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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school at the beginning of the summer term. I hope all families enjoyed the Easter holiday. I can't believe this is the last term for our lovely year 6 pupils. We all hope they have the most enjoyable time during their last few weeks, after the SATs!

Also a big welcome to the rising 3 year olds who have joined our Nursery. They have settled into school so well.

I am delighted to inform you that staff are in the process of organising school trips! More details will follow.



Coronation Celebration: Non uniform and School Lunch: Friday, 5th May



To mark the special occasion of King Charles' coronation, we will have a non-uniform day where everyone can wear red, white and blue. The school kitchen will also be preparing a special Coronation party lunch consisting of sandwiches, pizza, sausage rolls, chips, salad, jam and cream scones, jelly and ice cream and small cakes. Special diets will also be catered for.

If you would like your child to have a school lunch next Friday, please pay in the usual way. School meals are free to all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and children eligible for benefits based free school meals. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs Week

Year 6 SATs begin on Tuesday, 9th May and finish on Friday, 12th May. If your year 6 child is poorly during this week, please contact school immediately by telephone, email or parentmail. Many thanks.

As usual, we will offer a breakfast meal/drink for all our year 6 children, starting at 8.30am, Tuesday to Friday. This takes place in the school hall and ensures everyone is settled, mixing with their friends, before the school day begins. There is no charge for this.

Children's Cancer Run: Sunday, 14th May

Just a reminder that Mr Thompson is organising this once again. If you would like to take part, entries can be made via the website, [Schools - Children's Cancer North \(childrenscancernorth.org.uk\)](http://Schools - Children's Cancer North (childrenscancernorth.org.uk)) and then entering our school name.

Open evening for new Nursery and Reception parents for 2023 entry

This will take place on Thursday, 8th June. Our new parents will be invited to a welcome evening in the school hall at 5pm for Nursery parents and 6pm for Reception parents. This will offer parents the opportunity to find out more about our school and meet the staff.

Sports Day: Friday, 9th June

Early Years and Key Stage one will take part in races and activities in the morning – starting at 9.15am and Key Stage two will begin their races and activities in the afternoon, at 1.15pm. All families are welcome to attend. We are holding this event earlier this year so if we have to postpone it, we have more time to rearrange the day.

UNICEF Bronze – Rights Respect Award

We are now a UNICEF Bronze Rights Committed School! We were given the award this week and are delighted about this. We even have a steering group, led by a group of children, so that we can move forward to achieve the Silver award in the next academic year!

Safeguarding

Safeguarding everyone in school is our priority, both pupils and staff. The Safeguarding team at Star of the Sea are: Mrs DiMambro, Mr Hall, Mrs Chidlow and Mr Thompson. Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Brachtvogel. Governors carry out safeguarding walks around school and talk with staff and pupils to ensure we are all safe in school. If you have any safeguarding worries, please contact school and a member of the Safeguarding team will telephone you.

Parking outside school – on and around Arcot Avenue

Unfortunately we have received complaints from our neighbours, as drivers have blocked driveways. One neighbour had to miss a doctor's appointment as she could not move her car from her drive.

Residents have informed the council and the police.

Here is some interesting information sent by the Tyne and Wear rescue service, about poor parking outside schools.

<https://www.twfire.gov.uk/news/firefighters-warn-drivers-that-inconsiderate-parking-at-school-is-putting-lives-at-risk/>

PLEASE DO NOT PARK OVER RESIDENTS DRIVEWAYS and always be courteous when parking outside our school gates. Thank you.

Attendance

As you know, all schools are trying to improve pupils' attendance.

The local authority has contacted school to work with families whose children's attendance is below 80%. Letters have been sent to families who this affects. During the summer term, we will also send letters to families whose children's attendance is below 90% in order to request that their attendance improves. Please contact us as we can offer support in many ways. Thank you.

Also thank you and well done to pupils who have very good attendance and to those whose attendance has improved over the spring term. Like you, we only want what is best for our children.

Water Bottles

As we have been enjoying some warmer weather, may I remind parents to send children into school with their water bottles every day. Please can all water bottles have their child's name on them. The children have access to drinking water in school and are encouraged to refill their bottles regularly. Thank you.

School Uniform

Can I remind parents/carers to send children into school wearing the correct uniform as, for example, a small group of children are wearing trainers instead of school shoes. If you need to discuss our school uniform for any reason, please contact me. I must add that generally our pupils look **incredibly smart** coming into school and we thank you for this.

This term we will hold a uniform giveaway with clothing that has been donated to school and we would like to recycle. More details will follow.

Please remember to order any uniform direct from Emblematic, <https://emblematic.co.uk/> or visit the shop on Benton Industrial Estate, opposite the Asda store in Benton.

School Meals

Caterlink, our schools meals provider, will no longer be working in schools in North Tyneside after the summer holidays. We are currently in the process, alongside other schools, of choosing another supplier. We will notify you when we know who this will be. The new company will start serving meals in September, 2023.

School Website

Please remember to check our school website for all kinds of useful information about our school. We have half-termly year group newsletters under the 'year group' section which will keep you informed about activities in your child's class/year group (including any changes to PE etc.).

Important dates for your diaries (mass dates below):

Date	Activity
Monday, 1 st May	Bank holiday
Tuesday, 2 nd May	NEU strike day (no classes open)
Wednesday, 3 rd May	Mass for Y5 at Immaculate Heart church – 9.30am
Friday, 5 th May	Celebration for the Coronation – all invited to wear red, white and blue
Saturday, 6 th May	King Charles' Coronation
Monday, 8 th May	Bank holiday - for the King's coronation
Tuesday, 9 th to Friday, 12 th May	Y6 SATs week – with breakfast club for Y6 in school hall
Sunday, 14 th May	Children's Cancer Run
Monday, 22 nd May	Year 6 – a day with 'Show Racism the Red Card' activities/ Olympic athlete visiting school. Whole school 'Celebrate our Differences day'
Wednesday, 24 th May	Photographer to take Nursery, Reception and Year 6 class photographs
Friday, 26 th May	No car day – please try to walk, scoot or cycle to school
Friday, 26 th May	Break up for half term holiday
Monday, 5 th June	School reopens
Monday 5 th June to Friday, 9 th June (all week)	Health and Wellbeing week. Children to wear PE kits all week
Thursday, 8 th June	5pm - meeting for parents of new nursery children 6pm – meeting of reception parents
Friday, 9 th June	Sports Day – EY&KS1 – AM, KS2, PM
Thursday, 29 th June	Y1 Outdoor Challenge Day on the school field
Friday, 7 th July	Y2 Outdoor Challenge Day on the school field
Monday, 10 th July	3pm – 4.30pm parents/carers invited to look around school with their children
TBC week commencing 17 th July	Outdoor Mass at 2pm (weather dependant)
Thursday, 20 th July	Final day at school for pupils
Friday, 21 st July	Staff training day

Summer Term Masses

We will be attending some Wednesday masses at Immaculate Heart Church this term. Families are more than welcome to attend.

Mass begins at 9.30am, so on the day your child is attending mass, could all children be in school by 8.45am so we can walk to church. Many thanks.

Date for Mass at Immaculate Heart.	Year group attending:
3 rd May	5
17 th May	3
24 th May	2
7 th June	1
14 th June	4
5 th July	6: This will be their leavers mass.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

K.L. DiMambro

Mrs DiMambro