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“Live, Love and Learn Together”

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Dear Parents

### Statutory Assessments

A big well done to all our pupils in Years' 2 and 6! They worked so hard last week with their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs), as have Mrs Haylock and Miss House and Mrs Best and Mrs Maddock. Thank you also to all our volunteer invigilators who helped keep the children calm through the week.

### Project Week

KS2 has been all over the world this week from Nepal, to The Gambia, to India and South Africa. Children have researched all of these countries and cultures at home and in school and we have had Dianne Ashman

(<https://www.travel-peopleandplaces.co.uk>)

into school to tell us about her charity's work there. Year 3 have been doing some maths from Nepalese children's maths books, Year 4 have been busy making traditional instruments native to Gambia, Year 5 looked at India, exploring all aspects of life there and wowed themselves with a Bollywood extravaganza and Indian Spring Rolls. Year 6 studied South Africa, looking at the geography and related their writing to the book they were studying 'Journey to Jo'burg'.



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### Kenway Cup

Congratulations to our Kenway Cup team, winning 8-1 against Thorners on Wednesday. The team will now play St. Mary's, Beaminster in the semi-final on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm**, here at St. Catherine's. Please come along and support the team.

### Kwik Cricket

Well done to all our cricketers who took part in the recent Kwik Cricket competition. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the competition and an enjoyable day was had by all.

### First Holy Communion

Teddy, Julia and Oscar will be making their First Holy Communion in the parish church in Bridport on **Sunday 3rd of June at 10.00am**. You are all most welcome to attend the mass and share this special day with the parish.

### Questionnaires on the Catholic Life of the School

We have sent you our Parent Survey which we ask you to complete every two years (last questionnaire Spring 2016). Your feedback on this form is important to us as it helps us review ourselves as a Catholic school community. All children and staff also complete versions of this form. Your replies are anonymous and so you are not asked to sign anywhere. We will share the results with you via the newsletter once we have collated them. As an added incentive there is a prize draw for a half-term's swimming for one child for completed questionnaires returned to the school office by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Each family to complete a questionnaire will receive a draw ticket. The prize winning ticket will be drawn on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 4 pm**. We really appreciate the time you take to give us feedback through this questionnaire.

### Share the Journey

Pope Francis has launched Share the Journey, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants. In support of the campaign, CAFOD is aiming to walk 24,901 miles – the distance around the whole world! St Catherine's plans to do two walks on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00am** with the support of our local CAFOD representative Bernadette Taylor: a walk for the younger children around the school grounds and a longer walk for older children and willing adults. Both walks will include reflection points and prayers and are real acts of solidarity with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. Please let the office know if you can walk with us on either walk.

### Date for your Diaries – Nurture Breakfast with a difference!

We will be organising a Nurture Breakfast with a difference on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00am** in the school hall. For £1 per person (adult or child) you will be offered a croissant, butter, jam and a glass of orange juice. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult until 8.30am. All profits will go to Missio, Pope Francis's official children's charity which encourages children to help other children in need across the world. Numbers will be limited and you will need to book and pay in advance with the office. Booking will open from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**.

### Book Fair

We are holding our annual Book Fair in school week commencing **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. The Book Fair is open after school on Monday through to Thursday. Please do support this as it helps us to fund new books for our school.

### Swimming Timetable

Please see below, swimming timetable which starts **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. Please return your permission forms and donations as soon as possible.

<b>MONDAY</b>			YEAR 2	YEAR 3
<b>TUESDAY</b>	RECEPTION	RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 4
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			YEAR 3	YEAR 4
<b>THURSDAY</b>			YEAR 5	YEAR 6
<b>FRIDAY</b>		YEAR 2	YEAR 5	YEAR 6

### Summer Uniform

The children should all now be wearing the summer uniform; blue polo shirt for the boys and gingham dress or blue polo shirt for the girls. Leggings are not part of the school uniform. I would ask that sensible school shoes are worn with socks, no jelly shoes or crocs. If your child's hair is long, please can it be tied back with a band or ribbon which matches our uniform and plain hair-clips. The children will also need to bring a coat to school.

### Sun Cream

If we ever see fine weather again, please ensure your child has sun protection. It would be ideal for the children to come to school with a 12 hour waterproof sun cream, applied before arrival. If you feel there is a need to re-apply the cream, then this must be in a named bottle and the child must be able to apply the cream themselves.

### Dropping off and Parking

Just a polite reminder to respect our neighbours when parking in and around the school location. Walking to school, or even park and walk from the Co-operative supermarket, or from the local car parks in the town is a great way to start the day, especially in the summer months.

### Shingles Virus Reported

A case of Shingles has been reported in Year 1. Please can you be vigilant and seek medical advice if you need to, particularly vulnerable children and anyone that may be expecting.

### General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR information is available on our school website.

I wish everyone a happy half-term break and look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 8.40am.**

Yours sincerely



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