Dear Parents,

First of all, I just want to say that I haven’t abandoned ship and hope to be back at Sunday’s Cool very soon! This slipped disc is proving very stubborn but I am pleased to say that over the past couple of weeks there has been considerable progress. I am just hoping it won’t be too long before I can sit down again!! What it does show, however, is that we have a fantastic, dedicated team who have all taken on extra to ensure the smooth running of Sunday’s Cool. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking them for all they are doing with special thanks to Nicky Lawrence for all the extra she is doing.

There are a few things coming up which I am sure you wouldn’t want to miss out on!

 **Big Brekkie!**

**Come and enjoy a fabulous breakfast before the Family Service.**

**Sunday, 20th May 8.45am Tudor Hall.**

**Donations to Christian Aid Week Appeal**

**“Rebuilding Homes in Haiti”**

Please see Ros Thunder for a cloakroom ticket so we know how many people to cater for or call Hilary on 400087

**A lovely way to start the day and a great coming together of the church family on Pentecost.**

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**Can you put together a smiley bag for a child or teenager in Syria?**

Hundreds of thousands of children are being robbed of their innocence, their happiness, and their education. Each Smiley Bag filled with toiletries, underwear, stationery, toys, and love, will bring a little joy to one of these children.

**You can always put a bag together with another family.**

**Take a bag from Nicky and a list of things that need to be included**

**Please remember to put £2 in an envelope to help cover transport and return by Sunday, 20th May.**

Find out more about ‘Smiley Bags’ by visiting [www.samarasaidappeal.org/childrens-bags](http://www.samarasaidappeal.org/childrens-bags)

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**Confirmation**

Our older children have started following a course, exploring their faith and preparing them to be confirmed if they feel ready for this step. Please pray for them as continue on their spiritual journey.

The Confirmation Service will be at The Family Eucharist on Sunday, 1st July. Please put this date in your diary as it is a very special occasion for our young people and it would lovely to have as many of us there as possible, supporting them.

If any of you are thinking that you too would like to be confirmed, or would like the opportunity to explore your faith further, please call Gill in the office (456461) for more information or speak to Michael.

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**Cuckoo Fair**

Come and find us on our stall. Make a bird feeder, play the marble challenge and get creative with beads!

**Monday, 7th May**

**FYI** Family Service 6th May 9.45am. Come ready to do some building!

 Family Eucharist to celebrate Pentecost (after The Big Brekkie!) Sunday, 20th May 9.45am

With every good wish,

Hilary and the Sunday’s Cool Team.