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St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Friday 27th May 2022

Consultation: Changing the school day

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a proposed change to the structure of the school day here at St Mary's Catholic Primary School from September 1st 2022. The school day will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm.

By September 2023, all mainstream schools will be expected to provide a week of at least 32.5 hours in total. It equates to a six-and-a-half-hour day, Monday to Friday.

The minimum expectation is the time spent in school each day, not learning hours. So, it includes break and lunch times, as well as any extra-curricular activities that pupils are expected to attend. It does not include optional after-school provision.

The information in this letter will be sent to local nurseries and secondary schools. We will make sure we work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and in terms of your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by sending your responses to me, via the office.

We will release the results of the consultation by the 1st July 2022 via the newsletter and Parentmail. We will also change the times of our school day on our website.

All afterschool clubs will be **free** to attend from September 1st and will continue to finish at 4pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Griffiths

Headteacher

Absence Rates

We have an unusually high absent rate one or two days before we break-up for holidays and one or two days after a school holiday. Going forward, our Educational Welfare Officer will be carrying-out home visits on these days.

Year 5 Trip to Blists Hill

Unfortunately, this has been postponed until further notice. They still have their trip to the Safari Park to look forward to and their African Experience Day

Community events across Telford to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A number of community groups have organised the events after receiving a grant from the Platinum Jubilee Celebration Fund, set up by Telford & Wrekin Council to bring together communities and ensure the Platinum Jubilee weekend 2 to 5 June 2022 is one to remember.



Among the groups awarded the grant are St Leonard's Church, Malinslee, who will be hosting an afternoon tea and evening concert, Madeley

Community Orchard who have organised a tree planting event and Longdon-upon-Tern Village Hall, who will have one of

the Queen's former private cars on display as part of their festivities.

Other highlights include a film festival at Wellington Orbit, a mini carnival at Dawley Baptist Church and a scarecrow festival and croquet competition around The Coke Hearth in Coalbrookdale.

Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Green Spaces, Natural and Historic Environment and Cultural Services, Cllr Carolyn Healy (Labour) said: "We've had a fantastic response from local groups and organisations and I'm delighted we have been able to support so many celebration events, which will bring together so many communities across the borough.

"Thanks to their involvement the Platinum Jubilee Weekend looks set to be a truly amazing four days as we mark and remember the seven decades of Her Majesty's reign with an action-packed programme of activity."

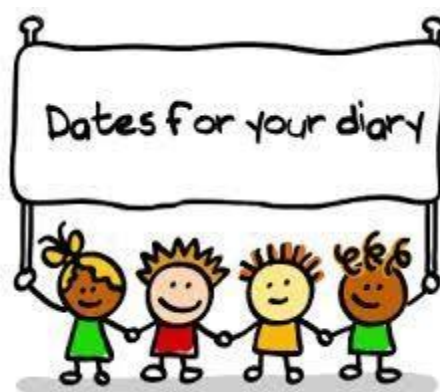
Holiday vouchers for May and summer

The government have provided further funding via the Household Support Fund for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022.

Telford & Wrekin will be using part of this funding to provide further rounds of Holiday Food Vouchers to those in receipt of income-based Free School Meals, Service Pupil Premium and Early Years Pupil Premium for the following school holiday periods:

- £15 per child for the May half-term – the aim is to issue these around Friday 20 May 2022.
- £10 per week per child for the summer holiday (totalling £60 per child) – with the aim of issuing this further round on about Friday 15 July 2022.

Vouchers will be sent out via email to all applicable parents / carers that a current a current contact is held for.



Date	Event	Notes
30 th May	Half Term	

6 th June	Phonics Screening Window begins in Year 1	
9 th June	Year 5 to Blists Hill	POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
14 th June	Lockdown Practise	We need to practise getting the children in off the playground and back into school, just in case there is ever the need to do this. We practise using 'a stray dog on the playground' as the scenario.
15 th June	Year 2 to Blists Hill	
16 th June	Year 5 African Experience Day	More details to follow
22 nd June	Year 6 to Blists Hill	
23 rd June	Family Picnic	Please come along for this informal event. The event will start at 1pm. Please bring a picnic (please ensure it's nut-free) to share with your child. We will have a DJ, sports and other activities on the field. More details to follow.
27 th June	Year 6 Greek Day	More details to follow
28 th and 29 th June	Parent/Teacher Meetings	Appointment times will be distributed closer to the date
30 th June	Year 5 to West Midlands Safari Park	More details to follow
7 th July	Year 4 Trip to Blists Hill	
15 th July	Year 6 Sleepover	This year, the children want a Christmas theme – Christmas pyjama wearing, Christmas cookie making, Secret Santa
20 th July	Break-up for the summer holidays	

Food Bank Help

These are the details of the closest food bank:

Telford Food Bank 78-83 Severn Walk, Sutton Hill, Telford

Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm [http://telfordcrisissupport.org.uk/
tcsfoodbank@gmail.com](http://telfordcrisissupport.org.uk/tcsfoodbank@gmail.com) 01952 380 400/01952 567 174