

Saint Christina's School Bulletin Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents,

May I first tell you that this week's bulletin is more an extended letter than the usual offering. It has been an enormous week in the life of the School with members of Year 3 receiving their First Holy Communion, alongside big events such as the Talent Show. We are really pleased with the wonderful things that the children have been doing and will be issuing a bit of a bumper bulletin next week that will capture all the activity that has been going on.

On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 classes will be heading off on their residential, so we wish them all very well. At the other end of the School, the Key Stage 1 children are looking forward to their Talent Show on Tuesday, and in the middle of the School we will have our Year 3 Parent Coffee Morning on Wednesday. All of these events would make any week a packed week, but the biggest, and most anticipated event of the year so far, the Parents' Link Quiz Night, will be on Thursday. I do not know if there is any more space, but please contact the Parents' Link Team to find out if you are still interested in coming.

On a broader note, you will know that, from time to time, I share with you some of the things that we are emphasising within School. We are currently thinking about dignity, and what that means to us and how it adds to our desire to live for the common good. Today we spent some time in assembly considering the sort of community that we are — are we a bag of marbles or a bunch of grapes? A bag of marbles is made up of lots of individual marbles, we can knock around together and we can all inhabit the same bag, but if a hole were to develop, it is easy for us to drop out and be lost ... and for that lost marble not even to be missed. A bunch of grapes is made up of many individual grapes but they are all connected. If a grape is plucked from the bunch, it leaves a hole where that individual grape should be. The whole is nourished by the vine and the grapes themselves will grow and become sweet and tasty if they are properly fed, watered and nurtured. This is the community that we are. Our core values of respect for everyone, of kindness, gentleness and compassion are the things that bind us together in our community. So do please feel free to reinforce these messages around dignity, respect and kindness outside of school.

On a final note, may I once again ask for your support with regard to uniform. I would be very grateful if you would ensure that your child has proper black shoes for school. Trainers or trainer / hybrid shoes are not part of the uniform code. Trainers should only be worn on days where the children are coming to school dressed for sport. I would be grateful, should you need to address this, if you would do so over the half term.

Thank you very much for all your kindness, thank you for your support and may the best team aka, the teacher's team, win the quiz on Thursday! I am very much looking forward to seeing you all there.

Alastair Gloag

Headteacher

OLIVER!

Rehearsals are up and running. I have uploaded the rehearsals track to all KS2 Google Classrooms. Please play the songs and sing along at home. It will expedite the learning process.



TRUMPET TRIAL

If you are interested in your child having a trial trumpet lesson, with a view to studying the instrument, then please reach out to me via email. The talented Ms Hyland will be teaching the



instrument.

Quiz night, raffle tickets

You only live twice but Parents' Link Quiz Night only happens once a year!

If you're disappointed to miss it, if you can't wait to show off your skills and beat the other teams, Parents' Link has exactly what you need: RAFFLE TICKETS!

Lots of amazing prices to be won, including a Nintendo Switch, some Apple AirPods and even the most coveted Air Fryer!

Prices at £5 for two tickets or £10 for five.

Please contact your class reps directly and get ready to win!!

International Summer Fair

Date for your diaries, this year's summer fair will take place on the 1st July and will have an international twist!

Parents' link would like to invite families to help us celebrate the incredible diversity of our school and allow our children to travel the world in one day!

If you would like to contribute, represent your country, give other families an inside peek at your culture please come forward and talk to us!

