



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 11th May 2018

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



Dear Parent/Carer,

A shorter week in school following our Bank holiday and we hope you all managed to enjoy the sunshine!

First Holy Communion

This Sunday a group of our Pupils will make their First Holy Communion at 10.30 at St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock Church, Cottam. I am sure you will join me in sending our thoughts and prayers as they make this next step on their Faith Journey. We all wish them a very special day.

We remember; Hannah Griffiths, Evie Holland- Bass, Rachel Kennedy, Alex McKeever, Owen Skeffington, Archie Snape, Aria Song, Megan Southworth, Millie Yates, Riley Falconer and Oliver Hodson.



SATs week –Next week

SATs week for Key Stage Two pupils begins on Monday 14th May. This can be a stressful time for pupils but we support and encourage them to do their best and show how brilliant they are!

Tests will take place in the mornings so **it is essential that all pupils arrive punctually and quietly so no pupils are disrupted/ distracted.** It is helpful for pupils to have had a good night's sleep and a good breakfast, as always, to support their concentration.

SATs Breakfast – To help and support our pupils in class 4 a drink and breakfast snack will be available in class 4 from 8.45 am. Class 4 pupils will be allowed to come straight in from the yard after this time.

Holidays and Request for Leave

As we approach the summer term may I remind families of statutory policy in regard to leave. Pupils may only be granted leave in exceptional circumstances.

All request for leave must be made on the official form and will be considered individually by the attendance committee. Please note in line with policy unauthorised holidays can incur a fine.

We thank you for supporting us in ensuring your child(ren) have good attendance.

Homework Journals

Homework journals are due back in school by 21st of May. We look forward to sharing some great examples in Assembly.

Uniform Policy – Summer

As we move into the Summer term please take the opportunity to refresh yourself on our Summer uniform items below in line with our School uniform policy.

BOYS

- Navy blue sweatshirt with school emblem
- Pale blue polo shirt with school emblem
- Dark grey trousers or shorts (smart, tailored)
- Grey or black socks

Suitable Black Footwear (NOT trainers)

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

Except for one pair of stud earrings, jewellery is not permitted. Earrings will need to be removed by your child for PE.

GIRLS

- Navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt with school emblem
- Pale blue polo shirt with school emblem
- Navy blue skirt/pinafore/trousers during winter months (optional)
- Summer: Pale Blue and White dress
- White socks

Suitable Black Footwear (NOT trainers, boots or high heeled/wedged shoes)

Hairstyles for boys must be sensible - not dyed, streaked, shaven or tram-lined.

Hairstyles for girls must be sensible and tied back – not dyed, streaked or extensions.

Hair accessories must be in school colours only.

Sun Cream In School

In order to have sun cream in school your child must have completed a permissions form (this letter has been issued separately). Due to health and safety reasons creams must be applied by the pupil, be provided in a bottle with your child's name and class on and be accompanied by the reply slip. You may wish to apply sun cream before the school day starts.

For warmer days you may wish to send a hat into school for breaks and lunchtimes and an additional drink. As shared previously, pupils are only allowed water in the classrooms and this should be in a bottle with a sports cap. Pupils also have access to the water fountains at all times.

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.

Friends of St. Mary's

The Friends of St. Mary's met on Wednesday 9th of May at 9.00 am in the school Library to plan the PJ Disco and Up and coming Disco. If you were unable to make the meeting but would be willing to help before or during the event please catch Hannah Reid on the school yard.

Your child will have brought a Disco flyer home with all the information and you can pay for the Disco now. We are trying to ensure we are eco friendly and so this we will not have paper tickets. Please fill in the form and return to school asap so we know how many to cater for and all names will be added to a list for the night.

Pyjama Party Disco Thursday 24th May— ** Back to original day!

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	Attitude Award Winner
Class 1	Freya Stevens	Jonah Maduka
Class 2	Finnley Foxall-Holmes	Mason Dixon
Class 3	Isaac Hurtault	Hannah Griffiths
Class 4	Ava Kilshaw	Lucia Wright
	Welfare - Lunch Time Award	
	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
	Chloe	Alexander

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!”

