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Tuesday May 3rd 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a superb Easter break and that you've returned ready for the Summer Term, which will no doubt pass in the flash of an eye...in fact it's sobering to remember that we've only eleven weeks left until the end of the year! There'll be LOTS going on, so please watch out for my letters and PINGS from staff which will keep you up to date with what's happening. Plus, don't forget we'll also be celebrating our news as it happens via our Twitter page @CatholicLourdes, so please follow us. First, some news you've had before:

1. Year 6 SATS week 9th May – 12th May 2022

As you know the children (and adults!) have been working incredibly hard to prepare for their SATs, and have been doing so cheerfully and enthusiastically. This is just to give you an idea of what the actual week itself will look like:

8.15 Children are welcome to join us for a communal Breakfast, pre SATS chat and time to hang out with their friends.

8.50 We will start to get them all ready for a prompt 9am start

9am Start of test. The children will be divided into different rooms suitable for the level of support they need. Some will sit their test in the hall with Ms Nicholson and Mr Littlejohn, some will be in The Arches, some in Mr Barber's room and other small enclosed areas.

We have already spoken to those of you whose children will need different levels of support. The children themselves are also aware of this. If appropriate we will send you additional information regarding this nearer the time via PING.

All tests should be finished by 10.15 at the latest. In the afternoons, the children will have the opportunity to have fun with creative projects; Art, craft, ICT etc...

We would request that all children have their PE kit in school every day, they should attend in uniform, please.

Should your child be unwell on the day of a SATs test, we ask you to call school as soon as possible, so we can discuss how best to proceed.

In Year 2, we'll undertake the tests in a way that the children are put under as little stress as possible – in fact they might not even register that any tests are running! Like Year 6, we'll make sure they have times in the afternoons where we get creative and ensure the fun stays in their time in school. **Year 2 children should attend these two weeks in their sports kit, so we have the flexibility to quickly get them active.**

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Now, news you're getting for the first time...

2. Slight Changes to Drop Off in the Morning

From Monday May 9th, hand sanitiser will be available from the dispenser which we'll move so that it's at the bottom of the path and staff will no longer be dispensing this by hand – this is to reduce congestion at the top of the path and enable any conversations between parents and senior staff to happen in a more productive way. Hand sanitiser will also still be used inside and when children enter and leave classrooms.

3. End of Year Reports and Data Releases

Having sought feedback via Parent Council and many of you at Parents' Evening, we're altering how we report to you on the progress of your child(ren). Throughout the year, children will sit an assessment in reading, writing and maths at the end of every term. So that you have a continuous picture of how they're doing, we'll release the information from these assessments as soon as we've checked them but without any teacher comment. This will mean that you'll have the results within a fortnight of the end of the term in which they were sat. Should there be questions or concerns, parents can contact teachers directly at school. We'll also ensure that in the future, we couple these data releases with a parent consultation evening. This not only speeds up the information that you have, but allows you to talk with class teachers about any concerns. In the Summer Term, you'll receive not only the data from the tests in reading, writing and maths, but also teacher assessment information for every subject and a comment from the child and from myself. For those children undertaking SATs exams, this information will be sent out with the wider report. There will be an opportunity to come in on the afternoon of Monday 18th July to see work, teachers and celebrate the achievements of the year and I'll be in touch with details nearer the time.

In order to get into line with these new arrangements, we'll be releasing the data from the Spring assessments on Friday May 6th via PING; so please watch out for this.

4. Last, I hope to see those parents and children who've signed up to be part of the Children's Parade on Saturday. Huge thanks to Miss. Anscombe and those parents who've worked so hard to get us ready; I really hope we have a great time.

Kind regards,

Paul

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