Thank you very much,

The Parents' Link Team



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Dinner, drinks, raffles, auctions, trivia, missions

THURSDAY, 25TH MAY

DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM | SCHOOL MAIN HALL

<u>Tickets £25 per person :</u> www.pta-events.co.uk/saint-christinas/



Raffle tickets are available now! Purchase from your Class Reps 2 tickets £5 - 5 tickets £10 - 15 tickets £20

Raffle Prizes including:
Cowshed Hamper
Portable Speaker
Nintendo Switch
Ninja Air Fryer
Apple Air pods
James Bond Gin Distillery Voucher
Daunts Bookstore voucher
Champagne and Wine hamper
Scarlet + Violet Florist voucher
Ninja Blender
Beats Solo Headphones

Prizes drawn at Quiz Night Thursday 25th May

REMINDERS

- LATENESS Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at the end of the school day, after Extra-Curricular and Homework clubs. Teachers and staff have other commitments that they need to attend once a club has ended. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
- Ice Packs If your child has taken an ice pack home, we would be most grateful if you would please return it to school as soon as possible.
- PARKING In order to keep good relations with our neighbours, we kindly ask that you do
 not block driveways or park in allocated parking spaces. Thank you for your co-operation.
- WARMER WEATHER If the weather forecast for next week is to be believed, please ensure that your child is wearing sun protection to school every day.

Dates for your diary

Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th May	Year 5 & 6 Residential (PGL Osmington Bay)			
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 3 Parents Coffee Morning - 9.00am in the Arts Hall			
	KS1 Talent Show			
Thursday 25 th May	Parents' Link Quiz Night – 7pm			
Friday 26 th May	Year 3 & 4 St Joan of Arc House Mass – 2.30pm			
	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY			
HALF-T	ERM HOLIDAY – 29 th MAY TO FRIDAY 2 nd JUNE (INCLUSIVE)			
Monday 5 th June	Children and Staff return			
	Year 5 Cricket Fixture			
W/C Monday 5 th June	Year 6 Cycle Training – details to follow			
Wednesday 7 th June	Year 5 Parent Coffee Morning – 9.00am in the Arts Hall			
	Year 5 trip			
Friday 9 th June	Full School Mass – 2.30pm			
	Year 6 Cricket Tournament			
W/C Monday 12 th June	Mathematics Challenge selected Year 2, 3 & 4 children			
Monday 12 th June	Year 6 Cricket Fixture – away game			
	New Nursery Parents online meeting – 6.00pm			
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning – 9.00am in the Arts Hall			
	Year 5 Cricket Fixture – away			

Thursday 15 th June	Guitar EnsembleUkulele Ensemble				
Friday 16 th June	 KS2 Sports Day – 12.45pm-3.15pm at Regents Park Running Track Year 2 Mass – 2.30pm 				
W/C Monday 19 th June	LAST WEEK FOR CLUBS				
Monday 19 th June	Year 6 Cricket Fixture – away game				
Thursday 22 nd June	New Nursery children and parents taster morning – 10.30-11.30am				
Friday 23 rd June	 EYFS/KS1 Sports Day – 9.45am-12.45pm at Primrose Hill NO MASS 				
Monday 26 th June	NO CLUBS until end of term with the exception of Breakfast & Homework Clubs				
Wednesday 28 th June	KS2 Summer Production for Year 3/4 parents in Main Hall – details to follow				
Thursday 29 th June	KS2 Summer Production for Year 5/6 parents in Main Hall – details to follow				
Friday 30 th June	Year 6 & Nursery Buddies Mass – 2.30pm				
Monday 3 rd July	 Class change over and new pupils from Reception upwards visit – 1.45- 2.30pm 				
Tuesday 4 th July	KS2 Prize-Giving – 1.45pm				
Wednesday 5th July	 Year 6 Leavers' Mass – 10.30-11.30am SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY AT MIDDAY 				
Thursday 6 th July	STAFF INSET				
SUMMER HOLIDAYS - TH	URSDAY 6 th JULY TO TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2023				
Monday 4 th September	STAFF INSET				
Tuesday 5 th September	STAFF INSET & PARENTS/TEACHER INFORMATION MEETINGS				
	Parent/Teacher Information timings – more details to follow				
	9.30am Reception Class				
	10.00am Year 1 & Year 2 Classes				
	10.30am Year 3 & Year 4 Classes 11.00am Year 5 & Year 6 Classes				
Wednesday 6th September	Children return				

ABOVE TIMES/DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE