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Dear Parents/Carers,

A message from the Headteacher

Many thanks for everyone who was able to join us for our special House Liturgies last Friday which were fantastic. It was lovely to see so many of you in school. Year 3 enjoyed a superb visit to Cadbury's World yesterday as part of their 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' topic. As well as having a great time and learning lots, their behaviour was excellent. Well done Year 3!

Year 5 have started their singing project 'Along came Man' which they will perform at Derby Cathedral on Monday 9th July 2018. It is sure to be a wonderful occasion and experience for the children. I will write out with further information in the coming weeks.

Last week the children in Year 6 worked incredibly hard and we are extremely proud of them all. Of course these assessments will tell us something but they will not tell us everything; and that is so important to remember. They cannot possibly chart their journey over 7 years at St John Fisher and they cannot possibly define them as people. That's all down to themselves and their unique and wonderful personalities and characteristics. Congratulations Year 6 you have been magnificent!

House point winners for this half term

Congratulations to **Understanding** who are the winners for this half term. Fabulous job team! They have been enjoying making healthy smoothies this morning courtesy of Chartwells.

SUPERCLASS

A HUGE 'well done' to Reception (Yr R) who are the SUPERCLASS winners for this term. This is a magnificent effort from the class and is testament to how they behave during assemblies, masses and other whole school events. As a reward, they get to choose a half day treat just for their class. We will keep you posted with their decision.

Congratulations

To Emilia Barlow who is now the proud recipient of a £20 voucher for 'The INTU Centre' as a prize for her wonderful 'Play Area Opening' invitation. Year 3 were tasked with the challenge by the local 'Tenants Group' to produce an eye catching and imaginative design and after a lot of careful debate Emilia's was judged the winner. Well done Emilia!

Staying Sun-Safe

Please ensure your children wear sunhats, put on sunscreen, and bring a bottle of plain water to drink throughout the day. Children may be asked to top up their sunscreen during the day so it is very important that if your child cannot for any reason, you make their class teacher aware. Thank you.

Online Safety

Technology is a wonderful gift and opens many opportunities for developing children's learning and experiences. Using modern technology is an essential life skill in this day and age. As with all good things, however, technology can have a negative impact if used incorrectly. Please don't just assume your child would not make wrong choices online - they are the children, we as adults need to protect them. Ensure your child stays safe online or on their mobile phones by regularly taking the following precautions:

Remind them about using technology responsibly
Check what sites/ games/films they are accessing
Insist you have access to any online social group they belong to.
It is a challenging time for parents: for more guidance check out the E-Safety links on our website.

New Starter Induction Evening

Our 'New Starter' evening will be taking place on Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 6.00pm. This evening provides an opportunity for parents and families of our new Reception class (Sept 2018) to meet the teachers and staff from St John Fisher and to get to know the school. We look forward to welcoming you on the night.

Non Uniform Days

Leading up to this year's summer fayre which is straight after school on Friday 29th June 2018 we will be holding a series of partial and full non uniform days. Please see below for dates and options.

08.06.2018 - Wear silly socks and bring in a gift set

15.06.2018 - Full non uniform and bring in a bottle

22.06.2018 - Wear a football kit or sports clothing and bring in chocolate (to tie in with our World Cup week)

Cycle Helmets

If your child cycles to and from school; please ensure that they are wearing a helmet. We want children to be as safe as possible when they are on their bikes.

Lateness

We are noticing an increase in the number of children arriving late for school each day. Going forward after half term we want to change this situation and really have a big push on improving pupil lateness. Children need to be in school by 8.55am at the latest. We are committed to getting as much as possible out of each and every day and we need your support in ensuring that your child is in school at the correct time. Please come and speak to Mrs Wilcox or a member of the Leadership Team if we can be of any assistance to you.

