



3rd May 2024

Dear parents / carers

Eastertime

Our Coptic Christian community have celebrated Holy Week this week and, at the weekend, will be celebrating Easter. Wishing them joyful celebrations. The Catholic church is still in Eastertime as this lasts until Pentecost, which isn't until Sunday 19th May. Until then, class prayer table cloths remain white. White represents purity, joy and light.

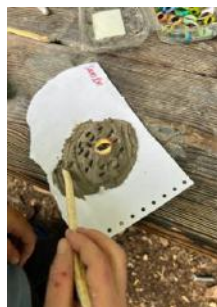
Month of Mary

May is the month when we focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. May is often seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer - a good time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world. As you know, the month of May and Mary are particularly important to us as we are Cottesmore St Mary and Mary is our patron saint. As a school, we will celebrate later in the month by holding our whole school Mass where we celebrate together as well as crown Mary – a tradition that can be found all over the world. Many of you will be saying the Rosary with your child during this special month and talking to them about why this, and the Hail Mary, is so important to Catholics. Information to help you can be found on the Catholic Life section of our school website. Father Chris will offer Rosary prayer groups in our outdoor prayer garden. All are welcome, every Thursday 12.30pm – 1pm.



George and the Dragon

Year 1 have been reading the story 'George and the Dragon' and will soon be writing their own stories linked to this text. At Forest School, children created 'dragon's eyes' using clay and tools. Each design was unique and the children were very creative. They then used adjectives to describe the dragon's eye.



Forest School

3 St Cecilia had a super time this week in Forest School, learning how to make floral crowns and building dens. The children also got involved potting up plants for the Eco Council with Mrs Morek, which was fantastic. Children also made Ancient Greek inspired tiles, using patterns and the Greek alphabet - a busy morning learning lots and really enjoying our outdoor area. Thank you to Rob from Luna Projects for making the new developments. Do check out his website for all the amazing timber work and landscaping he offers. <https://www.lunaprojects.com/>.



Field Play Equipment

As we prepare for use of the field, for playtimes and lunchtime, we have reminded the children of expectations so that all can stay safe. Children know that they can only use the parallel bars if the top of their hand can reach the yellow height line (see picture). They also know that they should never use this equipment unless an adult checks their height and lets them move forward from the waiting line. We have reminded children that, should they be playing on the field and adults are deployed elsewhere eg not at the equipment, it means that the bars and tyres are out of use. We also remind children that they shouldn't overly swing on the bars, when trying to move from one to another, but move using solid arm strength from rung to rung. It would be helpful if you could also remind children of this at home.



Thank you, as ever, for all you do to support the school and our community. Have a lovely weekend. Rachel Breen, Headteacher

Mary Mass – 24th May

Our annual whole school, outdoor Mary Mass will be held on Friday 24th May. May is the month that we celebrate Mary, our school patron. You are invited to join us.

Mass Time: 11.00 am- 11.55am

Picnic Time: 12.10pm - 1.10 pm



- Only Radinden Manor Road gate will open so please don't arrive at any other entrance. This gate will open at 10.45am - 11.05am. This will then be closed. The gate will reopen 11.55am - 12.15pm. It will then be closed during lunch and reopened 1.15pm - 1.30pm.
- We ask that all children bring in some flowers on the day of the Mass. These will be used to decorate the altar and crown Mary.
- Children will need to wear smart school uniform (NO PE KITS ON THIS DAY) but can wear sun hats and have sun cream applied in the morning.
- Please can all bring in named water bottles. Please can all children bring a packed lunch as the whole school will enjoy a picnic on the field after the mass. Children in receipt of free school meals who would like school to provide a packed lunch can do so, but we ask that you inform the office by Monday 20th May. There will be no hot school dinners provided on this day.
- There will be a retiring collection for families affected by what is taking place due to conflict around the world. We look forward to celebrating with you.
- If you wish to take your child at 1.15pm, you will need to email the teacher a week, or more, in advance. These children will return to class after the picnic and then be brought back out to you, at 1.15pm with their belongings. Please do not ask to take your child before 1.15pm as this won't be possible.

Safe Parking

In order to ensure safety of all, please refrain from pulling in on the zig zags at drop off and asking children to jump out of the car. Please park in a designated place. Please also refrain from parking on any yellow lines or parking in a way that overhangs, even slightly, our neighbors drives. In the past, we have had emergency situations where neighbours were unable to get out to vital appointments, not to mention danger for pedestrians. There is always plenty of parking a couple of roads back so enjoy this weather and take the opportunity to get a few extra steps in (unless medical reasons obviously).



Way before my time, an unofficial one way system began down Radinden Manor. This was to help prevent the congestion that can sometimes occur at pick up. Parents usually ask that I raise this with you in the hope that as many parents as possible refrain from driving up Radinden Manor (from the direction of The Old Shoreham Road) but instead, drive down from the direction of Dyke Road (so that the school gates are on your left). This may take some families on a longer route but it would help with traffic. Obviously this isn't something that the school can enforce hence just raising it as a suggestion. Your support with all the above is greatly appreciated.



1 Minute Maths App

Designed for use both in school and at home, the 1 Minute Maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It offers targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks. White Rose Education resources are used within many schools and we really recommend this - especially for children in Years 1 – 3. The App is free to download. For more information, visit



<https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minutemaths>

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- SCHOOL Y6-Y6
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FREE TASTER CLASS!

MAY	
MONDAY 6 th	Bank Holiday – school closed
TUESDAY 7 th	
WEDNESDAY 8 th	- Year 3 St Martin Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 9 th	
FRIDAY 10 th	Year 5 Swimming
MONDAY 13 th	- Year 6 SATS Monday – Thursday - Mental Health Awareness Week
TUESDAY 14 th	
WEDNESDAY 15 th	- Year 2 St Patrick Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 16 th	Year 2 Beach School Session
FRIDAY 17 th	Year 5 Swimming
MONDAY 20 th	Year 3 trip to Cuckmere Haven
TUESDAY 21 st	
WEDNESDAY 22 nd	- Honeypot Party - Year 1 school trip to Arundel Castle
THURSDAY 23 rd	PTA uniform sale after school – items between E1 and E2 PGL Marchant Hill TEAMS meeting with parents at 3.45 pm
FRIDAY 24 th	Year 5 Swimming 11am Mary Mass for all, followed by 12.10pm family picnic on the field
HALF TERM Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field	
JUNE	
MONDAY 3 rd	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
TUESDAY 4 th	Year 6 leavers hoodies can be worn in school from this date
WEDNESDAY 5 th	- Year 2 St Monica Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 6 th	
FRIDAY 7 th	Year 5 Swimming Reception and Year 1 Drama Workshop – no charge
MONDAY 10 th	- Reception Bikeability - Year 1 (and some Year 2) Phonics Screening Test week
TUESDAY 11 th	- Reception Bikeability 6.25pm welcome meeting for new Reception (Sept 2024) parents
WEDNESDAY 12 th	- Reception Bikeability - Year 6 St Maximilian Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 13 th	- Reception Bikeability - Year 4 Beach School
FRIDAY 14 th	- Year 5 Swimming - Reception Bike Day on KS2 playground
MONDAY 17 th	Islam fortnight (17 th – 28 th June)
TUESDAY 18 th	
WEDNESDAY 19 th	Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (19 th – 21 st) Year 5 St Josephine Forest School am Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 20 th	Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (19 th – 21 st) Refugee Day
FRIDAY 21 st	- Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (19th – 21st) - Year 5 Swimming - New Reception Starters Teddy Bear’s picnic 1.30pm – 2.30pm
MONDAY 24 th	
TUESDAY 25 th	Year 5 Activity Day at E3 Adventures
WEDNESDAY 26 th	Class / Leaver photos with JP Photographic Sussex Police Youth Team Officers visiting Year 6
THURSDAY 27 th	
FRIDAY 28 th	Year 5 Swimming
JULY	
MONDAY 1 st	Year 5 Cycle Bikeability
TUESDAY 2 nd	Year 5 Cycle Bikeability
WEDNESDAY 3 rd	- Year 5 Cycle Bikeability - New Reception storytime sessions. Group A 10.30am – 11.30am and Group B 1.30pm – 2.20pm - Year 6 St Maximilian Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa & Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 4 th	- Year 5 Cycle Bikeability - First Holy Communion Mass and breakfast for children in Year 3 and 4
FRIDAY 5 th	- Summer Fair - Year 5 Cycle Bikeability - Reports and new classes to go out
SATURDAY 6 th	Faith in action Mass Arundel
MONDAY 8 th	
TUESDAY 9 th	
WEDNESDAY 10 th	- Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School am - Year 6 St Benedict Forest School pm - Meet new teacher sessions
THURSDAY 11 th	FHC Mass
FRIDAY 12 th	Year 6 Dress Rehearsal to School
SATURDAY 14 th	
MONDAY 15 th	
TUESDAY 16 th	Year 6 show to parents at 1.15pm and 6pm
WEDNESDAY 17 th	Honeypot Party
THURSDAY 18 th	PTA uniform sale after school – items between E1 and E2 Sports Day sessions for KS2 (parents welcome) 9.15am – 10.45am Year 3 and 4 1.15pm – 2.45pm Year 5 and 6
FRIDAY 19 th	- Sports Day sessions for KS1 (parents welcome) 9.15am – 10.15am Reception 10.30am – 11.30am Year 1 1.30pm – 2.30pm Year 2 - Year 6 leaver’s disco 4.30pm until 6pm (children only unless parent helpers)
MONDAY 22 nd	
TUESDAY 23 rd	9.15am – 10.15am Year 6 Leavers mass, followed by a picnic until 12pm Last day of term – school closed for summer