line with our Mobile Phone Policy, some Smart Watches are not permitted in school.

Smartwatches are wristwatches with smart technology in them. They can be used to tell the time, send and receive text and voice messages, make calls and listen to music. Some smart watches have wellness and health-related features. Children can wear simple smart watches, which are used to tell the time / count steps etc. Watches, which can access the internet / send messages, are not permitted in school.

Birthday Treats

We love celebrating our pupils' birthdays here at school! It's a special moment for the children and a large majority of parents kindly send in a sweet treat for the children to give to out to their friends at the end of the school day.

We can't accept **homemade cakes** into school, as the staff (and other parents) can't always check all the ingredients, and we have children with allergies (and some children who are vegetarian).

If you'd like to send something in for your child's birthday, **small bags of sweets work really well**. The key thing is that the ingredients need to be **clearly printed on the packet** – that way everyone knows exactly what's in the product.

Any birthday treats are sent **home at the end of the day** with your child. This gives you a chance to have a look at the ingredients yourself and check everything's okay for them.

Thanks so much for understanding.

Yours Sincerely
Miss D McNicoll