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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after the Easter break.

The Summer term began with the sad news of the passing of Pope Francis.

As a school community, we came together in reflection, remembering the powerful messages and values he shared with the world. We are inspired by his legacy and are committed to continuing the *Pilgrimage of Hope*—a journey he encouraged us all to take, rooted in faith, compassion, and unity.



### Shakespeare Week

Although it has been a short week, it's been packed with exciting activities and valuable learning experiences as we celebrated the works of William Shakespeare. This celebration has become a cherished tradition in our school, and its impact was clearly evident during our University-style quiz in Key Stage 2. We were so impressed by the children's ability to tackle challenging questions about Shakespeare and his many plays — their knowledge truly shone!

A big well done to St. Francis, who won the Shakespeare Quiz this year! The winning team was made up of Daniel (Year 6), Noah (Year 6), Joia (Year 5), Vian (Year 4), and Abigail (Year 3) — congratulations to all of you!

I would also like to extend my thanks to all parents and carers for helping their children dress up in wonderful Shakespearean costumes. Theme days like this make learning come alive and help create lasting memories.

Today, our talented Year 6 children brought William Shakespeare's play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, to life in a fantastic performance that transformed the school hall into a scene straight out of the Globe Theatre!

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the show, with impressive acting, lovely singing, and thoughtful use of props and lighting that added to the atmosphere. It was a great example of teamwork, creativity, and dedication. A huge *well done* to Mrs. Lucas, our brilliant Year 6 pupils, and all the dedicated staff who made this performance such a success. Bravo!

### St. George's Day

Within all of the business of the week, we also celebrated our St. George, the patron saint of England. It is was lovely to see lots of children dressed in their brownie/cubs uniforms.

### Holy Communion

I would like to wish all the children celebrating their First Holy Communion this Saturday every blessing as they take this important step in their faith.

We pray that this special day brings joy, peace, and a deeper sense of God's love. May it be a time for love and families and a day for them to remember.

Keeping you all in our prayers.

### Children cycling to school

Could we please remind the parents of children who ride to school on their bikes to talk to them about the dangers of riding on public roads. We have been made aware of children being unsafe whilst out in traffic.

### Parking outside school

We do understand how busy the roads around the school grounds can be both in the morning and after school, but could we please ask that you park considerately and safely when dropping your children off. In the morning we have a staggered start whereas the classroom doors are open from 8.45am to 9.00am. This has been done in a hope that this alleviates the congestion around school in the morning. Please make use of this staggered start if possible.

### Achievements outside school



Orla (Year 5) and Ria (Year 3) went to Spain to play football with Orla's football team – The Meadowside Under 10's Team. Ria joined in too! The Spanish teams included girls from age 8 to 16, so lots of them were a lot taller than Orla! They played really well and we are all really proud of them both! 🙌🙌



Arabella (Year 1) had a gymnastics competition over Easter and placed 1st on floor and 1st on vault.

Her family are super proud of her 🏆 Well done Arabella!

Dates for next week:

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee Morning 9.15am Trafford Teams Together and School Nurse
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mass with May Procession 9.15am Swimming Class 7

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