



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter –28th June 2024

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## Our Parish Links

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary ....  
We shine and learn as a family of God'

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Sports Day**

What a fantastic day we all had on Tuesday for our sports day and family fun event. We were blessed by the weather and a wonderful turn out from our families. Thank you each and every one of you for making the event such a great success. I have received so many lovely comments about the family atmosphere and the wonderful attitudes of our pupils.



*Sports Day & Summer Fair 2024 – Thank you from the FOSM*

*What a turn out we had for our Sporting Superstars on Tuesday!! We were lucky to have such sunny weather so we could have so many friends and family join us for fun and games!*

*On the day we raised a staggering **£1144.40***

*We are so very proud and would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who ran a stall, cooked, set up, tidied up, bought tickets, and played games. We couldn't have raised such a fantastic amount without each and every one of you spending & supporting us! We'd also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Brogden and her team for all of their hard work!*

*From September, our aim is for every class to get £100 spending pot each year to support their learning e.g. Supplies for taste testing and science experiments, maybe a special book for a new project etc.*

*Our 'long term' goal will be to raise enough to build our very own outdoor classroom, we are arranging for quotes so that we know what we're aiming for - (we'd love it if someone would be able to make us a thermometer board for the front yard so we can keep everyone up to date on our totals!)*

*If you've ever got any ideas for fundraising, events or know anyone who'd like to support us or donate prizes, let us know. As always, if you want to get involved please do come along to any of our meetings or get in touch.*

*Our next event will be supporting St Mary's Got Talent on 11th July, if you can help out on the evening, or in advance we'd love to have you!*

*Have a great weekend!*

*Gill, Michelle, Victoria & Team*

## **Change of school day... DfE requirements**

As you may remember the DfE Proposed a change to school days to ensure that all school openings equated to 32.5 hours. Some schools chose to implement this change this academic year and the Government then changed the effective from date to September 24. At St Mary's, this would mean increasing our school day by 10 minutes effective September 24. This realistically gives us two options:-

Starting at 8.45 (rather than 8.55) or finishing at 3.25 (rather than 3.15).

As a staff, we thought 8.45 would make sense as we greet pupils from that time daily anyway, and bring them into school. This focused slot could be used to enhance learning (Fluency, intensive reading, phonics, fix its etc.)

If you would like to share any views please do approach a staff member and I will, as ever keep you updated.

## **John Bisby Award**

Your child will have brought home a slip to submit an entry to win this special community Award. Please return any applications at your earliest convenience.

## **Forest Schools**

Next week, due to transitions, there will be NO forest school on Monday or Wednesday and the whole school will have a Forest School Fire day and make a '*Summer Smore*' on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

## **St. Mary's Got Talent – 11.7.24 from 5.00 pm**

It is getting close and the excitement is building! Tickets on sale at £2.00 which includes a souvenir programme.

### Dates for your diary

1.7.24 - Our Lady's High School Transition Day

1.7.24 - Whole School Transition Day – Each pupil will spend a day in their 'new class'

5.7.24 – Dress Rehearsal in School – Cans and Crips £1.00

- Class 4 Production photograph and Year 6 Photograph (Red Curl Photography)

8.7.24 - Production – 10:00 am and 4.00 pm

16.7.24 – Rock and River – Year 6 Trip

18.7.24 - Leavers Assembly/ Trophy Presentation at 9.15 am - Leavers Mass at 11.0

## **Helping Hands**

With the support of St. Mary's Parish, we have created a '*Helping Hands Fund*' – This means we have a stock of tinned food / non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little '**Helping Hand**' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

### Celebration Awards

	<b>Faith in Action Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Euan Smith	Martha Robinson	Reggie Hall
Class 2	Maisie Wilson	Phoebe Simpson	
Class 3	Louisa Nelson	Thomas Yates	Edie Robinson
Class 4	Elliott Reid	Elliott Capper	

