



7th June 2024

Dear parents / carers

Thank you Father Chris

Our wonderful Mary Mass seems a long time ago, despite it just being before half term (see last newsletter for pictures and thanks). However, I wanted to say an extra thank you again to Father Chris for leading us. Father Chris, who retired a long while ago, offers our school so much faith support and we are so very thankful. Father Chris comes to our school weekly, offering Big Question sessions with the children who enjoy asking faith-related questions and engaging in discussion with him. During Lent, children were invited to take part in the sacrament of reconciliation with Father Chris, not to mention Father Chris joining us for many liturgies as well as Buddy Masses. We are very thankful for all he brings to our school community.

I got a lovely email from a parent after our Mary Mass.

We just wanted to say what a lovely celebration the mass was today for our very last one. The children were fantastic and so much effort had gone into making this such a special event.

Father Chris was so relatable to the children and he made us adults laugh along with him. We can't believe he is still involved with the schools, as he ran confirmation classes in Seaford in the 1990's and was at Cardinal Newman too while we were there too. Thank you Father Chris.



Welcome Canon David Parmiter

We are delighted to say that Canon David is the new Parish Priest for St Peters church. We are looking forward to welcoming him.



Dirt Is Good Winners

Before half term, the Eco committee, organised by Ms McCartney, held a very successful tomato plant and refill product sale alongside the pre-loved uniform sale. The Eco committee and children in Forest School have planted, nurtured and re-potted the tomato plants over the last few months and were thrilled to sell their seedlings to further promote their 'Dirt is Good' project. The team also collaborated with Cardinal Neman school to sell Eco friendly refill products, such as shampoo, washing up liquid and hand soap. Both aspects of the sale were tremendously successful and the children were eager to act as shopkeepers for their cause. As a result of all the hard work and environmental awareness in the school and committee, Cottesmore have won first prize in the 'Dirt is Good' project and a few members of the committee will visit the Unilever head offices in London to present the project and enjoy an award ceremony and river cruise. Many thanks to parents, pupils, staff and the PTA for your support.



Growing to Love Tomatoes Campaign

Another project we have been involved in is the 'Growing to love Tomatoes' campaign. The children have planted and tasted tomatoes and taken home tomato plants alongside colouring in their own tomato crowns and filling in a sticker chart. Year 1 have recently expanded the food we are growing in the poly tunnel and planted chives, coriander, rosemary, spinach, radishes, cucumbers, chillis, courgettes, butternut squash and lettuce. Each year group will have time to help maintain, harvest and hopefully eat the crops over the next few months.



Relational Aggression

In assembly this week, children reflected on what is known as, Relational Aggression. We thought about what mutual respect looks like and how it feels to be treated with, or without, respect by those around us. Relational Aggression can be things such as: alliance building / taking sides, getting involved in situations that aren't about them, rejecting or excluding, spreading rumours, eye rolling / unhelpful looks, ignoring, teasing, taunting, humiliating, whispering about people, saving seats / line spaces so some are left out, manipulating affection, writing notes about people, calling others snitches if they tell an adult and many more. We also revisited that Bullying is defined as Several Times On Purpose and how some behaviours, known as Relational Aggression, can fall into this if repeated over time. We reminded children of the many people they can go to if someone is showing acts of Relational Aggression towards them as well as discussing phrases they can say if someone is making an unhelpful and hurtful choice. We also talked about how children making unhelpful choices may not have learnt how to be a respectful friend yet and how by informing adults, we can help all impacted including those behaving in such ways. If your child talks to you about such things at home, please remind them to tell an adult in school or email the class teacher. The more we know, the more we can help further educate all children in how to be a respectful friend to those around them.

What is Relational Aggression?

- A type of aggression which the behavior is intended to harm or disturb relationships or feelings of acceptance, friendship or group inclusion.
- The behaviors occur repeatedly over time.
- An imbalance of psychological power is created.

D-Day

On the 80th anniversary of D-Day, may we thank these service members for their bravery and sacrifice. May we honor their heroism. May we recommit to the future they fought and which many died for.

