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Dear St. Mary's Families,

As we draw close to the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your continued warmth and support. It has been another gloriously sunny week here at school, mirroring the bright and joyful spirit of our wonderful community.

Our recent Sports Day was an absolute triumph with an outstanding turnout! It was wonderful to see so many families celebrating together, cheering on our children, and sharing in their achievements. Thank you to everyone who came along to make it such a memorable day.

As we look ahead to the final weeks of term, please take note of the following important updates, reminders, and upcoming events:

Key Reminders & Whole-School Events:

- Library Books: We are kindly asking for all library books to be returned. If you still have a school book at home, please send it back with your child as soon as possible so we can audit our shelves for September.
- Choir Performance: You are all warmly invited to our wonderful Choir Performance on Tuesday, 14th July at 2:30pm in the school hall. Our pupils have been working incredibly hard, and it promises to be a wonderful afternoon.
- Reports & Attendance: End-of-year school reports and final attendance figures will be sent home on Thursday, 16th July.
- Parent Drop-In Session: If you wish to discuss anything within your child's report, we will be holding a drop-in session on Tuesday, 21st July from 3:20pm to 4:30pm. Teachers will be available in their classrooms.
- Last Day of Term: A reminder that we finish for the summer holidays on Friday, 24th July at 3:20pm.

Summer Fair News

- Non-Uniform Day (Friday, 17th July): Next Friday will be a whole-school non-uniform day. In support of our upcoming Summer Fair, we are asking all children to 'Bring a Bottle'. This could range from bubble bath and soft drinks to a bottle of wine!
- The Summer Fair: We are very much looking forward to the Summer Fair after school on Thursday, 23rd July. If you have any items that could be used as raffle prizes, they would be gratefully received at the main office.

Year 6 Celebrations

To celebrate our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their next big step, they are invited to come to school in their party clothes on Tuesday, 21st July. I have booked a special magic show and a disco for them to enjoy during the afternoon!

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Important Budget & Pricing Updates

As a school, we always strive to keep costs as low as possible for our families. However, due to rising external costs, we have had to make some difficult adjustments for the upcoming academic year:

- School Dinners: Unfortunately, our school dinner provider will be increasing their prices from September to £3.20 per meal. Please note that this also places a significant strain on our school budget, as we only receive £2.54 from the government for Universal Free School Meals, meaning the school must absorb the remaining £0.66 per meal from our own internal budget.
- After-School Club: Due to increased operational costs, our After-School Club prices will also increase in September to £4.00 for the first hour and £7.00 if staying for the second hour.

Thank you again for being such an integral part of the St. Mary's family. Your kindness, cooperation, and community spirit are what make our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Finally, alongside our school celebrations, I know that many of our families will be glued to their screens this Saturday to cheer on the England team. There is sure to be plenty of tension and excitement in households across our community! We wish the England squad the very best of luck and are all hoping they succeed and bring home a fantastic victory.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend in the sunshine.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Faryniarz

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another." — Hebrews 10:24-25