

23 May 2023

Dear Parents,

Speech Day: Thursday 6 July 2023

With half term on the horizon, thoughts are turning to our end of term activities and in particular Speech Day on Thursday 6 July 2023. This is a lovely event, and an opportunity for all our children from Upper Nursery to Year 6 to be together as we celebrate the successes and achievements of our school community.

Speech Day is traditionally very well supported by our parents and we welcome everyone to attend. We do not inform parents of children of the award winners in advance, as we are there to celebrate all our children, regardless of those receiving specific awards.

I'm sure that lots of you will be particularly keen to spend some time saying your goodbyes to Mr Groves, as although he remains in post until the end of August, this will likely be your last opportunity to wish him well in his retirement in person.

With this in mind, for the first time, the Friends of St Faith's will be running a cash bar after Speech Day, so you can enjoy your cream tea alongside a drink or two. We also warmly invite you to bring picnics should you wish, so that we can celebrate the end of term and spend time together before we head into the Summer holidays.

Speech Day typically finishes by 4pm, and our grounds and bar will remain open until 6pm for all our families to enjoy a relaxed way to mark the end of this academic year.

Pupils must wear full school uniform, including blazers. Dress code for adults is smart casual (no jeans or trainers please). Parking will be available on the field, and the gate will be opened at 1.40pm - **please do not arrive earlier**. You will be able to enter the Marquee from 1.45pm.

Prizes will be presented by Mrs Rooke and Mrs Bartlett, mothers of our Head Boy & Head Girl.

Whilst all are welcome, we do please ask you not to bring very small children who may struggle to be quiet during the speeches.

We shall send out a form asking you to let us know if you are attending nearer the time, but in the meantime please do save the date in your diaries to join us for both Speech Day and drinks afterwards.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Coombs
Deputy Head (Academic)