



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 20th April 2018

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*Happy are those who hear the word of God
and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to our Summer term and thanks to an improvement with the weather it is starting to feel like Summer is on the way. We have enjoyed a good first week back in school together and this week we have celebrated our new Bishop, Canon Paul Swarbrick. Each class have completed their own activities in school. Class 1 have learnt his name and decorated letters, Class 2 have painted lovely portraits and Classes 3 and 4 are planted bulbs in our prayer area to commemorate this week.



Class 1- Re scheduled Parents Evening - 25.4.18

Class one parents evening will take place next Wednesday 25th of April from 1.00 p.m. Signing up sheet remains available in the school entrance Foyer Class one Parents will have the opportunity to complete the Parental Questionnaire also during this visit.



We are Reading in Lancashire and at St Mary's!

Thank you for all the wonderful photos of your extreme reading over the Easter holidays, they are absolutely fantastic! We have had reading on the roof, reading upside down on trampolines and even in a cage!

Next Friday the 27th April we will have our first 'We are Reading' event in school. Children are asked to come to school in their pyjamas, bring their favourite bed-time story and a teddy bear to cuddle. We will be holding lots of story sessions throughout the day. I'm sure it is going to be wonderful fun.



School Council's Town Hall Visit

On Thursday 20th April the School Council visited the Town Hall to attend a meeting. Whilst there we put a question to Preston City Council about how everyone can look after the environment by recycling plastic. Christopher Holland Bass read the question to a packed Council chamber and even managed to get a standing ovation. I was incredibly proud of all the children for their behaviour and interest in this important topic. An article about our visit is in today's Lancashire Evening Post! - *Mr M Taylor*



"The children have left to a round of applause. They got a standing ovation, they were brilliant, well behaved and polite as usual. Christopher was a star; he was confident and spoke brilliantly. I cannot tell you how proud I am. My fellow Councillors and the Officers have all paid compliments to the children. "This is a way forward for our children", it was said today, "they are the teachers and we were the pupils."-

Councillor Christine Abram

Medication in School

As is inevitable at this time of year we have a number of bugs and illnesses and as a consequence an increased amount of medication in school. A full copy of our medication policy is available and should you require any further information please ask a staff member. As ever, we wish to work closely with you to ensure we can enable pupils to attend school when well enough and to sustain regular attendance.

Below are some key points about administration of medication in school;

- Medication can only be accepted if prescribed by a Doctor (must have a dispensing label with the child's name) and received in the original packaging with the original leaflet. For medication without a box the bottle must have the information leaflet/ label attached
- Medication can only be administered if the appropriate paperwork has been completed and needs to be handed into the office and collected by an adult
- Medication such as Antibiotics can only be administered in school if stated that it should be given 4 times a day and we will only administer this once daily
- For new medications the first dose must be given by the parent/carer and they must observe for 15 minutes to ensure no reactions
- New advice states all pupils under 12 with an Asthma Inhaler should have a Spacer in school. Could we ask families to please send spacers into school? These should be labelled with your child's name and be in their original box to keep it clean.

Parking

We are continuing to receive a number of complaints in regard to parking on the road outside of school. Local residents have advised that cars have been double parked making access to their properties difficult. In addition, this makes passing through very difficult, particularly for the school bus and larger vehicles.

We would ask families to use the Smiths Arms car park and walk down to school. Thank you for also ensuring you do not parking on the zig zag lines at the front of school. All this helps to keep our pupils and families safe. The PCSO's will be making unannounced visits and will issue fines to anyone parked on the Zig Zag lines.

Website

We have a new website which has just gone live. The address is www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk and if you go to the old website this will re direct you too!

Over the coming weeks and months we will continue to add to this and improve the content such as the Class pages. Feel free to share your feedback with us.

Appeal for cushions and throws ?

Do you have or know anyone who has large off cuts of material which could be used to in school to re-invigorate our book corners and school library? We also need cushions and beanbags which are in good condition and can be washed as necessary. If you can help in any way please speak to Mrs. Shoulder or Mrs. Oakes.

Friends of St. Mary's – Diary dates

The Friends of St. Mary's will meet on Wednesday 9th of May at 9.00 am in the school Library to plan the Disco. EVERYONE is welcome! If you cannot make the meeting but are available to help before or during the event please catch Hannah Reid on the school yard.

Pyjama Party Disco ~~Thursday 24th May~~ — NEW DATE :Tuesday 22nd May
Key Stage 1 - 5-6pm Key Stage 2- 6.15-7.15pm

Sports Day - Tuesday 12th June from 3.00 p.m.

Friday 15th June - Own Clothes Day - Bring in a Treat (sweets, chocolate, biscuits etc)

Family Treat Bingo Tuesday 19th June

Summer Hawaiian Disco Friday 13th July
Key Stage 1 - 5-6pm Key Stage 2- 6.15-7.15p.m.

100% of all funds raised will go back into school to support our children.

Celebrations Awards

Achievement Award Winner

Class 1	Dante Lewis
Class 2	Sebastian King
Class 3	Alex McKeever
Class 4	Sophie Lovett

Attitude Award Winner

Teddy Abram-Jebb
Jensen Swann
Ethan Taylor
Farrell Carrig

Welfare - Lunch Time Award

Key Stage One

Jessica Eland

Key Stage Two

Alex McKeever

At St. Mary's School we

"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!"