



## Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter season came late this year and, as we approach the closing half term of the year, it is hard to believe that Pentecost is still weeks away. However, let us be in no doubt the summer term is in full swing and we have so much to enjoy and to look forward to. As I write, our Year 6 pupils are in the Isle of Wight forging memories that will last a life time. They have worked so hard in the run up to their SATs that they deserve this time. We are so proud of them and delight in their achievements and personal development. Let us not forget, however, that St Adrian's is more than the success of Year 6; the whole school has much to celebrate.

### **Our Catholic Life and celebrations:**

Easter mass was celebrated in school by Father Francis. It was a delightful and energising mass and we were joined at the end by our Nursery Class. Truly a whole school event.

Priest's visits to classes - Father Francis visited Year 1 for a liturgy. The children were a delight, engaging with and responding to Fr Francis as he taught about the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Friday – we held another successful prayer Friday on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April with the theme being, The Empty Tomb and the Risen Christ. This Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding a prayer Friday focussing on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Parent, pupil and staff participation on these Fridays is greatly appreciated.

May Procession- Our May procession celebrating the month of May as the month of Mary was a beautiful occasion. Thank you for all the donations of plants for our prayer garden and particular thanks to Mrs Worsley, Mrs Byrne and their children for helping to plant them out.

**Staffing** – We welcomed Mrs Solakova as our Nursery class-teacher on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019. Mrs Solakova has quickly established good relationships with pupils, parents and colleagues. Miss Perry will start as the Year 1 class-teacher on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. We would like to thank Miss Wyndham-Thomas who, as a supply teacher, has delivered wonderful provision in Year 1 this last half-term.

Mrs May has confirmed she will be returning to school following her maternity leave. We will be delighted to welcome her back and she has decided to join us in the last week of term to ensure she has the opportunity to do a full hand over with colleagues ready for the new school year.

Our newly appointed cleaner, Mrs Lindsey Hayes, has been joined by Miss Georgie Gumble. Together they are cleaning the school and taking on the some of the site management duties. We will use contractors to cover any larger maintenance jobs.

**Mental Health Awareness Week** – Miss Costello and Mrs Brunt have undertaken mental health awareness training and have begun to roll out a programme to support pupil wellbeing in school. Each class has elected two *'Wellbeing Warriors'* and a week of mental health awareness was held in school. We hope to have a section on the website devoted to this topic and more events in school over the coming months.

**Eco School** – We have been recycling certain waste for a while in school but we are having a renewed focus. Miss Costello has also begun working with *'Eco Reps'* from each class to promote environmental awareness and improve the school environment. A recycling bin for clothing and shoes has been placed on the Key Stage 2 playground and, in partnership with Terracycle, children are being encouraged to recycle their crisp, sweet and snack wrappers.



## St Adrian's Catholic Primary School



**'To learn, to love, to live as a community of God with Christ as our teacher'**

**Parents' forum** – Mr Sallis and I met with class representatives on 8<sup>th</sup> May. The session was, once again, very open and informative and continues to provide an important channel of communication between parents and the school. One of the many items that have been discussed at this forum is wrap around care. I am delighted to announce that it is our intention to work with a partner to provide Breakfast and After School Provision at St Adrian's from September 2019. The appointed partner will be in touch with families in the next half term to advise you of their provision and begin taking bookings.

**After school clubs** –there are a number of new clubs running after school. These include cookery, yoga, golf, coding and a Lego club. Please ensure that you or your carers know the time and location of the pick-up.

**Safeguarding** – In the interests of safeguarding, may I remind parents and carers that, should they need to visit the school office, their entry to the school should be through the main entrance. Many parents are entering the school via other doors. Should you need to get a message to a class teacher at the start of the day then this can be communicated via the office. It is not appropriate for parents to enter classrooms, corridors, the hall or the dining room before or after school except when there are Prayer or Sharing Fridays, class assemblies or masses.

**The PTA** have recently donated £8,000 to help the school purchase Chromebooks for the pupils' use -thank you. They continue to work hard to plan events that raise extra money for the school. A successful Quiz Night was held in April and they are in the midst of organising our summer fair. Please see their area of the website and their recent newsletter. Your support will help to make this another enjoyable community event.

**Free school meals** - schools receive extra funding based on the number of children registered as eligible for free school meals. This is called 'Pupil Premium'. Not only can this fund more support staff and resources in school but it may also open up funding opportunities to families. For example: assistance with other school expenses such as music tuition or swimming and some assistance with school residential trips. Even if your child receives universal free school meals because they are in Reception or Key Stage 1 you can still apply if your family's financial circumstances meet the criteria. Some families choose not to apply for free school meals because they perceive there to be some social stigma attached. I can assure you that the information is totally confidential. Please ask at the office for further details.

**School reopens** after half term on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

Thank you for your continued support of all we do at St. Adrian's. Have a safe and restful break.

### **Future dates for your diary:**

8 <sup>th</sup> June - School Summer Fair	1 <sup>st</sup> July – Year 5 St Michael's Science Day
11 <sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 to Windsor Great Park	3 <sup>rd</sup> July – Year 2 trip to Affinity Water
14 <sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 assembly	10 <sup>th</sup> July – Open evening – school closes at 1:30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> June – Sharing Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> July – School Reports sent home
18 <sup>th</sup> June – Adoremus Mass at Westminster	16 <sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 production 7pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 to Nicholas Breakspeare	17 <sup>th</sup> July – Leavers mass and buffet 7pm
20 <sup>th</sup> June – Judaism Day	18 <sup>th</sup> July – End of term – school closes 1:30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Class mass	
27 <sup>th</sup> June - Instrumental concert	
28 <sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 assembly	
28 <sup>th</sup> June – Prayer Friday	
28 <sup>th</sup> June – PTA Bingo Night	