



# NEWSLETTER

**30 June 2016**

*We care, we serve, we learn together in the love and truth of Jesus*

*Dear Parents / Carers*

**Congratulations to all the children in Year 3 who made their First Holy Communion** last Saturday. It was a very special occasion and many people commented on the children's spirituality during the service. Many thanks to Fr Peter, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Butler for preparing the children for this wonderful sacrament and to the Catholic Women's League for providing the Holy Communion breakfast

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Father Jim!** – we look forward to seeing many of our families at Father Jim's birthday celebration (also to celebrate Father Peter's 50<sup>th</sup>) tomorrow evening in the marquee on the school field, starting at 7.00pm.

Parents of Year 2 children are invited to attend Class Assembly tomorrow morning at 9.15 in the school hall.

**There's never a dull moment at St Robert's – we have more exciting plans for the week ahead!**

Year 4 are having a **workshop** on how to **stay safe** (including on the internet) on Monday.

Year 3 are taking part in a **Cricket Festival** on Tuesday at Longhirst Cricket Club.

**Y3 Assembly** takes place at 9.15am on Wednesday.

The whole school will be going to **Newton Beach** for a **seaside trip** on Thursday (please see health and safety rules attached).

Our **Sports day and Summer Fair** takes place on Saturday 9 July – all children must attend the sports day to represent their House in the races.

A massive thank you for all your support for our trips and fundraising activities across the year, we also look forward to seeing you at the beach trip and sports/fair day.

**Mrs Cunningham**  
**Headteacher**

## **BEACH TRIP – THURSDAY 7 JULY**

Could all permission slips please be returned to school by Friday 1 July as we will need to confirm numbers with the bus company.

## **SCHOOL SPORTS / FAIR DAY SATURDAY 9 JULY**

The PTFA are looking for volunteers to help man stalls at the School Fair on 9 July. Without help it won't be possible to run the Fair. If you are able to spare any time please let us know as soon as possible.

## **YEAR 3 CRICKET FESTIVAL**

Permission slips will be sent home today and should be back in school by Monday 4 July.

### **RAISING HEALTH AWARENESS - HEADSMART**

HeadSmart is a national campaign to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of brain tumours in children and young people. An information card will be sent home with all children tonight.

### **SUN CREAM**

On sunny days all children should have **ALL DAY** sun cream applied in the morning before coming to school. Please do not send in your own sun cream with the children. If absolutely necessary there is suncream available in school which staff will apply as the need arises. Please let us know if for any reason your child should not have the school sun cream applied. Sun hats must also be brought into school.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

All orders must be in school by Friday 1 July 2016.

### **PICNIC IN THE PARK**

Please see attached flyer regarding the above, taking place on Sunday 17 July.

### **CHARITY FUNDRAISING**

Leanne Baty and Laura Cole are taking part in the Race for Life on 9 July 2016 to raise money for Cancer Research. Leanne is raising money in memory of Father Lawrence and Laura in memory of her mum. If anyone would like to sponsor them either visit [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search for their names or see them in person.

### **PE KITS**

During the Summer Term PE kits (black / blue shorts, white t-shirt and sandshoes) **MUST** be in school every day and should include a pair of trainers for activities on the school field. Please check your child has all items required for next term and that they still fit (ill-fitting shoes are unsafe for PE).

### **CAR PARKING**

Can we remind parents/carers NOT to use the school/church car park for picking up/dropping off children.

### **YEAR 3 SWIMMING**

Year 3 swimming for this term is £8 and this can be paid via Parentmail. Could any outstanding payments from last term please be made as soon as possible.

### **SCHOOL MILK**

Reception parents please note that only children under 5 are eligible for free milk, all 5 year olds please pay £11.50 milk money per term. All children that received school milk last term will continue to do so, if you child would prefer not to please let us know as soon as possible.

### **SCHOOL LUNCH**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children all receive free school meals. Cost for Year 3 and Year 4 children remains £2.20 per day (£11 per week)

<b>DIARY DATES</b>
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<b>JULY</b>
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<u>Friday 1 July</u>
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9.15am Year 2 Assembly
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<u>Wednesday 6 July</u>
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9.15am Year 3 Assembly
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<u>Thursday 7 July</u>
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Whole School trip
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<u>Saturday 9 July</u>
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Summer Fair / Sports Day
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<u>Wednesday 13 July</u>
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6pm Leavers' Disco
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<u>Friday 15 July</u>
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1.45pm Leavers' Assembly
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<u>Tuesday 19 July</u>
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9.15am Leavers' Mass
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3.10pm School Closes for Summer Holidays
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## SCHOOL TRIP TUESDAY THURSDAY 7 JULY 2016

### HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

- Please remember to put some all day sun lotion on your child before the trip. They may also bring some sun lotion to apply themselves under adult supervision during the day. Sun hats are also essential.
- Children are not allowed to swim, therefore swimsuits are not allowed on the trip.
- Children will be taken down to the sea to paddle (up to their knees) class by class and will be called when it is their turn. They will be constantly supervised. As this is a school trip, no children should be in the water at other times.
- Children will be assigned an adult for the day. The adult will ensure that they take the child to the beach and from the beach to the coaches.
- Children should only play on the beach. They must not go into the dunes.
- Each child should sit with their adult at picnic time.
- The children will travel on the same bus as their adult.
- All children should bring a waterproof jacket.

The children do not need to wear school uniform, just suitable clothes for a day out at the beach, **bearing in mind it may be chilly**, with a change of clothes in case of splashes! They should bring a small bag to carry their belongings. Don't forget packed lunches and a bucket and spade

*Remember – any photographs you take on the trip are solely for private use of parents and family.*

ALL THE CHILDREN MUST TRAVEL ON THE BUS TO NEWTON AND BACK TO SCHOOL.

## Sealed Bid Auction

This year in addition to the Grand Raffle on the day, we are also holding a sealed bid auction in the run up to Sports Day. The following items are up for auction:

1. Family Fun (Value £80)
  - Whitehouse Farm Family Pass
  - Seven Stories Family Day Pass
  - Kirkley Hall Zoological Garden Family Ticket
2. 2 Beamish passes (Value £37)
3. Michelle Fowler Family Portrait sitting (Value £84)
4. Alnwick Garden Family pass (Value £30)
5. £20 Tandoor Mahal gift voucher (Value £20)
6. Urban Spa file and polish (Value £10)

If you would like to grab yourself a bargain and help raise some money for the school in the process, please complete the slip below, place in a sealed envelope, mark it “Sealed Auction Bid” and hand into the School Office by **Wednesday 6th July**. Successful bidders will be notified prior to Sports Day.

Get bidding!!!!!!!!!!

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### SEALED AUCTION BID

Name .....

Contact telephone .....

Auction item .....

Bid amount .....