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Holy Rood School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Our new classroom is being used by staff and children who are really loving and appreciating the new space. As for the future, we have plans in various stages of completion and I will outline these now to keep you updated on the 'big picture.'

The outside area of Foundation Stage is the next priority and Miss Mackenzie is putting a lot of work into planning and organising all of this helped by Mrs Macey. The Summer Fayre money will go towards the cost of this project.

We will also be finishing the area outside the new classroom by having raised beds filled with compost so each class can have their very own growing area. Incorporated into this area will be a grotto with a statue of Our Lady and we also having a large Oak Cross put up on the outside of the new classroom and these will both add that all important spiritual dimension to the school.

Many of the school's computers are outdated and are in the process of being replaced with new machines that your children deserve. We are also inviting companies in to advise us on refurbishing the children's toilets and cloakrooms some of which are showing their age (a bit like me at times!). The majority of these projects will be paid for by 'capital' money, which is money schools get each year from the government but as we are a voluntary aided school we have to find 10% of the cost hence the importance of fund raising to meet this. Capital money can't be spent on anything else such as buying books for school or staffing costs.

The Friends are also raising money to develop the top mound area by the Pirate Ship and we will be getting specialist companies in to advise us on the various options open. So there is plenty going on and every penny we raise will be put to very good use as we continue to improve this school.

Some important dates !

Some of the main events this Summer Term with more details of each nearer the time.

KS2 SATS WEEK : Monday 11th - Friday 15th May. Please make sure all Y6 children attend school each day this week for their Sats. Last year we had 100% attendance and thank you so much for that. More about Sats next week.

May Procession : Sunday 17th May during 9.30 Mass

School Mass : Tuesday 19th May in school led by class 1.

First Holy Communion : Saturday 13th June at 10.00 a.m. in church.

Confirmation : Thursday 18th June at 7.00 p.m. in church.

Summer Fayre : Saturday 27th June

Sports Day : Wednesday 1st July (p.m.) for KS1 and 2 children.

INSET DAY : Friday 3rd July school will be closed to children for our final Inset Day of this academic year.

Whitby Residential : Class 4 going to Whitby on 15th - 17th July. Mr Barry and Miss Lockwood will be arranging a meeting with you shortly.

Y5/6 Concert : Thursday 16th July at 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

End of Year Mass : Thursday 23rd July in school at 9.15 a.m. with school closing for the summer on 24th July for 6 (not the usual 5) weeks.

Thought For The Week

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book. (Irish Proverb)

