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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are now well into the Summer Term and, as always, it is a busy term with lots of dates for your diary. Please take the time to read this letter and make notes of any information, dates and events which affect you or your child.

Ready for Summer

We have been blessed with some beautiful weather recently. Please can you ensure that your child brings a sun hat or cap to school with them each day and that sun cream is applied each morning before they come to school. Please do not send sun cream into school; if it is applied before school it should not need reapplying during the school day. For safety reasons, we do not encourage sunglasses as children often taken them on and off and they can be a hazard. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fr Butters' Retirement Mass – Monday 20th May at 2.15pm

You may know that Fr Butters will be retiring at the end of May. As a long serving priest not only for our current Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, but prior to that for the Parish of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Fr Butters has supported our school community for 30 years. Fr Butters was a dedicated Governor for many years and has prepared many children for the Sacraments. He has also been most supportive to our school community throughout so many years and has always kept the community of St Paul's in his prayers. Children from Y2-Y6 and staff are celebrating Mass with Fr Butters in our school hall and have space for 20 visitors to join us. If you would like to attend Mass, please email the school office to let us know. Please do not just turn up on the day. It is important for our arrangements to know we can accommodate any visitors. This invitation is open to wider members of your family, not just parents or carers.

We have not yet been informed of which priest will be replacing Fr Butters. Please keep Fr Butters and our whole parish community in your prayers at this time of great change and uncertainty.

First Holy Communion Mass – Saturday 8th June at 10am

Thirteen of our Year 4 children are preparing to make their First Holy Communion at Holy Rosary Church. This is a special day for the children and their families, for our school community and our Parish family. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and would like to come along to Mass to sing in the choir, please can you let me know. Please keep the children in your prayers.

Online Safety – Meeting for all parents 17th June at 5pm

I am sure that you will be aware that there is currently a huge campaign for leaders in Government to ensure that they are doing far more to protect young people from harm which can come from inappropriate content on the internet. As a school, we have a great responsibility to ensure that children are taught how to stay safe in the online world and this is a key area of our Computing and PSHE Curriculum. We also help you, as parents and carers, to stay well educated by providing the monthly online safety newsletter and sharing various posts, letters etc to keep you updated.

We have arranged a meeting for Parents and Carers (not for children) led by Clennell Educational Services. Please make every effort to attend. This is a meeting for parents of all children – it is never too early to develop an awareness of how the online world impacts your child. Please email the school office to reserve a space.

In Him we Live and Move and Have our Being

Sports' Days

During National School Sport Week (17-23rd June) we will be holding our sports' days. Families are welcome to join us on the following dates and times. Please bring a seat with you if you would like one as events are held on different spaces on the school field and playground. Please enter school via the main school gate on Wolviston Mill Lane no earlier than 10 minutes before the starting times.

Monday 17th June: Year 3 and Year 4 - 1.30pm

Tuesday 18th June: Nursery and Reception - 1.45pm

Wednesday 19th June: Year 5 and Year 6 – 1.30pm

Thursday 20th June – Year 1 and Year 2 – 1.30pm

If the weather is unsuitable to host the sports events, we will inform you as soon as possible or by 12 noon at the latest on the day of the sports.

Friends of St Paul's

FOSPs are arranging some super events for us to enjoy this term.

Treasure Hunt – Thursday 13th June (after school) – the whole family is welcome to enjoy this exciting event

School Disco – Thursday 27th June (R, Y1 and Y2 3.15-4.30pm/Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 4.30-5.45pm)

Summer Fayre – Saturday 13th July 11am-2pm

Look out for further details to follow from FOSPs. As always, we rely on some support from adults to help on the day. Please see if you are available to help and let Fran or Claire know, or email the school office. Thank you.

Transition Days and School Reports:

So that children can get to know their new teachers, ready for moving on in September, we will be having a transition morning on Tuesday 2nd July. This will take place within the school day. We always place great importance on a smooth transition so staff always meet together to discuss the needs of the children and the curriculum. Mrs Peacock will also be contacting parents of children with additional needs to arrange their smooth transition. Further details to follow.

As a celebration of all your child has achieved this year, their school report will be shared with you on 11th July. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's report with their class teacher should you wish to.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss anything further.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely



Sheena Sinclair
Head Teacher

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