



St Mary's Catholic School

Growing together in knowledge, faith and love

27th April

2018



Star of the Week



These awards are given out in Celebration Assembly every Friday

Week 1

- ★ Reception: Louise
- ★ Class 1: Lottie M.
- ★ Class 2: Amon
- ★ Class 3: Evie
- ★ Class 4: Kiara
- ★ Class 5: Hania
- ★ Class 6: Chae

Week 2

- ★ Reception: Tallula
- ★ Class 1: India
- ★ Class 2: Zuzanna
- ★ Class 3: Morgan
- ★ Class 4: Keeley
- ★ Class 5: Justin
- ★ Class 6: Cameron

English Experts

- ★ Class 1: Archie for super descriptive dinosaur writing.
- ★ Class 2: Jessica for showing resilience in the SPaG quiz and never giving up.
- ★ Class 3: Henley for writing perfect speech punctuation in his writing.
- ★ Class 4: Jack for showing great perseverance when completing his extended writing.
- ★ Class 5: Keisha for fantastic story writing.
- ★ Class 6: Lyla for scoring 40 out of 50 on her mock reading SAT paper. Well done!

Maths Masters

- ★ Class 1: Natan for great work with mathematical affrays.
- ★ Class 2: Dylan for showing fantastic independence when adding and subtracting 2, 2 digit numbers.
- ★ Class 3: Deina for trying really hard with equivalent fractions this week!
- ★ Class 4: Neve for confident work with equivalent fractions
- ★ Class 5: Perry for showing resilience and solving problems using thousandths.
- ★ Class 6: Abigail for making a huge amount of progress in all her maths mock SAT tests. I'm so proud of you! Well done!



Dear All

Some days recently it has been difficult to tell whether we are in the Winter or Summer Term due to the weather however, as we are in the Summer term, please could you ensure your child has a named water bottle and sun hat in school. If suncream needs to be applied please could you do this before school.

In this newsletter there is a reminder of our school summer uniform. The children are welcome to wear either winter or summer uniform but please could you ensure that they are wearing the correct colour uniform. In particular, summer dresses which are **yellow** for St Mary's and may be checked or striped.

Last week we started 'Ice Cream Friday' which was very popular and we will be continuing with this every Friday after school, come rain or shine! The proceeds of this will go towards much needed equipment in school.

There are lots of fun activities and parent visits booked for the summer term (particularly the second half) and we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible but please do look on our school website and latest newsletter in case of any changes.

On Thursday this week, the children in Year 2 were part of a DfE trial for SPAG (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) KS1 SATs. The children were an absolute credit to the school and the invigilator commented on how well behaved the children were and what a friendly school St Mary's is. As it was the credibility of the test being tested, not the children, there will not be a score that we can share with parents.

Important Dates

Our Phonics Screening week for Year 1 children will be taking place wb 11th June, KS1 SATs will be taking place wb 8th May and our KS2 SATs, wb 14th May. Please could you ensure your child is prompt to school during those weeks. We would like to welcome Year 6 children during their SATs week into school early for a SATs breakfast at 8am so that they are ready to begin at 9am.

Many thanks
Demelza Bolton
Headteacher

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

The national figure for attendance is 96%

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| Reception | 91.9 | |
| Class 1 | 100 | 1st  |
| Class 2 | 98.6 | 2nd |
| Class 3 | 96.9 | 3rd |
| Class 4 | 97.4 | |
| Class 5 | 96.9 | |
| Class 6 | 96.5 | |
| Overall school | 95.1% | |

Our school target is 96.5%

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will take place on 1st May at 3.30pm. We would like to start organizing the Summer Fayre.

Everyone is welcome.

Parent assembly dates for next half term at 90am.

June 12th - Year 1

June 19th - Year 2, followed by parent workshop

June 26th - Year 3

July 3rd - Year 4

July 10th - Year 5

July 17th - Year 6 performance in the evening

The summer term (particularly the second half) is always extremely busy to although we have given an indication of some key dates these may need to change (and more will be added) so please keep an eye on later Newsletters and our website diary dates.

Toys

Please could you support the school by not allowing your child to bring in their own toys from home. We cannot be responsible for toys being lost or broken in school.

Many thanks!

Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind parents that children are allowed to bring healthy snacks into school to enjoy at breaktime. Our tuck shop will also be starting again from Monday. Suitable foods include fruit and (non-chocolate) cereal bars. Children are not allowed to eat sweets, crisps or chocolate during their morning play. Children in EYFS and KS1 are offered, and are entitled to, a free piece of fruit every day.

According to NHS choices a balanced lunchbox should include:

- Starchy foods like bread, pasta, potatoes or rice
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a piece of fruit

Finally, can we remind parents that children should only be drinking water during the day. This should be in a bottle with a sport's lid. These can be purchased from the school office for £1.20.

