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First Holy Communion

Dear Families,

3rd May, 2019

I thought it might be useful to confirm some information ahead of the First Holy Communion day which will take place for our Year 4 children on Saturday 15th June at 10.00 am.

Dress Code

Boys – Traditionally wear black or grey school-style trousers, a white shirt and a communion tie (Please complete the slip below if you would like to order the tie). In the past, some boys have worn a suit or a waistcoat.

Girls – Traditionally wear a white dress.

Rehearsal

The children will have a rehearsal held at the church in the week leading up to the First Holy Communion day. They will travel to church by coach - we will send confirmation of arrangements nearer the time.

Seating

Each family will be allocated half of a pew in church which will allow 4-6 people to sit. The seating plan will be drawn randomly in school by the children themselves and we will inform families of where they have been allocated at the final parents' meeting in the church hall (Monday 10th June, 7pm). We hope to sit all of our Communion families downstairs; there is additional seating upstairs and in the day chapel for any extra family members/friends.

Communion Breakfast

Once the children have been led in to the church hall straight after the service, they say a prayer and a celebratory breakfast is served. This is a light snack as we appreciate families often have their own plans. Everyone is also invited in to the church hall for tea, coffee and biscuits and families are welcome to leave as soon as children have finished their breakfast.

School Photographer

Our school photographer will be in school on Monday 17th June to take your child's photo in Communion clothes both individually and as a class. This will happen first thing in the day so please remember to send your child with their entire outfit. The catechists have arranged a private photographer for the day who is available to take photos of your child and family at church. Details of this will also be given at the final parents' meeting.

Going Forth Mass

Children are encouraged to attend a Going Forth Mass on Sunday 23rd June at 10:00am – they can wear their Communion clothes if they wish during this service.

If you have any other queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Bailey, Year 4 class teacher.

Holy Communion Ties

Child's Name

I do require a tie for my child and will arrange payment via parent pay of £5.00. The Payment will be made available for payments on return of the slip

Signed Name

