



# St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

22nd April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children continue to be busy as we enter the Summer Term.

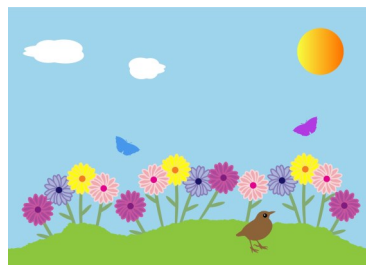
I should firstly like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Thompson who is the new teacher in Reception class. Mrs Thompson has already been a hit with the children.

This term we are focussing on further improving attendance and punctuality with the support of Alana Trathen, the school's Education Welfare Officer. Some of you may have seen her on Monday when she was meeting parents and children who were arriving after 8.50am.

I would like to take this opportunity to politely remind parents that pupils should be at school by 8.50am, so that they can register in class to avoid getting a late mark. Arriving on time helps to ensure that pupils have a smooth start to the school day and it avoids causing disruption to their own and others' learning.

If your child is unwell, we would like parents to inform the school office (Tel: 01736 330005) by 9.30am.

Many thanks for your continued support.



## School Camp:

If you haven't done so, please remember to pay for your child's school camp as it is fast approaching. Please make sure that payments are in a labelled envelope: child's name and class.

Thank you.



## Reminder!

School is closed on the 2nd May (Bank Holiday) and 27th May (INSET).

Last day of term:

20th July—1.30pm finish

## RE for this half term

Children will be encouraged to understand how Christians respond to Easter events and how the early Christians may have felt. They will learn about the symbolism and services around Easter. This leads into 'Pentecost and Mission' which follows those first Christians and how they spread the Good News with the help of the Holy Spirit.



## Visitor to Class 1

Class 1 had a special visitor who led them through the Jewish celebration of Sabbath in the family home. Pat and Mandy explained the meanings and actions involved in the special meal and they gave us some bread to eat too.

The class were congratulated on their efforts and outstanding behaviour.

## Purple Day

Thank you to all of you who provided and/or purchased sweet delights to raise money for Epilepsy Awareness.

I am pleased to tell you that **£97.70** was raised!

Masses for the Summer Term:

Thursday 26th May: in school,  
Mass of Our Lady at 2.00pm

Wednesday 29th June: in church,  
St Peter and St Paul at 10.00am

Tuesday 19th July: in school,  
Leavers' Mass at 2.00pm

Please pray for the First Holy Communicants who make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 28th May at the 5.00pm Mass at Church.



## Home School Agreement

We still have a few outstanding Home School Agreements. Please could you return it to your child's class teacher asap. Please just ask if you need another copy.



## Attendance HERO

This week during our whole school assembly we began to explore how important it is for all children to be punctual and attend school regularly.

We are encouraging all of our children to be an "Attendance HERO"

Here

Everyday

Ready

On time!

Every

week the

class with the highest attendance will be awarded with the school's new Attendance HERO trophy.

The children were very excited and keen to win the trophy!

I am pleased to announce that this week's winners are:

**Class: 6 with 98%**



## Last week's stars!

Reception: Amelia-Grace

Year 1: Evie

Year 2: Harry

Year 3: Victoria

Year 4: Shania

Year 5: Klaidas

Year 6: Sofia



## This weeks star pupils are:

Reception: Dylan

Year 1: Violet

Year 2: Noah WJ

Year 3: Thomas

Year 4: Ella

Year 5: Riley

Year 6: Kyal



## Attendance: aiming for a minimum of 95%

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
79.6%	96.3%	89.2%	96.8%	90%	90%	98%

