



**Believe Enjoy Strive Succeed**

**Principal Comments**

Over the past few years the school has worked very hard to ensure our pupils have a good understanding of global issues that affect us all. By immersing our pupils into an international curriculum we are giving them opportunities to understand that across the world we all face similar problems and are striving to ensure our vision of developing global citizens. This week is a very special week for us here at St. Mary's as we have welcomed our guests from the D.A.V school in Ludhiana, India. The Principal, her deputy head teacher and 10 students are here learning about education in England. We really are privileged to have this opportunity and are proud to be a beacon school in this area. I must take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Cotton for her continued excellent work which has enabled this.

On Tuesday, our Y5 pupils will be going to The Grand Hotel to celebrate this visit and the variety of culture that influences our local communities. The students from India will be putting on a display at The Grand Hotel for the pupils of our collaborative schools; St. Peters, Selsted, Christchurch and St. Eanswythe. Our Y5 pupils will also be putting on a short dance and song routine of their own! Do wish us luck.

**New Traffic arrangements:**

Following my message last week regarding the new traffic arrangements, I would like to thank all parents bringing their children to Breakfast Club for making it work so well yesterday morning. It is clearly much safer for our children and there was very little congestion. I would like to remind all parents that children are not to be on the school site before 08:00 which is when Breakfast Club starts. Pupils on site before this are not supervised and as such, we cannot ensure their safety. This morning there were pupils arriving just after 07:30 which is not allowed. Please ensure pupils are dropped off for 08:00, which is when doors open for Breakfast Club. If you do arrive earlier, then we request that you stay and supervise your children until the doors open and staff are on duty to supervise.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

**School Fete**

The school fete will take place this Friday 24th June from 3.15 pm onwards. There will be various stalls, including Tombola, Plants, Homemade items, Cake Stall, School Uniform, Second Hand Toys & Books and a White Elephant Stall. If you would like to donate items towards the fete, please give them to Mrs. Milton or pop the items to the FLO/CLO mobile, situated beside the Nursery. Thank you.

**Thank you to the Harbour Church**

The whole St Marys Community would like to thank the Harbour Church for its hard work in providing a wonderful community event in our grounds last week for parents, children and local people. The day was based around the theme of the Queens birthday and her life of service. The cream teas were delicious!

It is important however to reflect on what motivates the Harbour Church to provide such a range of events and to work so hard in doing so. It is of course their Christian faith and this fact alone should give all of us-irrespective of personal belief- cause to pause and reflect.

**Herald Newspaper Leavers' Supplement**

Just to let you know that the Y6 leavers' supplement this year will be in the Folkestone Herald during the week commencing 4th July.

**Parking in the area surrounding the academy**

The academy has received a complaint from a neighbour in Foreland Avenue to say that last week in the morning when she was due to leave her house to take her daughter to another school, one of St. Mary's parents had parked over her drive, making it impossible for her to leave and her daughter was late for school. On the same day in the afternoon, when arriving home from collecting her daughter from school, she was prevented from parking on her drive because another parent had parked over the entrance to her drive. Can I ask that you are more courteous to our neighbours and avoid parking over anyone's driveway. The lady has informed us that she will call the police next time or take the car registration number and pass it on to the police. Thank you.

**Polling Station**

Please note, the FLO/CLO mobile will again be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 23rd June. The same arrangements will apply as before. Thank you.

**Driving into the Academy for Breakfast Club**

For the safety of our children, it has been necessary to change the procedures for dropping off children to breakfast club in the mornings. Drivers will not be able to drive down to the front of the school any more. The first five spaces inside the main gate and the 3 spaces by the infant building will be left empty for parents to park their cars if they wish to take their children into breakfast club. Drivers will then be able to turn in the area at the top of the school and leave by the main gate. Breakfast Club is open for the children who have booked into Breakfast Club with Mrs. Milton from 8.00 am and the gates will close at 8.15 am. Thank you.

**Burkina Faso**

As you know, as part of our aim to educate our children as international citizens, we are continuing to sponsor a school in Burkina Faso through fund raising and direct contact.

John Fudge who helps to drive the project has sent us some pictures. The school would not be available to the children without our help.

