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## **Midsummer Night's Dream**

I am sure that all of those who were lucky enough to witness it would agree that the performances by our children in the Shakespeare play this week were outstanding. I feel it is a great thing for our children to be able to quote passages from Shakespeare and have an intimate knowledge of a Shakespeare play before they start secondary school. Of course being on the stage (or in the choir) places unique demands on children. Some children have a natural ability in these situations, and we definitely witnessed that this week, others find it harder. The children who found it difficult gave me as much pleasure and pride this week because they rose to a challenge, overcame it and had fun in the process. If that is not Learning for Life I don't know what is. The audiences were generous in their donations after the shows and £145.34 was raised for Jeremiah's Journey, the charity chosen by the School Council.

## **Trim Trail Equipment**

The children have been given safety briefings on how to use the new trim trail equipment and have had a first go on it. Some of the hand and footholds on the climbing wall have come loose and so that piece of equipment is out of bounds at the moment. Please do not let children use the equipment at the end of the day. We do not want accidents to happen and accidents are far more likely if children are unsupervised when on the equipment. The benches in the outdoor classroom need strengthening before we can use it.

## **Leavers' Mass**

The Mass to say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers will be in St Joseph's Church at 10.00 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. All parents are welcome. Sadly we will also be saying goodbye to 'Liz' ( Mrs Pemberton) in the office as she will be leaving us at the end of the term to follow her vocation as a counsellor. We will be very sorry to see Liz go as she has been so effective as a friendly welcoming face for the school for the last eighteen months or so.

## **CATERed**

The school catering company have asked us to publicise their school lunch promotions during the summer. On Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout August they will be distributing free healthy bagged meals to children starting at noon each day. High St Primary School is our nearest distribution point where CATERed staff will give out the fresh food to children on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August. Details of other venues can be seen on their website. Radio Plymouth will also be at each venue offering free face painting. CATERed run our Breakfast Club which has been growing in numbers. If you are looking for pre school childcare from September please use our service which is very good value at £2.50 per session.

## **Jubilee**

Many of you will know Sister Dymrna who was the headteacher of St Joseph's between 1985 and 2004. We still see Sister regularly at Mass each week. This Sunday we will be hosting the celebration lunch marking her jubilee for being a Sister of Charity of St Paul for fifty years.

## **Summer Play Scheme**

One of our partner schools in CAST, St Paul's in St Budeaux, have asked us to publicise their Summer Play Scheme which will have a 'Food Explorers' theme. The scheme will run for the weeks 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August between 8.30am and 5pm at a cost of £20 per day or £90 per week. Contact St Paul's School office (365459) for further details.

## **Reports**

You should have received the annual report for your child today. If you need an extra copy for a parent or carer who cannot access the original please ask in the office for a second copy. Teachers will be available between 3.45 and 5.00 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> if you have any queries about your child's report. If you have a query about attendance please ask in the office for clarification.