

Parent Update Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last week of this term is nearly here. We've had a great half term, our lovely staff work very hard to provide trips, activities and engaging learning and to make sure school is a great place to be. I hope you regularly check our Twitter Feed to see what we've been up to in school [https://twitter.com/St\\_JohnBosco\\_RC](https://twitter.com/St_JohnBosco_RC) (You don't need an account, our Twitter feed is open to public viewing).

Communication with staff – Communication between school and home is extremely important and we really value our relationships with all our families. If you have information to pass on or need to speak to a member of staff about anything, please ring or email the school office and arrange a convenient time. Staff are not able to have long conversations at the door in the morning, or on the school drive on their way into school. When this happens you may feel that we aren't giving you our fullest attention due to our worries about supervision of children inside the building, trying to get into work to get ready for the children to arrive or other pressing matters. It can lead to miscommunication which isn't helpful. Please be patient with us, we can't always drop everything to speak to you, but we will listen at an appropriate time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Warm Weather - Please apply suncream to your children before sending them to school in the morning. Last year and the year before, we were still mindful of the spread of Covid and school bought suncream to use on the children. As we are no longer under covid rules I would ask that you send a bottle of suncream into school for your child to be kept in school. We have hypoallergenic (emergency) sunscreen in school for your children to use if they don't have suncream with them and we have your permission, we also need your permission to help your child apply suncream. Please complete the permission form here.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3ywZC3x812FGeFsH-PnX-1TOdbNUuwc1FimWql-CJZgaTBw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3ywZC3x812FGeFsH-PnX-1TOdbNUuwc1FimWql-CJZgaTBw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Sunhats may be sent in alongside your child's book bag/folder.

We have a new school policy regarding warm weather / sun protection which I will share with you when it has been approved by the School Governors. In the meantime, please support what is detailed above.

This week

Monday – There will be no Y5/6 football club as Mr Callacher will be on the Y6 residential.

Tuesday – Rugby taster day.

Thursday – Children who are in St Maximillian (yellow) may wear their own clothes as they have earned the most house points this half term.

Sports Day – All children to wear their PE kits to school. PE Kits – Plain coloured t-shirt (to match the house your child is in)

**Blue t-shirt – St. Theresa**

**Yellow t-shirt – St. Maximillian**

**Red t-shirt – St. Dominic**

**Green t-shirt – St Bernadette**

**Black shorts or jogging bottoms, black pumps or trainers and red school sweatshirt**

Sports day this year is on Friday and is going to be a children only event again, as we did last year. Whilst sports day is wonderful for the children who are good at sport (and their parents who are able to attend), it is stressful and can be overwhelming for children less good at sport. Parents feel pressure to take time off work and those who can't feel guilty and their children feel disappointed. We will post lots of pictures on Twitter. There will be (weather permitting) a series of sports day style races at the School Summer Fair on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (3.15 – 5pm). Children (and parents) who want to take part can do so if they wish

Other news:

Manchester City Council have organised a workshop on online safety for **parents of primary school students** with child safety specialist Katherine Howard on Monday 12 June from 6.00-7.00pm. Follow the link to join:

[https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kmJjLcBcTvmwZO7FbLx8fQ](https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kmJjLcBcTvmwZO7FbLx8fQ)

Katherine will advise you on how to keep your child safe in their online world and introduce you to the Online Safety Hub and an online parental control app.

As usual, please contact the school office (8.15am-4pm) or email us ([contact@st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:contact@st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk)) with any queries.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson