



24th May 2024

Dear parents / carers



Mary – Our Patron

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrated a whole school mass for Mary, the Patron of our school. The school choir and band were superb and children sang beautifully. It was lovely to see the Gospel brought to life through drama and to watch the dancing and procession. How wonderful our children and staff are for creating such a reflective yet celebratory event for us all to enjoy. The weather was beautiful and this, plus the music on the field, made the picnic a lovely finish for such a super day.

As well as giving thanks to Mary, it was wonderful to give thanks to all the mothers and grandmothers in our school community (not forgetting all other family members though). We also thanked Arthur Gallagher who is stepping down from the Governing Body after 8 years of service. A big thank you for all his time, support and commitment. An extra big thank you to all those involved in organising this event. What a wonderful celebration for us all to be part of.

Thank you for your generous donations for Cafod. Cafod are the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales and reach out to people living in hard-to-reach places, in war zones and those who are discriminated against. They believe that if one person is hurt, hungry or abandoned, we all are hurt, hungry and abandoned. Keeping all those in need in our prayers, especially those experiencing conflict. Thanks to you, we have £329.84 to donate.

Thank you again to all of you came and shared this celebration with us. What a wonderful celebration for us all to be part of.



Faith in Action

Our Year 6 Faith In Action group recently set a competition across the school, to design pictures of Mary that could be used as banners for our Mary Mass. The Faith In Action team did a super job researching all the names of Mary, setting up and judging the competition in order to have the banners as part of our procession for this year. 14 different banners were created. What a lovely legacy for all involved.



Change to School Day start time (from Sept)

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

We are proposing that, from September, the school day changes from 8.45am - 3.10pm to 8.40am – 3.10pm.

Basically, starting the school day 5 minutes earlier.

Radinden Manor gate would be opened at 8.30am for a free flow into school but it would be locked at 8.40am. All children would be expected to be in class, not coming through the gate, by that time. Anyone coming through the gate eg 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, would have to enter via the main school office and would also be marked as late. Pick up at 3.10pm would remain as usual as would all club pick up times.

Cardinal Newman school begins at 8.40am so the new start time would help children prepare for their transition to secondary school. Please get in touch, by Monday 3rd June, if you wish to discuss this further or if you have any thoughts that you would like to raise.

Have an enjoyable half term and see you on Tuesday 4th June.
Rachel Breen, Headteacher

Summer Fair – we need your help!

Please support for our Summer Fair on Friday 12th July.

The Summer Fair is an enjoyable occasion for our school community, offering fun activities and memorable experiences for families.

To ensure its success, we are in need of volunteers to assist with various aspects of the event, including setup, assistance during the fair, and cleanup afterward.

The fair will start at 3:10pm and run until 5:00pm. If you are able to help out (setup beforehand, helping at a stall and/or cleanup afterwards), please let us know. Whether you can spare a little time or are available for the entirety of the event, any help you can provide will be immensely appreciated. **If you are able to volunteer your time, please email melistopcam@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk or friendsofcottesmoreprimary@gmail.com** indicating your availability. Thank you in advance for your willingness to support our school community. Melis Topcam (PTA link).

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.





BRIGHT Girls



FREE CODING LESSON

Are you ready to dive into the exciting world of coding? Whether you're a puzzle solver, a creative thinker, or just curious about computing, this event is the perfect opportunity for you! Open to girls aged 6 - 11.

 4pm, 3rd June RSVP at j.meadows@brightongirls.gdst.net

Sports Day

Thursday 18th July (KS2)

Year 3 and 4 = 9:15am - 10:45am

(entry will be between 9:05am – 9:20am but parents are also welcome to wait on the field after drop off)

Year 5 and 6 = 1:15pm - 2:45pm (entry will be via the gate on Radinden Manor between 1:05pm - 1:20pm)



Friday 19th July (KS2)

Reception = 9:15am - 10:15am (entry will be between 9:05am - 9:20am but parents are also welcome to wait on the field after drop off)

Year 1 = 10:30am - 11:30am (entry will be via the gate on Radinden Manor between 10:20am - 10:35am)

Year 2 = 1:30pm - 2:30pm (entry will be via the gate on Radinden Manor between 1:20pm - 1:35pm)

Please note that all entry to these events will be via the gate on Radinden Manor and that once the gates close there will be no one to open them and the office are unfortunately unable to let people through the school as everyone will need escorting and the office would then be unmanned. You will have to wait until the end of each session in order to exit the school.

Please ensure that all children bring water bottles, wear sun screen and bring a hat if a sunny day.

KS1 children are to come dressed in normal PE kit. KS2 children please come dressed in PE shorts and trainers and then a top in your child's house colours. These are as follows: Fisher – Red, More – Yellow, Campion – Blue and Howard – Green. Please do not worry if your child does not have a top in their house colours as we have plenty of bibs in house colours as well.



SUMMER FAIR

WE'RE LOOKING FOR LOCAL STALL HOLDERS

12TH JULY 15.10-17:00



£10 a pitch. For further information and bookings contact: friendsofcottesmoreprimary@gmail.com

APRIL	
MONDAY 1 st	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
TUESDAY 16 th	
WEDNESDAY 17 th	• Year 5 St Oscar Forest School am • Year 1 St George Forest School pm • Year 5 Trip to Rampton Farm St Josephine
THURSDAY 18 th	Year 5 Trip to Rampton Farm St Oscar
FRIDAY 19 th	Year 5 Swimming
MONDAY 12 th	
TUESDAY 23 rd	
WEDNESDAY 24 th	• Year 4 St Cuthman Forest School am • Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 25 th	
FRIDAY 26 th	Year 5 Swimming
APRIL/MAY	MAY – MONTH OF MAY
MONDAY 29 th	•
TUESDAY 30 th	
WEDNESDAY 1 st	• Year 3 St Cecilia Forest School am • Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 2 nd	
FRIDAY 3 rd	• Year 5 Swimming
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 19 th	Year 3 trip to Cuckmere Haven
TUESDAY 21 st	
WEDNESDAY 22 nd	• Homeplot Party • Year 1 school trip to Arundel Castle
THURSDAY 23 rd	PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2 PGL Marchant Hill TEAMS meeting with parents at 3.45 pm
FRIDAY 24 th	Year 5 Swimming 11am Mary Max 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 3rd	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 – 18 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 (19 th – 21 st) New Reception Starters Teddy Bear's picnic 1.30pm – 2.30pm
MONDAY 24 th	
TUESDAY 25 th	• Year 5 Activity Day at E1 Adventures
WEDNESDAY 26 th	• Class / Lower 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 storyline 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	
WEDNESDAY 10 th	• Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School am • Year 6 St Benedict Forest School pm • Meet new teacher sessions
THURSDAY 11 th	• PHE Mass • Year 3 Beach School
FRIDAY 12 th	• Year 6 Dress Rehearsal to School • Summer Fair 5pm – 8pm
SATURDAY 14 th	
MONDAY 15 th	
TUESDAY 16 th	Year 6 show to parents at 1.15pm and 6pm
WEDNESDAY 17 th	Homeplot 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 KS2 (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