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Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from the Headteacher

Where do I begin? It really has been a roller coaster of a few weeks since I last wrote to you and certainly a lot has happened. Aside from the snow (in March!!) and a visit from Ofsted we have had an action packed 4 weeks. Here are the highlights.

The 'alternative' Book Week was a great success. Many thanks to all the Dad's, Grandad's and Uncles who came in on launch day. It was lovely to see so many of you in school and supporting reading. Dressing up day was fantastic, such a good atmosphere in school and I really enjoyed sharing one of my favourite stories with the children 'I really want to eat a child!'

Thank you to everyone who bought books or other forms of merchandise from the Book Fayre, due to your generosity we have raised a wonderful **£373** for school which we can spend on replenishing and adding to our book resources.

Many thanks to Father Mark who supported children in Years 4, 5 and 6 through their sacrament of Reconciliation last week, he was very impressed with their responses and conduct.

A BIG thank you to our PTFA who put on two fantastic discos last Thursday. They were really well attended and the children had a brilliant time. I think the staff did too! We are really appreciative of all their support and generosity and this has further been emphasised as they have bought every child in school a chocolate Easter Bunny.

Last Friday saw a wonderful Reception class afternoon tea and Easter Bonnet parade - it was just brilliant! The children looked fabulous in their Easter Bonnets and it was a real feel good school event that had everyone smiling.

Finally, thank you also for your attendance at the parents' afternoon/evening this week. We really do value these sessions and the opportunity it presents for you to discuss how your child is progressing. We fully appreciate how you support the school and the partnership that exists between us.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 6** who are the attendance winners for this half term. Well done!

Good luck!

Today we say good luck and goodbye (for a short time) to Mrs Curtis who begins her maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in sending Gemma our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes. Enjoy every minute Gemma!

We are also saying a fond farewell to Mrs Trowbridge who leaves us today. It goes without saying that we will miss Geraldine and on behalf of everyone at St John Fisher I would like to extend our sincere thanks for all her work and support over the past few years.

St John Fisher 9 - 0 Dallimore Primary (Agg)

St John Fisher put in a fantastic performance in their recent home game against Dallimore Primary School. Despite the inclement weather, the team played some excellent attacking football and defended stoutly. Many team members pitched in with the goals in a 5 - 0 victory in the first game. The second game followed a similar pattern, as SJF pushed the opposition back into their own half. Although denied by the woodwork on a number of occasions, we managed to chalk up a 4 - 0 victory. The pick of the goals belonged to Brodie Nji, who scored a long ranger as the game drew to a close.

Ockbrook Primary 4 - 0 St John Fisher (Agg)

SJF came up against Ockbrook Primary School in their latest League game. The first 10 minutes of each game were cagey, as both sides got the measure of each other. Ockbrook were full of attacking threat and began to impose themselves on a depleted SJF side who struggled to link midfield with attack. Theo Doyle's workrate in midfield was admirable, and Eddie Henry hit the bar, however Ockbrook's quality showed in the final five minutes and the first game ended 2-0. Ockbrook's confidence was high going into the second game and their flair players began to find gaps. SJF continued to play with heart, and brave goal-line clearances from Ryszard Hebda and a string of instinctive saves from Luke Claxton kept the scoreline respectable. Ockbrook were again victorious, 0-2.

Derby Catholic Cluster Maths Quiz

Congratulations to the following children: Lyla, Jesse, Charlie, Przemyslaw, Jacob and Demilee in representing their class and St John Fisher CVA at the Catholic Schools' annual Maths quiz held at St George's. Five schools were involved: St Alban's, St George's, St Joseph's, St Mary's and St John Fisher. Although we didn't win outright the children performed very well in the individual, phase (i.e. Year 1/2; Year 3/4 and Year 5/6) and team rounds. Their mathematical skills were very impressive and their behaviour and respectful competitiveness was exemplary.

Key Stage 1 Phonics meeting

We are holding a Phonics meeting for parents on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 2.15pm. Mrs Farmer and Miss Long will be delivering the session and giving you lots of handy tips and practical ideas so that you can support your child/children.

PTFA Meeting

The next PTFA meeting will take place in school on **Wednesday 11th April 2018**. All welcome for a 6.15pm start.

Year 6 SATs

The children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs during the second week of May (14th - 18th) Please ensure that your child is in school that week. Thank you.

Medicine in school

Please see passage below with regard to administering medicine to your child. Many thanks for your understanding.

Medicines should only be brought to school when essential. We will only accept prescribed medicine, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist with instructions for administration. We will NOT accept over the counter medicines (Calpol, cough syrup etc). Wherever possible, children will use a medicine spoon to self-administer the medicine. When this is not possible, parents will be asked to draw the medicine up into a medicine syringe at school, in front of school staff, and seal the syringe and original medicine bottle in a bag. The child will then be able to self-administer the medicine.

Summer uniform

Just a quick reminder that children are able to wear their summer uniforms from the start of next term (9th April). Please see details below for uniform content.

Boys

- grey shorts or long grey trousers
- embroidered or plain - white polo shirt
- embroidered maroon jumper
- grey socks
- black sensible shoes
- black or brown sandals

Girls

- summer dress - red/white check
- grey skirt, knee length shorts, trousers or pinafore
- embroidered or plain - white polo shirt
- embroidered maroon cardigan or jumper
- short or knee length white socks
- black sensible shoes
- black or brown sandals

Sports Kits

Can you please ensure that your child has their school PE kit with them each week and also, an outdoor tracksuit and trainers. With the warmer weather coming we will be looking to take PE sessions outside as much as possible.

Please note all that all clubs will begin the second week back

Extra Curricular Clubs w/b - 16.04.2018

Monday - Y5/Y6 Football, Premier Sports 'Extreme Sports' after school club

Tuesday - Premier Sports Gymnastics after school club, Year 5 'Touch Typing' Chaplains (**lunch**)

Wednesday - Rugby match **AWAY** against St Joseph's

Thursday - Premier Sports Cheerleading after school,

Friday - Y4-6 Rugby

School closes

For Easter today and we will be returning back on **Monday 9th April 2018**.

Dates for your diary - up until half term 2018

11th April - P.T.F.A.Meeting @ 6:15pm

15th April - FHC @ English Martyrs @ 1:30pm

16th April - Mass in school @ 9:30am - Yr 3

19th & 20th April - Yr5 @ Ilam Hall (1 night)

25th April - Parent Lunch Yr 2 @ 11:45am

27th April - Year 1 Assembly 9:15am

2nd May - Parents and Parishioners Flower arranging @ 1:30pm in school with the children

3rd May - May Procession Liturgy @ 9:30am

7th May - BANK HOLIDAY

9th May- Parent Lunch Yr 1 @ 11:45am

14th May - 18th May - Yr6 SATs

16th May - P.T.F.A. Meeting @ 6:15pm

24th May - Yr 3 trip to Cadbury's World

25th May BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

A final thought

It's how you make people feel that really counts

Have a lovely and blessed Easter break,

Yours sincerely,

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