

We learn and pray, in faith and love



16.9.2022

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

Bank Holiday

A bank holiday has been allocated on Monday 19th September, the date of Queen Elizabeth's funeral. Following the instruction from the Department of Education, schools will be closed that day.

Extension to the length of the school day

The Government has instructed schools that the children must now be in school for 32.5 hours a week. The link below will provide you with all the necessary information.

Therefore, when we return to school after the October half term, the school opening hours for all year groups, including Nursery and Reception, will be as follows:

8.50am - 3.20pm

Please note that the gates will close at 8.50am sharp so please make the necessary arrangements to ensure your child arrives to school on time. Families will be able to drop their children into school from 8.40am.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/length-of-the-school-week-minimum-expectation>

Loreto High School

On Thursday 22nd September, Loreto High School is having its open evening for children in years 4,5, and 6. Mrs Hughes, Headteacher of Loreto High School, warmly invites you to attend. These open days are incredibly helpful to families when deciding on their child's High School and I would urge you to attend if possible.

Emmaus Academy Trust

As you are aware, St. Kentigern's is going through the process of converting to an Academy within the Emmaus Trust. I have attached documentation with this letter that provides further information. This is also available on our website.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/academies/>

In order to ensure that we answer any questions you might have, I have also attached a "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet. If, having read this information, you would like to discuss it further, Mr Hodson (Chair of Governors) and myself will be available on Thursday 13th October at 3.30pm. You are very welcome to join us and we will do our best to provide you with any information you require regarding our academisation.

Join us for breakfast!

On Friday 23rd of September, tea, coffee, toast and bagels will be available from 9.00am - 10.00am in the blue building in the school playground for any parents or carers of children in our school. There is no charge for this. We hope that this will help to provide a network for our families. We look forward to seeing you there!

With continued best wishes,

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Mrs Muldoon

Headteacher



Chester welcomes back some of our past pupils who now attend Loreto High School.