



## Diocese of Portsmouth

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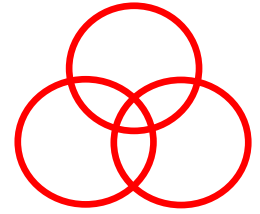
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10<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Dear Parents,

As we head rapidly towards the end of term I would like to firstly thank you for all your support for the children and our school this term. It was wonderful to see so many of you and your children enjoying all of the fun activities and raising so much money during our sunny Summer Fayre; an amazing £2424.49 was raised altogether. I will be meeting with members of the Parents Association next week to discuss our ever growing wish list of things we would like to buy for the school with your generously donated money. Thank you also for cheering all our sporty children on during the Sports Day this week; thankfully the weather was kind to us and we were able to enjoy the day, including the picnic lunch, with the sun intermittently shining on us. I'm sure you joined with us in thanking Laura Ashley-Carter for all of her hard work on behalf of the Parents Association over the last few years and in saying a big thank you and goodbye to Sharon Bennett who has worked tirelessly for our school for many years on the Parents Association and as a Governor. We wish all the Bennett family good luck in their new life in Liverpool.

We have had a busy time for sport this term and we are delighted to announce that we have earned the Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Kite Mark. I'm sure you will join me in saying a big thank you to Mrs Harris for organising this for us and for all of her hard work throughout the year in organising all of the sports teams and events:

The last few weeks have been brimming with sport's events! We have had busy Athletics and Cricket Clubs, House Competitions, Town tournaments and a badminton taster session for KS1.

The House Football was won by Champion, the House Netball by Briant and the House X-Country by Roberts. Notable individual performances for Cross Country running were in 3<sup>rd</sup> place Joseph Quarterman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Himpson and the winner Dashiell Hathaway.

Our Y6 Girl's Cricket team and Y6 Boys Cricket team played in the town tournament and eighteen children represented St Edmunds at the Abingdon Quad Kids Tournament. Although we didn't win these events we had some promising performances and the children enjoyed the experience.

Sport's Day was a great event with all children from Nursery to Year 6 competing and enjoying the sun. The House Athletics Cup was won by Roberts. Individual overall winners were 3<sup>rd</sup> Lexie- Mae Neal & Jack Taylor-Rodriguez; 2<sup>nd</sup> Gabriel Bolonhese; 1<sup>st</sup> Styles Kwadwo KariKari-Ababio.

We have had so much to celebrate this term, including the wonderful display of musical talents in our evening of music on 24<sup>th</sup> June and the highly entertaining and confidently acted Upper School performance of Panto Pandememonium earlier this week. It is amazing to see the talent and energy the children put into all of these events given how hard they are working in their lessons throughout the school. We are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved academically this year; all of their and their teacher's hard work has resulted in some impressive end of year results, especially at the end of Reception and Key Stage 1, and we are absolutely delighted by our Key Stage 2 SATs results this week. A huge thank you to all of the children, teachers and parents who have helped to make these results possible.





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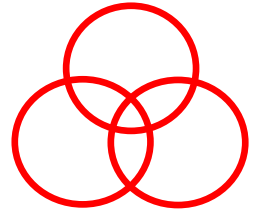
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While considering our academic results can I ask that you continue to support your child at home and make sure they complete all homework set to the best of their ability. Please make sure you hear your child read regularly and help them to learn their times tables as they are able to do mental calculations more quickly and more accurately as soon as they know their multiplication facts. If you want your children to practise any of the skills and concepts they are learning at school do speak to the class teacher and they can guide you or use many of the quality educational websites such as bbc bitesize, mathletics etc. Can I ask that you don't use past SATs papers to practise with your child though as this really does give misleading scores in the teacher assessments during the year and can lead to unexpected and disappointing results for the child at the end of the year.

Looking ahead to September I have one staffing issue I need to make you aware of. It now looks as if Mrs Worrallo will not be well enough to re-join us again in September. Please do keep Mrs Worrallo in your prayers. Therefore, Mrs Demarchi will now remain in Reception as the Reception teacher and Early Years Co-ordinator in September. I know this may be a disappointment for some of the children currently in Class 1H who have enjoyed having Mrs Demarchi as a class teacher previously. The children currently in Class 1H will now be taught by Mrs Kelly every morning and Mrs Wadrzyk every afternoon. The children currently in Class 1S will be taught by Mrs Sylvester (who has been an excellent teacher in Nursery and Reception for us this year) on Monday and Tuesdays and Miss Hurley Wednesday-Friday. This is a strong team of experienced and committed teachers who are already enthusiastically planning exciting topics and lessons for the Year 2 children ready for September. I know in their capable hands your children will continue to thrive. All of the children will meet their new teachers next Tuesday afternoon to get a feel for life in their new classrooms.

We now have one week left of term and I know next week will be a very busy one. I hope to see many of you at the Leaver's Mass next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and the Prize Giving Assembly on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm. I know the children are looking forward to their discos next Thursday evening and the Talent Show on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. We will then break up at 3pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> when we will say a sad goodbye to Mrs Wallendzus.

I hope you have a warm and happy summer and I look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, for all Year 1-6 children, and meeting all our new Reception children on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Delany-White*

