



St Dominic's Catholic Primary School

Called to be A People of Hope

We Learn and Love in Faith

*This term we celebrate- **Respect***

Whole School Attendance: 95.8%

Here Comes Summer!

Dear Parents

RE Inspection: just to update you that I have received the draft report from the Diocesan R.E. inspection and I am delighted to report that St Dominic's has been judged to be a **Good Catholic School**, with some areas of outstanding practice. Mr Joe Skivington, the inspector has commented very favourably on the Catholic Life of the School, the leadership of the Governors and Mrs Sollars and the involvement of the children. The full report will be sent home once the final version has been received and it will be available to read on the school's website.

Staffing news: As you know the Governors have committed to maintaining the current 4 class structure, despite a drop in numbers. As part of that plan, Governors have had to make the decision to reduce the number of Teaching Assistant hours. Following a period of consultation with the Teaching Support staff, Mrs Dawn Hinder applied for voluntary redundancy and after careful consideration, this application was accepted. She will be leaving at the end of term. Mrs Hinder has been a member of the staff team at St Dominic's for 15 years and will have taught many of your children. We wish her every happiness for the future and thank her for her years of service to St Dominic's School community. She will be greatly missed!

It is worth noting that, even with Mrs Hinder's departure, the Teacher/Teaching Assistant to child ratio will still be extremely favourable.

A message from Mrs Gill: thank you so much for your good wishes and lovely gifts. I have been really touched by many kind words over the last few days. My children have all but grown up and it was time for me to take on a new challenge, and although I will miss St Dominic's, I am looking forward to my new venture at St Peter's Primary. With best wishes to all.

Following Mrs Gill's departure to St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Mrs Tracy De Young will be extending her hours from September, so she will be in school every day as Administrative Assistant. Mr Mick Morris, who is currently School Business Manager at St Peter's Catholic Primary, will be covering this same role on 2 days a week for an interim period at St Dominic's, while the Governors and Mrs Sollars evaluate the administrative needs of the school. He is experienced in school management and used to working in a Catholic school, so I am sure he will be an excellent addition to the staff team.

Legoland trip: everyone had a great time at Legoland on Friday 6th July. The children had a long day, but their behaviour was impeccable. Thank you for your contributions to enable this to happen and to staff and volunteers for keeping the children happy and safe all day.

Y6 Grand Day Out: Miss Mansell took the Y6 boys paintballing on **Friday 13th July**. They had an amazing time! Many thanks go to Mrs Ann Walker, who very generously helped to fund this through her donation of child care vouchers.

Beauty and the Beast: thank you to everyone who has provided a costume for this production. We await the performances on Wednesday 18th at 1.30pm and Thursday 19th July at 6.00pm with eager anticipation. I would like to thank the staff and pupils for their hard work in preparing and rehearsing for this.

Parish Mass-Sunday 22nd July: everyone in the school community is invited to attend this special Mass at **11.00am**. It will be a great opportunity to celebrate the success of the school's R.E. inspection with the parish community. Y6 pupils will participating in the Mass and will be presented with prayer books after communion.

Monday 23rd July-Awards Evening: please note the awards will be presented after Mass in church on **Tuesday 24th July**, so there will not be a separate Awards Evening.

Leavers' Mass: Tuesday 24th July at 9.15am: at this celebration we will be saying goodbye to our Y6 pupils, Mrs Hinder and Miss Rose. Mrs Gill has also been invited to attend. Parents, grandparents and other family members are welcome. After communion we will be presenting Y6 with prayer books and there will be some individual awards.

Waterslide: we will be using the waterslide on the last day (**Tuesday 24th July**). The Y6s will have first use (after the Leavers' Mass at 9:15am). Lunch will be at 12pm, when parents may join us for a picnic on the field, and the waterslide will then be open from **12:30 to 1:15pm**. Please note that the school will close for the summer holidays at **1:30pm** on that day. If you are happy to let your child use the waterslide, please send them in with a swimming costume and towel on that day.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone in the school community for making me feel welcome and for your support. I have enjoyed getting to know you. I wish you all a happy and relaxing Summer holiday. Mrs Sollars will be back at the helm in September!

best wishes

Rosy Savory

A time to reflect...

In the wake of the Football World Cup and Wimbledon sporting events, here are some words of encouragement from St Paul's first letter to Timothy:

"Keep yourself in training for a godly life. Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is valuable in every way, because it promises life both for the present and for the future."

For our Y6 leavers: **"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith and purity."**

Dates for your diary...

w/c Monday 16 th July	Cycling Proficiency week for Y5
Wednesday 18 th July	Beauty & the Beast matinee 1:30pm
Thursday 19 th July	Evening performance 6pm
Sunday 22 nd July	Whole School Parish Mass in church. 11am All welcome
Tuesday 24 th July	Leavers' Mass, 9:15am in church, All welcome

Wednesday 5th September Autumn term begins

Saturday 8th September Woodchester Village Show

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