St. Herbert's R C Primary School Summer Term 15th July 2021



Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

We come to the end of a challenging, but successful school year. Our children are happy, trying their best and have made progress in so many different areas of school life: we have managed to hold an Art Exhibition, provide music lessons for so many pupils, complete a wide variety of sport activities, provide online shows/pantomimes, and celebrate various festivals and events thoughout the year. This has all happened through the dedication, love and work of our whole school community – a huge thank you.

A guick reminder, and information for the next few weeks:

19th July – Roadmap Step 4

You will all be aware of 'Freedom Day' on Monday, however for schools this is quite complex. Restrictions relating to isolation and bubbles do not change until the 16th August. As a school, we had already made the decision to retain our existing Risk Assessments, and maintain all procedures and restrictions for the last week of term – this would help us to protect our families and their holidays! This is even more important, as we have had to close several bubbles during the last few weeks. Therefore please can I ask for your patience and support just for a few more days – our rules on face coverings, staggered ends/starts, maintaining isolation periods etc all remain in place until we have more guidance, which is due during the Summer Holidays.

As soon as I have completed the school risk assessments for September, I will share adjusted procedures via email; this is likely to be in August, as the LA are not releasing any documentation until then.

School Uniform

I urge you to make an appointment and purchase school uniform, as soon as possible, in preparation for September – they are very busy.

Please see message from our school uniform supplier below:

Important news on School Uniform Shopping

As term draws to a close, we're already looking ahead to September. Our uniform provider Monkhouse is working hard to make sure that despite the challenges posed by international shipping, Covid and Brexit, our parents will be able to find everything they need.

This is a reminder that the best way to ensure your child has all the uniform they need in good time for the start of the school year is to shop early, if this is possible for you.

Please <u>book your appointment</u> with Monkhouse now, preferably choosing an appointment in July or Early August.

To stay up to date with news on stock and special offers on uniform and accessories, <u>register for updates from our supplier here.</u>

Thank you for understanding. We know not all parents are able to shop early, but the challenges posed when large numbers of families shop in the last two weeks of August is something we are all keen to avoid. After what has been an interesting school year, please help us to help you to ensure we all return in September raring to go!

School Dinners

School dinners are due to increase in cost again in September (we have made our views known to Oldham Catering Team). From September they will be £2.60 per meal.

MyMasterpiece Artwork

We have now received all artwork ordered and paid for by parents, this will be issued to your child today (Yr 6 pupils: we will endeavour to give the artwork to their sibling, otherwise we will issue it on Friday 23rd July).

School Reports

Annual Pupil Reports will be sent out via the pupils to parents today, Thursday 15th July, with their class allocation for next academic year. Some reports will be posted this evening; if you haven't received your child's report by Monday, please contact the school office.

Class Allocation has been based on Date of Birth; as we are now 45 PAN school, it is the only fair way of placing pupils in classes – I explain this to every new parent entering our school. Thank you for your support in this area.

Farewell

As you know, we have several members of staff leaving this year (retirement, promotion etc) and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service at St Herbert's and wish them all well for the future. We have a wonderful team who work and support our school community, and they have all made valuable contributions to our pupils' lives over the years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their tireless work over this past academic year – we knew it would be challenging, and every time a hurdle was thrown our way the team pulled together to get over it, putting the children first every time! A huge thank you!

Final Week of Term and zoom links

Monday 19th July:

Am: Tempest Photographer will be in to take photographs of the pupils who have received their First Holy Communion. (Please come to school wearing your Communion clothing).

Pm: Party for the Yr 3 & 4 pupils to celebrate completing their Sacramental Programme (all pupils will be included from the two year groups, as all pupils have supported each other throughout the year/two years!) – this will take place in the Parish Centre – pupils will dine, then go across to the PC for a disco, come back to school and be collected at 2:50-3:00pm as normal.

Wednesday 21st July:

10:00am Virtual End of School Year and Leaver's Mass at St Herbert's Church (streamed live for the pupils – link below for those isolating).

Topic: Mass Zoom Meeting

Time: Jul 21, 2021 09:45 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86227342017?pwd=cDhDYkZiRFhsbjRTQXR5elRydXNBdz09

Meeting ID: 862 2734 2017

Passcode: Mass

Thursday 22nd July:

9:30am Virtual Prizegiving

All parents are invited, link below:

Topic: Prizegiving Zoom Meeting Time: Jul 22, 2021 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83349824390?pwd=SG5aVi9iYmQ4MVN1Q21sbkl5ODhUUT0

Meeting ID: 833 4982 4390

Passcode: Prize

Summer Raffle

Tickets are on sale now, £1 a strip, for our Summer Raffle. This will be drawn on Thursday 22nd July.

Friday 23rd July:

9:30am Virtual Leaver's Assembly - this will be streamed via zoom for Yr 6 families and pupils isolating:

Topic: Leaver's Assembly Zoom Meeting Time: Jul 23, 2021 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81903739154?pwd=SEIEeHRVKzh0VUpRUjhvVnRMaFZmUT09

Meeting ID: 819 0373 9154

Passcode: Leavers

School closes for the Summer Holidays on **Friday 23rd July at 1:30pm**, and will re-open again on Monday 6th September 2021.

Have a wonderful Summer, good luck and best wishes to staff and pupils who are leaving St Herbert's this year, and thank you for all your love and support.

Keep safe, and take care,

Kind Regards

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