

We learn and pray, in faith and love



16.7.2021

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

St. Kentigern's children support the England team

Like a great many others, we were horrified to hear of the racial abuse that members of the England team were subjected to this week. To show our support, every class made a special heart, filled with messages from the children, which we placed at the Marcus Rashford mural in Withington. Additionally, the Year 6 children sang a song especially for the England team. These are on our school's Instagram and Facebook page. We were delighted to see that Newsround included our children on their programme on Wednesday which you can watch on the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/57821597>

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First Holy Communion celebration

This week we celebrated with those children who made their First Holy Communion this year. We would like to thank Fr. Michael for his help, support and guidance in preparing the children to receive this sacrament. Additionally, we are grateful to him for supporting the families of those children who were isolating and couldn't join their class on the day. He made time to ensure that, for those families who contacted him, the children received the sacrament with their families and the parish.



Year 6 Leaver's Mass

I am delighted that we will be able to celebrate mass with our 6 children this year. It will take place on the last day of term - Wednesday 21st July. The year 6 teachers will contact families directly through Seesaw with further information.

School Reports

The children's reports will be uploaded to their Seesaw account by the end of the day on Monday 19th July.

Lifting of Government Restrictions

As you are aware, the majority of restrictions will lift on Monday 19th July. The requirement to self-isolate if you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace will remain in place until 16 August, when it will be **relaxed for people who are fully vaccinated and for the under-18s**. In order to help to ensure a reduction in the spread of the virus before everyone begins their holiday and consequently, to reduce the need to isolate, school will maintain the measures we have in place until we break up on Wednesday 21st July. Schools continue to receive guidance from Greater Manchester in relation to Covid restrictions. The general view is that the situation regarding schools in September will not be clear until the children are due to return. For this reason, we will maintain our extended drop off and collection times. When I receive any further clarity, I will inform you as soon as possible.

Uniform Ordering

You should have now received the information for online ordering of school uniform. There are also posters containing the information on the office window. If you haven't, please let the school office know as soon as possible. **Please note, the online service will be the only way you can order school uniform – the school office will no longer have this facility.**

Breakfast and After School Club

Due to bubble closures and staff isolating as a consequence, we will not be able to run either breakfast or After School Club. They will recommence in September.

Message from Fr. Michael

Hope you are all well and staying safe and have all recovered from the disappointment of the football final. I think they were great to get to the final

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and Gareth Southgate was such a fine example of a team leader! Last night I went to the "wall" in Withington to see the Mural of Marcus Rashford. I said a prayer. I think this is a modern place of pilgrimage, as I watched family after family leaving notes and flowers and prayers! I'm so pleased our school children have been there too. My prayer? For an end to hatred and prejudice..... Lord hear us! I think it's important to realise the brilliant things people do to make a difference in our world.

Have a brilliant holiday when the school breaks for the summer next week.

God Bless our year 6 who move on to new opportunities in new schools , and thank you, thank you, thank you to our amazing Mrs Muldoon and all the staff for the brilliant things they do to make a difference in our parish family, and thank you to all our wonderful school governors too who give so generously of their time and skill for our community.

Stay well stay safe.

St Kentigern and St Joseph pray for us.



Chester warms up before his photo shoot!

With continued best wishes,

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Mrs Muldoon

Headteacher