



Queen's Birthday

We will celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday tomorrow (Friday 17th). **The children do not need to wear school uniform to school that day but should wear some combination of red, white and blue instead.** Lunch will be a picnic outside. In terms of cost, school provided lunches will be the same however there will not be a hot option tomorrow, all meals will be picnic style involving sandwiches or wraps with a filling of the children's choice. Children who do not want a school lunch will need to bring their own packed lunch as normal. In the afternoon the children will play different types of traditional games including cricket and croquet.

Tennis

Eight children from years 3 & 4 took part in a tennis tournament at the Life Centre last week. For many of the children it was the first time they had represented the school in a sporting competition and they all did well, improving and winning more and more points as we went along. Many of the children we competed against were far more experienced players and although we did not win any matches we did win some individual games within matches. During Wimbledon we will have tennis courts set up on the playground to allow more children the opportunity to play (adults can have a go too).

Rowing

On Monday all of the children in years 5 & 6 will take part in a rowing day where they will be taught techniques in the morning and then have a competition in the afternoon. PE kit is a must on this day.

Rearranged dates

Sorry that we had to postpone Sports Day last week. The reserve date of Friday 1st July will now be the new date starting at 1.00 pm. The weather also got the better of the Brickfields Athletics Competition this week. That has been rescheduled to take place on Wednesday 22nd June.

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is approaching very quickly as Friday 24th is now just over a week away. Donations of various items that could be sold will be very welcome. A schedule of what donations we would like on which days next week will be coming to you very soon from the Friends of St Joseph's. What is needed more than donations of 'stuff' is donations of your time to help set up stalls, run them and to help tidy up afterwards. The fair is due to start at 3.30 so setting up will be in school time that afternoon. Please let the office know if you will be able to help.

CAFOD Run For Women

On Thursday 23rd the whole school will walk over to the Brickfields Athletics Track to take part in our annual CAFOD Run for Women event. The dual purpose behind the event is to raise awareness of the lack of life opportunities for women in various countries around the world and to raise money about righting those inequalities. Children will run around the track as many times as they can between 10.00 and 11.00. Parents and toddlers are welcome to join us for the event. Children will be given sponsor forms to help them to raise money by running as many laps as they can. **Children can wear their own sports kit to school for them to run in.** A suggested voluntary £1 donation would be gratefully received from the children who do not get sponsored.

Euro Referendum

On the day of the referendum next week we will be holding our own vote in school to see if we would be in or out of the European Union. Please do talk to your children about the referendum before Thursday as it will go down in history as one of the most significant elections in their lifetime.

Life Skills

Year 6 children attended the Junior Life Skills event at Bull Point this week learning about how to keep themselves safe at this stage of their lives where their level of independence changes hugely. Two children attended the City Youth Council meeting this week and as a school we have been elected as the Vice Chair of the council for September next year. To enable us to be prepared for this prestigious role we will have our school council elections this term so that the council is ready to start straight away in September.

Goodbye

Sadly next week will be Mr Lomax's last week with us at St Joseph's. In the last couple of years he has been working as our ICT Technician but started with us as caretaker five years ago. He has added a great deal to St Joseph's particularly as caretaker throughout the expansion build project so we owe him a great deal of thanks. He will be missed by us all.