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Mission Statement "We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

29th April 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the long weekend. Monday is a bank holiday and school will be closed.

Polling Day - School will be open for all pupils next Thursday, a risk assessment has been completed to ensure that voters and polling station staff have no access to the classroom or playground areas. Parents must not come to the office area, in an emergency please telephone the school and if necessary we will arrange access via the Nursery Gate. Please ensure that all children come to school on time as there will be no access for late comers via the office entrance.

Year 5 and 6 pupils will enter the school via the Garden House gate.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch as the school kitchen will be closed on Thursday.

After school club will run as normal but collection at the end of the day will be from Nursery gate or KS2 gate.

There will be no afterschool Volleyball next Thursday due to the school being used as Polling station.

First Holy Communion - Fr Alex has resumed the lessons preparing children from English Martyrs Church for their Sacrament of Reconciliation. These lessons will be held each Thursday in school from 3:30 - 4:30pm. Next week's lesson has been cancelled as Fr Alex is unable to attend. Please read the booklet 'First Penance' with your child each week following the lesson and complete the relevant activity pages.

Fundraising - 'Friends of English Martyrs' parent reps met and agreed that the funds raised from the pre- Christmas fundraising activities; such as the raffle and Christmas cards etc, should be spent on events and activities to raise children's spirits as we come to the end of another 'strange' year.

It was agreed that suggested trips out from school will be booked following 21st June roadmap guidance and with parental consent.

Parents are also booking the Unicorn Theatre to visit school to provide a play for pupils in Years 1 - 5. Teachers are looking forward to the arrival of summer and the opportunity to get children into competitive mood and whole school celebration of old events such as Wimbledon and Sports Day.

School Building Fund - Thank you parents who responded promptly to the request for Building Fund contributions. It would be very much appreciated if all families could make their contribution before the half term.

Parent / Teacher meetings - Teachers have 'met' with most parents who responded to their text request, please send a text to 'teachers to parents' service if you not received a meeting time.

RHSE Policy - The RHSE Policy has been approved at the Full Governing Body meeting and reflects your input following the Parent Consultation. The final document is on the school website.

Wishing you all a happy and restful bank holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Nugent