Year 3 Swimming

We are very conscious of the time that Year 3 are arriving back to school on a Wednesday afternoon after swimming. Unfortunately there is nothing we can do about this. Our allocated swimming slot by Derby City is for mid afternoon and we are also very much dependent on a prompt pick up from the coach company to ensure that we get back for the end of the school day. Hopefully going forward this will be the case. Please collect your child from the classroom door. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Summer uniform

When we return after the half term break it will compulsory for children to wearing their summer uniforms. Please see below for details. If you have any questions regarding this then please come and speak to a member of the Leadership Team. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

Changes to Data Protection Law

You may be aware that from 25th May, the rules around data protection are changing. The 'General Data Protection Regulation' (GDPR) will change how we can use your personal data and keep it safe and will also strengthen your rights over your own data.

The point of this is to make sure sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe. Whilst it is similar to the current Data Protection Act in many ways, there are a few differences, so we need to make a few changes at the school in order to ensure we remain compliant. As part of our work to comply with the GDPR, we are also re-seeking consent for using photographs or videos of your child on our website, in the media, on internal displays or within other school materials. An updated consent form will be sent out shortly and we would appreciate it if you filled this out and returned it to the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about how the GDPR affects you, or how our school is preparing please ask a member of the leadership team.

St Benedict's visit to school

On Thursday 14th June 2018 St Benedict's staff will be coming to meet with our Year 6 children and to then to lead an assembly for Year 5 before meeting with the Yr 5 parents at 2.15pm. I know the staff from St Benedict's are keen to meet as many parents as possible, so you are very welcome to join us.

Acts of kindness

We have a number of children who have supported some fantastic causes over the past few months. We are always really keen to celebrate these selfless acts with the school community. Please see below a link to Ellaina's 'just giving' page. <https://www.justgiving.com/Emma-Hartshorne2>

Change of date/time

Please note the following changes for the Year 6 Leavers Play and for a Whole School Inset Day in November 2018.

Year 6 Play

Monday 9th July 2018 - 2.00pm show rather than 9.30am.
The 6.00pm evening show remains unchanged.

Inset Day

Has changed from Monday 5th November 2018 to Friday 30th November 2018.

PTFA Meeting

The next PTFA meeting will take place in school on **Wednesday 16th June 2018**. All welcome for a 6.15pm start.

Easyfundraising

Please help support St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy by shopping online. Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,300 retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. Every time you shop, you'll raise a free donation for St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy every time, it's that easy!

Find out more:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnfisheracademy/>

Extra Curricular Clubs w/b - 11.06.2018

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

Tuesday - Premier Sports KS1 Football after school club, KS1 Irish Dancing after school club, Chaplains (**lunch**)

Thursday - Premier Sports Cheerleading after school,

Friday - Y4-6 Rugby

Half Term Break

School closes today for half term and we return back on **Monday 4th June 2018**.

Dates for your diary - up until July 2018

6th June - New Parent Induction meeting @ 6:00pm for **Sept 18 starters**

13th June - P.T.F.A. Meeting @ 6:15pm

29th June - St Peter & Paul Mass @ 9:30am Parents & Parishoners

29th June- P.T.F.A. - Summer Fayre @3:30pm

4th July- Parent Lunch YR @ 11:45am

5th July - Mission Day (Houses) Wear clothes suitable for art.

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9th July - Leavers Yr 6 Play @ 2:00pm & 6:00pm
11th July - 13th July -Yr 6 @ The Briars (2 nights)
13th July - End of year Reports to Parents
18th July - Leavers Mass for Yr6 and their families @
6:00pm
19th July - PTFA Disco KS1 - 5:00pm - 6:00pm
KS2 - 6:15pm - 7:15 pm
23rd July - End of year Awards Assembly 9:15am
24th July - Sports Day morning @ 9:30 - approx.
11:30am
24th July - Final Liturgy of the Year @2:30pm
24th July - Pupils Break up for Summer
25th July - INSET DAY

A final thought

Your true value may never be truly appreciated until the
present time has passed

Have a lovely half term,

Yours sincerely,

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