Cornish Pirates Festival

Last term, Year 5 were lucky enough to have tag rugby training sessions with Sam Teesdale from the Cornish Pirates. Their six training sessions were put to good use at the recent Schools festival at Mounts Bay Academy. All children who took part had a wonderful time and showed true spirit and teamwork.

The children loved wearing the new Sports hoodies and have already asked when they can wear them again!



Animals are used to help children learn about nature and the environment. They can increase pupils' interest in learning. A positive bond between an animal and a child can support academic, social, and emotional growth. Peppa and Snuggles have enjoyed their first visit to St. Mary's this week. The rabbits loved being stroked and fed by some of our children. The bunnies have been thoroughly spoilt!



Summer Fete

Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 30th June. More information will follow. Everybody is welcome!



Sports Day

Sports Day will this year be on Tuesday 22nd May.

KS1 will start at 9.30am

KS2 will start at 1.30pm

These are provisional dates and hopefully the weather will be good enough for this event to go ahead on the planned dates.



Higher Level Teaching Assistant/
Family Welfare Liaison Officer



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Tel: 01736 330005

E-mail: secretary@st-marys-rc-pz.cornwall.sch.uk

Required: 1st September 2018

Salary: Grade F £15,916-£20,138 pro rata

Hours/Weeks per year: 35 hours term time only

We are seeking to appoint a positive and inspiring Higher Level Teaching Assistant/Family Welfare Liaison Officer for September 2018 to cover Maternity Leave.

The successful candidate will:

- Be happy to support the Catholic ethos of our school
- Be committed to creating challenge, excitement, creativity and independence in learning
- Be dedicated to raising standards and be a good role model
- Have excellent organisational and communication skills
- Be dynamic, resilient and hard working with a positive nature
- Be able to work as part of a team and establish positive relationships with pupils, parents, governors and staff

Have a reflective and evaluative approach to their practice

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS Disclosure is required for this post.

The school welcomes and encourages informal visits. Please contact the school secretary to arrange an appointment.

For an application pack please contact Mrs Merriman, our school secretary or download from the school website:

www.st-marys-catholic.eschools.co.uk

Closing date: Tuesday 15th May 2018

Interview date: Thursday 24th May 2018

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

Hours: 5 hours per week, term time only

We wish to appoint two suitably experienced lunchtime supervisors. The post holder will need to be hands on, proactive, and have excellent communication skills. The post requires you to supervise the children both during meal times and the break time afterwards, ensuring their wellbeing and safety.

The hours of work are 12am - 1pm daily, term time only.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Application forms and further details can be obtained from the school office.

We are committed to safeguarding children and the successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

School Uniform and Equipment



Uniform for Reception-Year 6:

| Boys | Girls |
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| <p>Winter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottle green V-neck jumper White cotton shirt Bottle green tie Grey trousers Grey socks Black shoes <p>Summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottle green V-neck jumper Green blazer with emblem (if desired) Gold polo shirt with emblem Grey trousers/shorts Grey socks Black shoes | <p>Winter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottle green cardigan White cotton shirt Bottle green tie Tartan or bottle green tunic or skirt/grey trousers White socks or bottle green/grey tights Black shoes <p>Summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green blazer with emblem (if desired) Yellow checked or striped dress Gold polo shirt with emblem Green cardigan Tartan/bottle green tunic or skirt White socks Black shoes |



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2018

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| Week Beginning 7th and 14th May | Year 2 | SATs weeks |
| Week Beginning 14th May | Year 6 | SATs week |
| Wednesday 16th May | Year 3&4 | Bude Residential Camp |
| Wednesday 23rd May | All | Mass of Our Lady in School 9.30am- Parents welcome |
| Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June | | Half term holiday |
| Monday 4th June | All | Return for second half Summer Term |
| Tuesday 12th June | Year 1 | Parent Assembly |
| Tuesday 19th June | Year 2 | Parent Assembly, followed by parent workshop |
| Tuesday 26th June | Year 3 | Parent Assembly |
| Friday 29th June | All | St Peter and Paul Mass in Church 10am, |
| Saturday 30th June | All | Summer Fete Parents welcome |
| Tuesday 3rd July | Year 4 | Parent Assembly |
| Tuesday 10th July | Year 5 | Parent Assembly |
| Wednesday 11th July | Year 5&6 | Woodland Valley Residential Camp |
| Thursday 19th July | All | Leavers Mass in School 9.30am- Parents welcome |
| Monday 23rd July | All | INSET DAY—School closed |
| Tuesday 24th July | All | INSET DAY—School closed |