



1st Holy Communion

On Sunday 20th May, the Parish celebrated 1st Holy Communion with 27 communicants. This was a very special occasion for the communicants, their families and the people of the Parish. Thank you to all those who contributed to making the Communion such a memorable occasion, especially to Mrs Jukes and Mrs Archibald who give their time so freely to support the communicants through this journey.

SATs - Well done for the Summer tests!

Well done to everyone – but especially the children! They coped so well with the pressure of the annual SATs tests.

Both the Unicorns and Elves have now finished with the tests for this year – and they responded magnificently to the challenge!

The Pixies, too, have now completed the Phonics Screening Test with great results!

In spite of what you may have heard in the media about what a difficult time this is for 6, 7 and 11-year-olds, we can take some pride in the fact that our youngsters were ‘well up for it’ and have done their very best to show what they are capable of achieving. The results for our school this year are:-

For Reaching a Good Level of Development	Stella Maris	National
Early Years	68%	71%
Phonics	83%	83%

Children that have met Expected Standard	Stella Maris	National
KS1 Reading	87%	75.5%
KS1 Writing	73%	70%
KS1 Maths	87%	76%
KS2 Reading	79%	75%
KS2 Writing	79%	78%
KS2 Maths	83%	76%

We are particularly proud of the number of children achieving expected standard in Maths as this was a key area for improvement this year. In Reading at KS2, 46% of children reached Reading at Greater Depth Standard – this is exceptional and we are delighted with this result! Well done Unicorns and Elves for these very pleasing SATs results (all above national average) and thank you to all who supported them in this journey.

Outdoor Learning

The school recently celebrated the launch of the new and improved Outdoor Learning areas at a special event on the school field. It was wonderful to see so many pupils and families (past, present and future) attending this event.

Through Term 6, the teachers have been using these areas as often as possible to enrich the curriculum and ensure our children seize every opportunity to work within our beautiful surroundings.

Thank you again to all of those involved in enhancing our school through these areas.

A special word of thanks to both our Parents Association who gave up their time to paint for us and Wood

Finishes Direct who supplied the paint to the school free of charge.

If you have any old wellington boots (especially larger sizes), we would be most grateful for your donation. Please hand in to the School Office.



Celebration of Languages

During early June, the children took part in a Celebration of Languages Week learning from their peers and their families about the different languages and cultures that enrich the Stella Maris community.

The learning was pulled together and a special assembly was held in the school on 15th June to share the songs and experiences that each class had learnt. Thank you to all those parents that came along to share cultural elements with us; a special thank you to Randolph Mathews for pulling together the assembly. The children loved it! We hope they came home and shared their new songs with you too.



Congratulations to Mrs Bain

During the May holiday, Miss Klein got married and is now Mrs Bain! I am sure you will join with us in congratulating her and wishing Mr and Mrs Bain a happy and enriched life together.

Parking – Disabled Bay

For a time, the parking at the school was much improved; the past few weeks have seen deterioration – especially with parents parking on the yellow lines around the perimeter. This leaves children vulnerable due to the difficulty in other parents turning when these yellow lines are obstructed. Even if you are only popping into the office to collect your child, you still need to park with courtesy for others as it is not always possible to collect your child without a delay. A special note regarding the disabled bay; we do have parents/grandparents with disabilities and for this reason this bay must STRICTLY ONLY BE USED if you have a disabled badge.

Hobbits Trip to London

The Hobbits' class recently enjoyed a trip to London, taking in many of the sites around our capital. This trip concluded their topic learning and gave the children a wonderful opportunity to experience some of our famous landmarks. The children were extremely well behaved and had a super day out. Thank you to the parents for your voluntary contributions to ensure such exciting trips can still take place to enhance our curriculum. Thank you to Mr Holdsworth for being our guide.

After School Provision

Thank you to the parents that have returned the registration for After School Provision. If you have registered your child/children for a place, you will receive a letter in your book bag on Tuesday 4th September confirming arrangements for the trial. We would envisage commencing this provision on Monday 10th September.

Trophy winners

At our final assembly, we gave out trophies to mark the achievements of some of our pupils.

Congratulations first of all to our Sports' Day winners:

- Alex and Tessa for the Imps' Class flat races
- Dylan and Ella for the Pixies' Class flat races
- Oakley and Tabitha for the Elves' Class flat races
- Dylan and Vanessa for the Hobbits' Class flat races
- Eliy and Ellie for the Dragons' Class flat races
- Kai and Nicole for the Griffins' Class flat races

- Rafael and Emma for the Unicorns' Class flat races
- Eliey, Vanessa, Kai and Emma for the Long Distance races

Trophies were also awarded for other forms of achievement:

- The Pauline Pook Caring Cup to Charles in Elves' Class
- The Stella Maris Writing Cup to Isabelle in Unicorns' Class
- The Stella Maris Progress Cup to James in Unicorns' Class
- The Stella Maris Merit Cup to Joseph in Unicorns' Class
- The Stella Maris Good Citizen Cup to Ella in Unicorns' Class

Perfect attendance

Congratulations to the following children who achieved 'perfect attendance' for the whole of this school year (not missing a single day at school):

Imps : Abigail and Tessa
Pixies: Ciara and Maya
Elves: Kimanthi and Lucas
Hobbits: Darci, Leo, Rosie and Roy
Dragons: Kai
Griffins: Nicole and Ray
Unicorns: Evie, Nicki-Louise, Kajus and Isabelle

This is a fantastic achievement for all these children – well done!

Our attendance target this year was 96% for the whole school – **and we hit it!** Well done to you all for your amazing efforts, and let's see if we can hit 96.5% next year!

Very well done to our Pixies - the class 'league table' looks like this:

Imps	96.46%	Pixies	96.86%
Elves	96.64%	Hobbits	95.76%
Dragons	96.66%	Griffins	95.18%
Unicorns	92.84%	Overall	96 %

Staff Changes

Staff for next year are as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Imps	Mrs Felicetti	Mrs Calzolari,
Pixies	Mrs Fleming	Mrs Barden
Elves	Mrs Bain	Mrs Truett
Hobbits	Mrs Jukes & Mr Langley	Mrs Welsh
Dragons	Miss Baker	Miss Gallagher
Griffins	Mr Oleksin	Mrs Dickenson
Unicorns	Miss Moore	Mrs Harrison

Chess Club

During the summer holidays, the Wellbeing Centre will be offering free chess club. The details are:- Wellbeing Centre, Radnor Park, each Saturday 10.30-12

To join in please email; folkestonejuniorchessclub@gmail.com

Ourschoolsapp

Over the past few weeks, we have had a number of parents concerned they are not aware of certain events in the school. Please remember to ensure your notifications are turned on to Ourschoolsapp – this will ensure all parents/carers are as informed as possible. In the new term, the app will be modified so that we can target specific groups of parents and children.

Time to say goodbye

The end of the summer term is a huge milestone in the lives of our Year 6 children. Time to leave Stella Maris and embark on their secondary school careers!

An important part of the process of marking this memorable occasion was our Leavers' Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Guildhall Street. The children read beautifully, filled the church with wonderful singing, and each member of Unicorns' Class received a very special Nicaraguan cross to remind them of their time at Stella Maris

- May there always be work for your hands to do.
- May your purse always hold a coin or two.
- May the sun always shine upon your window pane.
- May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
- May the hand of a friend always be near to you and
- May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



