Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all the support you have given throughout this term, especially with the alms-giving over the past few weeks. To date, the Danceathon has helped to raise an amazing total of £1000.20, with more monies still likely to come in after Easter. Please could any remaining monies be sent in to school by Friday 3rd May at the latest.

It has been a joy to welcome so many of you to our Holy Week prayer services, and I hope to see many of you in church over the coming week.

We hope that you will enjoy a very happy and relaxing holiday with your families. The children have all worked hard throughout the term and deserve a good rest! As do the staff, of course!

We wish you all a very happy Easter!

Gary Linford (Head Teacher)

Dainty Little Hands After School Club

£5.00 per child per session until 5:30 p.m. or £2.50 per hour.

To book places, please contact Aimee on 01922 219038 or 07850 796 213

Celebration the resurrection of our Lord this Easter with this blessing from all the children, staff and governors of St. Mary’s School:

May you have the gladness of Easter, which is Hope;
The promise of Easter, which is Peace;
The spirit of Easter, which is Love.

Mass times at St. Mary’s Church:

- **Sunday 14th April**, 9:45 a.m.
  Blessing of palms & procession before Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **Thursday 18th April**, 7:00 p.m.
  Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- **Friday 19th April**, 3:00 p.m.
  Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
- **Saturday 20th April**, 8:00 p.m.
  Easter Vigil Mass
- **Sunday 21st April**, 10:00 a.m.
  Easter Sunday Mass

Children’s Liturgy services will take place on the 14th and 28th April.
Dates for your diary

Monday 29th April
School resumes for the Summer term

Monday 6th May
School closed: Bank Holiday Monday

Y6 SATS week:
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May
(good attendance & punctuality is essential)

Y2 SATS month:
Throughout MAY
(good attendance & punctuality is essential)

Sunday 19th May at 10 a.m.
Family Mass

Friday 24th May — 1:45 p.m.
May Procession (to Church)

Half-term Holiday
27th May to 31st May

Y1 Phonics Screening Check:
Monday 10th to Friday 21st June
(good attendance & punctuality is essential)

World Faith Assembly
Friday 14th June, 9:00 a.m.

First Holy Communion Mass
Saturday 15th June, 12:00 noon

Music Share Festival at
Lichfield Cathedral (Year 4)
Tuesday 18th June (evening)

OREMUS Prayer Services
Fridays 9:00 a.m. start
Years 3 & 4: 21st June
Years 5 & 6: 28th June
Years 1 & 2: 5th July

Monday 22nd July:
School is closed for a Staff INSET Day.

ALTERATION TO SCHOOL TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2019-2020

At its most recent meeting this term, the Board of Governors decided to vary the term dates and holidays for the forthcoming school year. This decision has been taken for several reasons:

- extending the Spring term by an additional 5 days will mean that school will be in session throughout Holy Week “proper”;
- shortening the Easter holiday will ensure Year 6 pupils have a better, less disjointed run up to the SATs tests in May;
- Lengthening the Whitsun holiday by an additional week will give families the opportunity to consider taking a cheaper holiday without the need to take children out of school during term time, therefore having a positive impact on attendance, improved learning time and pupil progress.

If you have any concerns about this change, please do contact us via the normal means.

Please find the set of Term Dates 2019-20 attached for your information, and this is also available on the school website.

Thank you.