



### **IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

- Term dates – please make a note of the important term dates listed below.  
Please note that the school will be closed for pupils on 8.5.23, 5.6.23 and **17.7.23** (change from **26.6.23**).  
• Please read the attached important letter regarding changes to the school day September 2023.

### **SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS**

#### **CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III:**

This weekend, many of us will be tuning in to witness the momentous occasion of the coronation of King Charles III. We join the nation and members of the Commonwealth and global community in giving thanks for the service of our King and Queen, and of the wider Royal Family.

We join our prayers with Christians, and people of good will, the world over and ask that King Charles may be strengthened in his own personal faith to be a leader of integrity, compassion and truth who will dedicate his work to the promotion of peace and to supporting the most vulnerable members of our communities.

We hope that, however you choose to join in with the festivities of the weekend, that you all enjoy a restful, enjoyable and safe Bank Holiday weekend.

#### **Prayers for the King**

O God, to whom every human power is subject,  
grant to your servant our sovereign Charles  
success in the exercise of his high office,  
so that, always revering you and striving to please you,  
he may constantly secure and preserve  
for the people entrusted to his care  
the freedom that comes from civil peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

*Amen*

V O Lord, save Charles, our King.  
R And hear us on the day we call upon you.  
V O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R And let my cry come before you.  
V The Lord be with you.  
R And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray,  
that your servant Charles, our King,  
who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm,  
may continue to grow in every virtue,  
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,  
he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and,  
being blessed with your favour may,  
with his consort and the royal family,  
come at last into your presence,  
through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life  
and who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

*Amen*

## KS2 SATs WEEK:

Please spare a thought for our Year 6 pupils who will be completing their end of Key Stage 2 SATs assessments next week. Our pupils have been working so hard all year, demonstrating real dedication to their learning, and have made wonderful progress. We wish them the best of luck for the week safe in the knowledge that we are so proud of all their achievements.

## HELPERS FOR GATESHEAD FUN RUN:

We are looking for helpers for the Gateshead Fun Run which is taking place on the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Previously, we have taken the whole school to the event, however due to the rising cost of transportation, only Year 5 will be attending the event at Saltwell Park. KS1 will be having their own mini-Fun Run at school and Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in an 'outdoor and adventurous' day. We will share further details nearer the time.

## REMINDER - TERM DATES:

DATE	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
1.5.23	Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils	
5.5.23	School celebrations for Coronation of HRH King Charles III	Pupils can come into school in own clothes (optional red, white and blue/ regal theme). Kings' Coronation lunch (payments to be made in advance on Arbor for pupils in KS2).
8.5.23	Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils	
9.5.23 – 12.5.23	KS2 SATs	
Wb/15.5.23	Activity Week	More information to follow
18.5.23	Solemnity of the Ascension	Pupils to attend Mass at 9:30am at St Mary's RC Church
Wb/22.5.23	KS1 SATs to be administered in school	
22.5.23 – 26.5.23	Y6 residential to Knock Christian Centre	
29.5.23 – 2.6.23	Half term	
5.6.23	Staff Inset – school closed to all pupils	
Wb/5.6.23	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check to be administered this week	
Wb/12.6.23	Y1 Phonics Screening Check to be administered this week	
13.6.23	First Holy Communion	5:30pm at St Mary's RC Church
16.6.23	Team building day for Y6 pupils at St Thomas More	
23.6.23	Whole school Sports Day and family picnic	More info about timings of the events to follow
Wb/3.7.23	Curriculum celebration events End of year reports to be sent home	More info about timings of the events to follow
Wb/10.7.23	Transition days in school	Date TBC
11.7.23	KS2 SATs results released	
17.7.23	Staff Inset – school closed to pupils	
20.7.23	Mass for the end of the school year – Year 6 Leavers	
21.7.23	Last day of the school year	

**REMINDER - ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023:**

We are in the process of communicating with all families of pupils allocated a place in our September Reception Class intake.

If you know of anybody who would like to enquire about in-year admissions for Reception 2023 or any other year group where we may have capacity to admit pupils, please do not hesitate to encourage them to contact Mr Wheatley at school for a chat.

**REMINDER - NOTICE REGARDING SMALL SAINTS OOSC:**

As users of Small Saints Out of School Club will now know, Leanne Sanderson (Small Saints Manager) will be moving on at the end of the school year. The school is working closely with Leanne and the Parish to ensure a continuity of provision for the pupils of St Mary's, and will communicate with regular updates regarding this process at the earliest possible opportunity.

Leanne is inviting any parties interested in taking over the reins at Small Saints to contact her on 07882421973 either for more information or to make an initial expression of interest in acquiring ownership of the club. Initial expressions of interest should be made by 12pm on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

