



St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

29th January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we began to implement Read, Write Inc (RWI) which is a phonics programme, mainly for pupils in reception and KS1. The programme is used in over a quarter of primary schools in the UK and it is designed to create fluent readers, confident speakers and fluent writers.

Children work in small groups, for twenty-three minutes a day. These groups are led by our trained staff and the sessions are very hands on and fun. All of the children have responded very positively and when asked what they thought of RWI a child in year 1 said "It's fun and I am learning lots already."

Best Wishes, Mrs Herbert

NSPCC Visit to Years 5 and 6.

Peter, from Childline, came to visit us on Thursday 21st January to talk about the different types of abuse and how we need to feel safe at all times.

Peter gave us contact details of Childline who we can talk to at any time — they are open 365 days per year. We can call them if we need help and we can talk to them confidentially.

Aoife Mooney (Year 6)

School Uniform:

Pupils at St Mary's recently reported, during pupil conferencing, that they were very proud of their uniform. The vast majority of pupils are wearing the appropriate school uniform, however we have started to notice that a few children are not wearing all of the appropriate school uniform.

Just to remind you that children should wear black school shoes (not trainers), the correct school jumper and either a school polo shirt or a white shirt with a school tie.

Jumpers, polo shirts and ties can be purchased from the school office.

Many thanks for your support.



Reminder!

A polite request. Please avoid sending your child(ren) to school with food that contains nuts/peanuts as we have children with severe nut allergies.

Thank you!

Nuts

Emergency School Closures:

Important
Message

In the event of bad weather, we strongly recommend that you listen to updates on BBC Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM or Heart FM for up to date information on school closures which will also be posted on the radio stations websites. We will endeavour to contact all parents via the school texting system which sends a message to parent's mobile phones. If you have recently changed your mobile number, please inform the school office.

In the event for example of heavy snow during the school day, you the parents are in the best position to assess the road conditions etc. where you live. If you need to collect your child early then this is acceptable. The school will remain open until all pupils have been collected.

Accelerated Readers:

Pupils in Key Stage 2 (Classes 3 to 6) continue to participate in the Accelerated Reader programme. AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child chooses a book at his/her own level and reads it at their own pace.

When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read. AR gives children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. AR makes reading a much more enjoyable experience for most children as they can choose books that are interesting to them.

Your child(ren) will receive a certificate...

You can help your child(ren) to progress more rapidly by listening to them read regularly at home and by talking to them about what they have read and understood.

Car Park:

I am sorry to say that we have had a number of complaints this week regarding before school and after school parking.

We do ask all parents/carers to be considerate to our pupils and other car users.

Please do not park/stop on pavements or on the round about directly outside of the school. Doing so will cause an accident which may end up causing a serious injury.

We have informed the police of our concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Breakfast Club!

Miss Durham and Mrs Savage run our breakfast club on a daily basis: 8.00am-8.55am and is available for pupils from nursery to year 6.

This week we had an unannounced hygiene inspection and I am thrilled to tell you that the school was awarded 5/5 gold stars!

There is no need to book, just turn up before 8.30am if breakfast is required. Each session costs £2.50.



Last weeks star pupils were:

Reception: Michael

Year 1: Brooke

Year 2: Lyra

Year 3: Liliana

Year 4: Josh

Year 5: Kieran

Year 6: Toby



Safer Internet Day:

This year's Safer Internet Day is due to take place on February 9th. The purpose of this day is to teach children how to keep safe and also how to use the internet in a responsible manner. We will be celebrating this day by undertaking a number of fun activities and awareness raising sessions during the week and we hope you will also become involved.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

We will also be inviting parents/carers in to school to explore how you can ensure you know how to keep your child(ren) safe. Two sessions (with a twist) will be held at various times on:



Wednesday 10th February

Further details next week!

This weeks star pupils are:

Reception: Harley

Year 1: Neeve

Year 2: Liam

Year 3: Kirsten

Year 4: Cameron

Year 5: Byron

Year 6: Katie



Mts Bay Holiday Soccer Club!

For further information go to:

www.mbfdc.co.uk



Attendance: aiming for a minimum of 95%

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.3%	91.6%	98.0%	93.1%	85.8%	94.3%	91.5%