



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 28th June 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet another busy week with productions, rehearsals and even whole school fun at Forest School!

Transition Day – 1.7.24

On Monday our oldest pupils got to experience High School on their Transition days and every pupil in school had the chance to spend a day with their new staff and classmates. It was exciting to line up differently, practice and prepare for the year ahead!

We are very proud of the Year 6 pupils for representing us so brilliantly at Our Lady's, Broughton and All Hallows.

Class one also welcomed their new friends for their final visit, and they enjoyed a Teddy Bear's picnic.



Confirmation – 4.7.24

On Thursday evening a group of pupils from Year 6 made their Confirmation and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Michael led this service and shared with the pupils – *Jesus would give them the gift of the Holy Spirit and they would be filled with patience and love.*



We congratulate and send our love and prayers to....

Jonah -St. Luke, Alythia –St. Isabelle, Ella – St. Rose, Felicity- St. Theresa ,Elliott Reid- St. Dominic, Elliott Capper –St. Jude, Tymon – St Jude, Georgia- St. Hannah and Rowan – St. Killian



'Summer Smores'- Whole School Forest Day – 5.7.24

On Friday the entire school had the chance to gather around the Campfire and create a delicious Summer Smore. As you can imagine this was enjoyed by everyonemmmmmmmmmmmmmm



Own clothes day for Florence – Ella J's Cousin – Fundraising for

Alder Hey 15.7.24

Ella J, in Class 4 has asked us to support her in fundraising for a special little lady, her cousin, who is nearly one and has a rare cranial condition.

The School Council and Ella would like to arrange an own clothes day for 15th July – Party clothes and £1.00 donation will go to Alder Hey. Thank you for supporting us

FOSM News and updates

Following on from our announcement last week of our huge total for the Summer Fayre, we'd like to let you know that we made an overall profit of £949.35!!

£195.05 was spent on purchasing hotdogs, buns, Haribo, Ice-pops, cans, game prizes and raffle ticket books.

We raised an additional £30.50 selling the remaining ice pops last Thursday.

Once we have access, we'll also keep you updated to our current bank balance too. We are fortunate that someone is going to make us a thermometer board for the yard to display all of your fundraising totals!

This week we've been shopping to buy crisps and cans of pop for the children to enjoy during the dress rehearsal of Class 4's production of Gladys Baker Gladiator, and for families to purchase during the showings on Monday. These will also be available to buy during the highly anticipated St Mary's Got Talent next Thursday, where we'll also be selling huge delicious pizzas by the slice!

During the shows next week, we'll also have raffle tickets on sale to win some fantastic prizes!

If you have any questions or suggestions please get in touch.

Have a great weekend!!

Gill, Michelle, Victoria & FOSM

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.

Dates for your diary

8.7.24 - Production – 10:00 am and 4.00 pm ** Class 4 pupils stay in school until 4 **

9.7.24 – Class 3 Trip to Martin Mere

11.7.24 – Talent Show from 5.00 pm – TICKET ONLY FULLY SOLD OUT

16.7.24 – Rock and River – Year 6 Trip

18.7.24 - Leavers Assembly/ Trophy Presentation at 9.15 am - Leavers Mass at 11.00

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

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Diana Stec	Poppy Brown	Eli Heslop
Class 2	Jade Beresford	Maisie Wilson	
Class 3	Joey Farley	Maisie Lawson	Annie Nelson
Class 4	Harry Bass	Lillianna Conway	



