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'Together we strive for excellence, inspired by the joy of the Gospel!'



18th June 2021



Year of St Joseph

St Joseph, most watchful guardian and loving father.
~ pray for us ~



Celebration

Stella Church 190th (1831 - 2021) Bishop Byrne will be visiting the parish on Tuesday 19th October at 6.30 p.m. to celebrate Holy Mass.

Parent Information Evenings

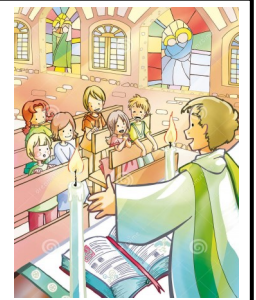
Monday 5th July - 5.30 p.m. - welcome evening for parents of children starting Nursery 2021 - 2022

Wednesday 7th July - 5.30 p.m. - welcome evening for parents of children starting Reception.

Both meetings will be held in the school hall. Unfortunately, due to covid restriction, only 1 parent in each family will be allowed to attend and no children.

Year 5 Mass

Children in Year 5 will be attending Mass on Thursday 24th June at 9.15 a.m.



First Holy Communions 2021

Following the Prime Minister's statement, it will be impossible (and illegal!) to celebrate with all 37 children and their parents together. A back-up plan is in place: parents will have the opportunity to celebrate their child's First Holy Communion together with one or two other families at our parish Masses as soon as possible - please get in touch with me to arrange the date and time.

First Confessions & First Holy Communion 2022!

It might seem strange to be looking towards next year's celebrations, but needs must! The bright yellow application forms are available at the back of church **and must be returned to Fr Rose by Friday 16th July**. Please read the form carefully - it highlights various dates as well as the commitment required when joining our parish programme.

First Holy Communion Celebrations

Every year we celebrate with the children who make their First Holy Communion in June. Unfortunately, due to Covid, our current Year 5 children who made their First Holy Communion last year, were unable to celebrate this event with their friends in school.

On Tuesday 13th July, we will be inviting all of Year 5 children to come into school in their normal clothes (no uniform). We will start the day at 9.15 a.m. Mass followed by a celebratory class party in the afternoon to celebrate the children who made their First Holy Communion last year.

Once again this year, Fr. Rose has had to re-arrange the First Holy Communion Programme due to Covid. Unfortunately, the children currently in Year 4 will not be able to make their First Holy Communion altogether in July as previously arranged. On Thursday 30th September however, we will celebrate with Holy Mass at 9.15 a.m., followed by a class party in the afternoon as by this time all children will have made their First Holy Communion.

Sunscreen and Water bottles

During the hot weather, can we recommend that children bring into school water bottles to help keep them hydrated during the day and a sun hat will also be useful. The older children can apply their own sunscreen, but can you remind them that they are not allowed to share it with their friends in case of allergies. As we are not allowed to apply sun screen to the smaller children, can I recommend that all day sunscreen be applied at home before they come into school.



Easyfundraising have sent us this amazing offer below which is for a limited time. Remember anyone can join Easyfundraising, so please send the link to any friends and family who regularly shop online. Every penny helps us to give the children in school little extras.

Sign up to support St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas Primary School on #easyfundraising, they will give you a £5 shopping voucher once you have raised your first £5 - PLUS we will get a bonus £5 donation, it's win, win! It's simple to join and you can raise FREE donations whenever you shop online with over 5,200 retailers.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stthomasaquinasps/?invite=28SHDQ&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=ew5sharebox

Total raised to date for the children is £789.89 by 74 supporters – Thank You

If you are taking advantage of Amazon Prime Days (21st & 22nd June) don't forget to shop through easy fundraising.

(Log onto easyfundraising or use the app), choose Amazon, then shop! It's that easy. You get the bargains and we will get the donations.

Dates for your diary

Thurs	1st July - Year 4 Mass
Sat	3rd July - First Holy Communion Mass
Mon	5th July - Welcome Evening for New Nursery Parents
Wed	7th July - Welcome Evening for New Reception Parents
Thurs	8th July - Year 6 Mass
Fri	9th July - Reports of Achievement sent out to parents
Thurs	15th July - Year 6 leavers Mass

Summer holidays - School closes at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 16th July for the summer holiday and re-opens again on Tuesday 7th September.

School Uniform

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