



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Some important messages for you:

### **Message from Mrs C Forde – Suspension of Industrial Action**

*'We are happy to inform you an agreement has been reached with the National Education Union (NEU) to address their concerns regarding the industrial action. The details continue to be finalised and we are pleased to say the NEU have suspended the further industrial action which was planned for the week after half term. This means, students should come to school each day as per normal after their break. You will continue to be updated if there are any further developments. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half-term break.'*

### **John Fisher Association (JFA)**

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the meeting on Wednesday. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm.

### **Save the Date! Fisher Family Fun Day: Saturday 2nd July 12pm-8pm**

All members of our Fisher Family are invited to join the JFA (Parent Teacher Association) for a day of family fun at the school's Plough Lane playing fields on Saturday 2nd July.

There will be bouncy castles, an ice cream van, BBQ, 'beat the goalie' for the children and a 7-a-side cricket tournament for the adults. With the sun shining (hopefully) it is a great opportunity to bring our school community together as a family and enjoy a day of fun, laughter and a spot of cricket!

Tickets will be available on ParentPay for £2 for both children and adults (£3 on the gate) with under 5s free. For more information please email [thejohnfisherassoc@gmail.com](mailto:thejohnfisherassoc@gmail.com)

### **Epilogue**

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended Epilogue on Thursday after school. Our Summer concert will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. More information to follow.

### **Half Term Break – no site access**

Reminder: The Half Term break is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

There is no access to the school site for students during the half term break next week. This is because there is a conditions survey taking place over two days and essential works are taking place in the old Science building. This building has been out of use towards the end of this week as there are two disturbed asbestos panels in the stairwell by the main door, which have to be removed in line with legislation during the half term break by a licenced contractor. Tests are then carried out in the area to ensure it is safe to return to. Students have been re-roomed to the classrooms which would normally have been in use by Yr 11 and Yr 13 students, as they continue to complete their public examinations. Please keep both of these year groups in your prayers as they continue with their preparation for these important examinations.

### **Sunday Obligation Fully Restored from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Pentecost Sunday**

After more than two years, the Sunday obligation to attend Mass has been reintroduced for Catholics in the UK. Cardinal Vincent Nichols announced the step, which will be implemented from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Pentecost Sunday. After the covid pandemic caused the closure of churches in March 2020, Catholics were forced to attend online Masses and to fulfil the Sunday obligation 'in other ways.' Now the Sunday obligation has been formally reintroduced.

*"We invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. The reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply,"* he announced. *"Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Our perception is that, now, there is freedom to attend Mass,"* he said.

The bishops underlined the importance of gathering at Mass as a church community in a new statement. *"As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples,"* they said. *"Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives."*

The bishops acknowledged the benefits of 'online streaming of Mass and other services', but stressed that "virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. However, they did state that virtual viewing could be of benefit to the elderly and sick, and those who cannot attend Mass.

Please see the letters attached to this week's email and further information can also be accessed here: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/bishops-invitation-to-return-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

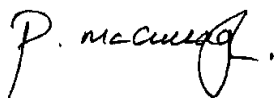
### **Final Prayer**

You are invited to say the following simple prayer on each of the nine days before Pentecost (5th June) that all hear the Lord's loving call.

*'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord'*

**Amen.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. McCullagh' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Headteacher