Offering prayers for all those in conflict and all those who have given their lives to help and support. Rachel Breen, Headteacher

Summer Termly [second half] Overviews

The Half Termly Overviews for the 2nd half of the Summer Term will soon be published on the relevant year group pages on our school website. These overviews give you detailed information about the upcoming topics and, whether it's exciting science topics, creative art projects, or language learning opportunities, there's something for every child to look forward to. We encourage you to find out, and have conversations with your child, about what they will be learning at school: perhaps you would like to investigate further, provide background reading or extra practice/support at home. If you have any questions about forthcoming topics, please speak to class teachers.



Labelling Uniform - My Nametags For all uniform, we suggest that all items (tops, bottoms, shoes, book bags, water bottles etc) are clearly named and we recommend stickers from My Nametags www.mynametags.com. With My Nametags, you can design iron on or sticker labels that don't come off. A sheet of 21 Labels costs £11.95 with additional sheets costing £9.95 per set. **If you order from here, please use our School ID: 22539 as we get money back for every purchase made**



Change to School Day start time from Sept

Government recommendations note that our school day (8.45am – 3.10pm) should be lengthened by 5 minutes in order to fall in line with national expectations.

From September, our school day will be changed from 8.45am - 3.10pm to 8.40am – 3.10pm.

Basically, starting the school day 5 minutes earlier. Radinden Manor gate will be opened at 8.30am for a free flow into school and will be locked at 8.40am. All children are expected to be in class, not coming through the gate, by that time. Anyone coming through the gate e.g. at 8.39am may be marked as late if there is not enough time for them to be in their actual classroom in time for the 8.40am register. Anyone coming after the gate is closed, will have to enter via the main school office and will also be marked as late. Pick up at 3.10pm remains as usual as do all club pick up times.



Cottesmore Karate Kids Achieve New Belt Levels

Message from SAMA Karate - A few weeks ago, our Cottesmore karate kids took their grades to reach new belt levels. Our karate students worked extremely hard to progress and earn their new belts. Throughout their journey, they attended consistent classes, demonstrating the utmost focus, dedication and hard work in learning their moves and practicing at home. Our grading syllabus is recognised by a governing body and is assessed by our chief instructor under test conditions. This process gives students a great deal of confidence, pride, and mental strength to progress as individuals. Each student showed remarkable determination throughout their classes to earn the opportunity to grade. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication in reaching their goals. Congratulations to all! To enroll your child in the SAMA karate program please visit – www.samagroup.co.uk



School Term Dates 2024/25

	September 2024					October 2024					November 2024					December 2024				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Saturday	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Sunday	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29

	January 2025					February 2025					March 2025					April 2025				
Monday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Tuesday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Friday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Saturday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Sunday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	

	May 2025					June 2025					July 2025					August 2025					
Monday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Tuesday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
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Sunday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31

	School Holidays
	Bank Holidays
	Inset Days
	First day of each Half-Term

MONDAY 10 th	Year 1 (and some Year 2) Phonics Screening Test week
TUESDAY 11 th	6.25pm welcome meeting for new Reception (Sept 2024) parents
WEDNESDAY 12 th	- Year 6 St Maximilian Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 13 th	Year 4 Beach School
FRIDAY 14 th	- Year 5 Swimming - Reception Bike Day on KS2 playground - Year 1 & Year 2 Drama Workshop – no charge
MONDAY 17 th	Islam fortnight (17th – 28th June)
TUESDAY 18 th	
WEDNESDAY 19 th	- Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (19th – 21st) - Year 5 St Josephine Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 20 th	- Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (19th – 21st) - Refugee Day
FRIDAY 21 st	- Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (19th – 21st) - 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	- Year 6 Transition Day with secondary schools - 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	First Holy Communion Buddy Mass for all in Years 2, 3 and 4. 9am. Parent welcome.
WEDNESDAY 10 th	- Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School am - Year 6 St Benedict Forest School pm - Meet new teacher sessions
THURSDAY 11 th	Year 3 Beach School
FRIDAY 12 th	- Year 6 Dress Rehearsal to School - Summer Fair 3pm - 5pm.
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 £1 and £2 - 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