



St Mary's Catholic School

Issue 1

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Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ Diary Dates
- ♦ Job Vacancies
- ♦ Macmillan Coffee Morning

End of the school day:

When you are collecting your child at the end of the school day, could you please wait behind the red line until your child's class go to their painted shape.

Reception will go to their gate

Year 1: Square

Year 2: Triangle

Year 3: Circle

Year 4: Rectangle

Year 5: Pentagon

Year 6: Hexagon

Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated to ensure the safety of our children.

Star of the Week



Our first awards were given out in Celebration Assembly this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Kaleb

Year 1: Logan

Year 2: Thomas

Year 3: Megan

Year 4: Kirsten

Year 5: James

Year 6: Sammy

School Uniform

If you require any new school uniform this will be on sale from the School Office, between 8.30am to 3.30pm.

We also now have clip on ties as requested by some parents. These will be on sale for £3.75.



Dear All

Myself and the staff would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back after the summer break. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your kind welcome messages. I am very much looking forward to my time at St Mary's. The children seem to be ready to learn and all look very smart in their uniforms. They have all settled well with their new teachers and teaching assistants. I would particularly like to welcome all the pupils that have joined St Mary's this term. We have new pupils across the school and of course our Nursery and Reception pupils.

For Year 6 this is set to be their very last year at St Mary's before moving on to pastures new and they are very aware that we are looking to them to set the best possible example that they can. They have already demonstrated an enthusiasm for accepting roles of responsibility.

We also have a new member of staff to welcome: Miss Taylor who is our new Year 4 class teacher. Several members of staff have new responsibilities:

Mrs Barnard is now our Assistant Headteacher and SENCo. We have introduced phase leaders as a first point of contact should myself or Mrs Barnard not be available. Miss Correnti is our EYFS Lead, Miss Pascoe is our KS1 Lead, Mrs Barnard is Lower KS2 Lead and Miss Tarbet is Upper KS2 Lead. All our Leadership team, which includes myself, Mrs Barnard and our phase leaders are available if you have anything you wish to discuss. This can be done by making an appointment via the School Office.

I look forward to getting to know you all and your children over the coming weeks!

Best wishes

Demelza Bolton

Clubs

We have got 2 clubs on offer this half term which will start the week after next.

KS1: Multi Skills with Miss Pascoe on a Monday, 3.15-4pm

KS2: Choir with Mrs Smith and Mrs Thompson on a Tuesday, 3.15- 4pm

Please could your child see the teacher running the club to get a letter if they are interested in taking part.

Class Attendance



Each week classes have the opportunity to win attendance prizes and a trophy for the best attendance and least number of recorded lates. The successful classes will appear in the Newsletter.

At St Mary's we believe that success at school starts by being present and punctual if children are to obtain maximum benefit from the many opportunities the school provides. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. Absences can also affect a child's relationship with other children and his or her ability to form lasting friendships. It can affect a child's confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.

We will work with parents to ensure that all pupils achieve maximum possible attendance and that any problems that impede full attendance are identified and acted on as soon as possible.

Homework

In response to parent feedback we have reviewed the way we set homework.

At the beginning of the new term all children will be given a homework booklet, which will be full of homework activities linked to their topic. This will allow children and parents more flexibility and choice when completing homework and provide opportunities to be creative across a range of curriculum subjects. More information on this will be provided at the Meet the Teacher meetings and the children will receive their first booklet next Friday.

Parent/Emergency Contact Details

Please can parents/carers ensure that we have up to date contact information for pupils. When children are feeling unwell at school and parents/carers need to be contacted, it is important we have telephone numbers to hand.

Thank you.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Our next PTA meeting is being held at school on Thursday 15th September at 10am. If you are able to join us to discuss forthcoming fundraising events, you are very welcome.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to invite our parents and carers to join us in celebrating the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to support the Macmillan Cancer Charity on Friday 30th September at 10am. Tea or Coffee & a slice of cake will be available with a suggested donation of £1.

Additional cakes will also be available for sale.

More details to follow shortly.

Vacancies

We currently have 2 support staff vacancies in school.

Please see our website or the notice board for details.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2016

Monday 12th September	Y3	Meet the Teacher meeting—2.50pm
Tuesday 13th September	Y6	Meet the Teacher meeting—2.50pm
Tuesday 13th September	Y3	Royal Cornwall Museum trip
Tuesday 13th September	Y1	Meet the Teacher meeting—2.50pm
Wednesday 14th September	Whole School	Start of School Year Mass—Church 10am
Wednesday 14th September	Yr 5	Meet the Teacher meeting—2.50pm
Wednesday 14th September	Yr 2	Meet the Teacher meeting—2.50pm
Friday 16th September	Y4	Meet the Teacher meeting—2.50pm
Friday 16th September	Rec and Nur	Meet the Teacher meeting—2.30pm
Saturday 24th September	Y6	Super Saturday at Humphry Davy School
Friday 30th September	Parents and Carers	McMillan Coffee Morning—10am
Tuesday 4th October	Y6	Open Day and Evening at Humphry Davy School
Wednesday 19th October	KS1	Harvest Festival—2.30pm in school
Thursday 20th October	KS2	Harvest Mass—9.30am in school

Mon 24th October to Fri 28st October All Half Term holiday

Monday 31st October All Return for second half Autumn Term

Friday 4th November All INSET DAY—School closed

Monday 19th December to Tuesday 3th January Christmas Break

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Wednesday 4th January	All	Return for Spring Term
Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February		Half term holiday
Monday 20th February	All	Return for second half Spring Term
Monday 13th March	All	INSET DAY—School closed

Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April Easter Break

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April	All	Return for Summer Term
Friday 26th May	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June		Half term holiday
Monday 5th June	All	Return for second half Summer Term
Wednesday 26th July	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Thursday 27th July	All	Break up for the Summer Holidays