

*** The Week at a glance ***

Monday 11th May ~ Y6 SATS begin with Science papers A and B. Good luck! Y5/6 after school football with Mr Hickey.

Tuesday 12th May ~ Y6 SATS English Writing and Spelling. Full Governor's Meeting 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 13th May ~ Y6 SATS English Reading. Interviews at the Presbytery for the new teacher from 9.00 a.m.

Thursday 14th May ~ Y6 SATS Mental Maths and Maths Paper A

Friday 15th May ~ Y6 SATS Maths Paper B. Mr Chouvy's after school football club.

Sunday 17th May ~ May Procession from 9.15 a.m. Bring flowers of the rarest and blossoms the fairest!

Your Opinions: We will be sending home surveys this term to ask your views on how we do things at school and what things we might consider improving or changing as it becomes all too easy to take the status quo for granted. We will also be asking your children what kind of things they enjoy most in their learning and feeding this into an update of our teaching and learning policy which we are revising ready for September in our quest to move from good to outstanding!

Stephy Shaju : Congratulations to Stephy in class four who made her first Holy Communion in India at St. Sebastian's Church over Easter. It is easy to forget that our Catholic Faith makes us part of the universal church that exists in virtually every country in the world. Half of all Christians are Catholics who number one sixth of the world's population!

The SATS: This week is SATS week for Y6 children and we wish them all the very best. As the results of these tests are used to compile the 'league tables' it is vital for school that all Y6 children are here every day. If a child is away for any reason whatsoever the government gives them a zero and the school is down 3% in their overall marks for the subject they missed. It looks like common sense is beginning to prevail and we learnt last week that the science SATS for next year have been abolished which just leaves English and Maths to battle over.

Second Collection: The school would like to send its heartfelt thanks to the good people of the parish for the £235.88 they donated last Sunday to help equip the new classroom. The parish has been unbelievably generous to us and arrangements are being made for the school to come and say thank you one Sunday and display some of the work produced in the new room ~ a date will follow. The next second collection is at the May Procession (17th May) and will be the last one.

Friends News

Abseil Event ~ 21ST June 10.30 (Fathers Day)

Sponsored abseil from a 40ft Viaduct at Thurgoland (Trans Pennine Route Cotes Lane, between the Green Dragon and The Bridge Inn)

Walk westwards on the Transpennine route for your destination (allow 20mins walk).

Minimum sponsorship £28.00 to cover the cost, NO maximum limit. All money raised

is in aid of the school. Please obtain

a sponsorship form from Mandy

Philbin or Mrs Dignan. Confirmation

of participation by return slip by

19th June

please. Debrief planned in the

Bridge Inn post event...

Good Practices in church : It is always good to uphold

the traditions of our Catholic Faith when we are going

to Mass. These include reminding our children that no

sweets / chewing gum are allowed in church and if we

are going to Holy Communion we should have had no food

(including sweets) for an hour beforehand and make

sure our hands are clean to receive our Blessed Lord.

As we enter and leave church we can dip our fingers into

the holy water and make the sign of the cross and

genuflect as a sign of reverence before the Blessed

Sacrament before sitting in the benches. Children were

reminded about these in assembly last Friday morning

and we would be grateful if you could follow it up at

home to help your children appreciate how special the

Faith they have is. Many thanks!

School Mass : A week tomorrow Father Boyle is coming

to say Mass in school at 9.15 a.m. and everyone is very

welcome. The Mass will be led by children from class

one and will remind us of the story of the Ascension the

feast of which is on Sunday of that week.

Summer Fayre : Please find attached a leaflet with

information about our Summer Fayre.

Altar Servers : The altar servers at Holy Rood Church

are without question the finest in the Diocese and

probably many other Dioceses as well. We have several

boys from school that serve with great reverence and

devotion and we are so proud of them. We want to keep

this tradition going from strength to strength and are

just sowing the seeds especially in any boys making their

first Holy Communion this June. After this they will be

eligible to serve on the altar. Just talk to your son

about this possibility and to find out more just ask

myself or Mrs Helliwell in school or Edward or Father

Boyle at church.

Joke for the Weak : Where do rabbits learn to fly?

(In the Hare Force)

**Thank you for reading
this newsletter, John Gregson**

