



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 21st September 2018

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



Dear Parent/Carer,

Another fun week in school despite the change in weather. We also have lots to share with you next week with our first Wonderful Work Week of the new school year.

EAT Winners - Hothersall Lodge



On Friday we had a fantastic day at Hothersall Lodge despite the terrible weather.

"I liked the Obstacle course and it was fun on the bus. It was nice to do something different"
Elliott Capper - Explore Monster Winner

" On Friday we went to Hothersall Lodge. I loved the gorge and then we got to eat marshmallows. I can't stop thinking about the marshmallows!" Hannah Griffiths - Think Creative Monster winner

" I really enjoyed when we went to Hothershall Lodge I especially liked the mud gorge and I won't lie I fell a few times. We got to toast marshmallows around a fire and they were so good!!" Molly Wight - Active Monster Winner

EAT- Explore, Be active, Think creatively!!

As a whole school we continue to focus upon our EAT initiative.

E- EXPLORE- engage in activities, explore possibilities, show curiosity, show interest and persevere.

A-ACTIVE -focus, concentrate, be fascinated, persist, bounce back if tricky or make mistakes, be proud.

T-THINK CREATIVELY – think of ideas, solve problems, make links, test ideas, review methods.

We want to work in partnership with you so please share any EAT moments you may have with your child at home, big or small!!

These can be posted in the EAT box and each half term we will have a prize draw. You can send in as MANY moments as you like –the more times slips go in, the more chance your child/ children have to win!!

Children will have brought a slip home and more slips are available from school. We look forward to sharing how our pupils develop these skills in our Celebration Assemblies!!

MACMILLAN–Worlds biggest Coffee Morning – St. Marys Church – 7.10.18



Please see below an invitation to join St. Mary's Parish for their Macmillan Coffee Morning.

I would also like to invite the school to a Macmillan coffee morning that we are holding after mass (9 -10 am) on Sunday October 7th in the church annex. So many of us have had cancer affecting our lives in one way or another and want to do something to help. You're welcome to bring cakes if you'd like and come and join in the fun! With best wishes ,Janet Bisby.

Wonderful Work Week

Next week is our first Wonderful Work Week. For those families new to us this means that your child will complete all their learning within this one book so you get the chance to see a snapshot of the variety of learning that has taken place. Books will also have a comments sections so you and family /friends can add special comments for your child.

We would ask that books are returned the following week ready for the Spring Wonderful work week.

Big School Adventures - Coming Soon!

We have had a few enquiries already about our Big School Adventures session. This is a free session for pre-school children aged 3 and above and is an invaluable opportunity for children to come along and experience school life. It has been very successful and has really grown. It has had a very positive impact on the pupils who have joined reception class enabling a very smooth transition into school. **Sessions re start at 1.15 pm Thursday 4th October**. Please ask if you need any further information.

Parents Evening

The Autumn Parents evening has been set for Tuesday 16th October. Please do come along and use this invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher(s). Signing up sheets are in the Entrance Foyer next week. Please come into school to book your time slot.

Poor Weather

As the Weather begins to change could we ask that all children have a suitable coat and/ or waterproof in school for breaks and lunchtime. Occasionally PE lessons will take place outside and children will need a spare jumper and, in line with our uniform policy, may wear Navy jogging bottoms. Thank you for your co-operation.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Your child will have brought home a letter offering the Extra Curricular Clubs. Please note clubs are offered on a first come first served basis.

We do ask that if pupils join clubs they are attend **every week** and we thank you in advance for supporting this commitment. May I once more take the opportunity to thank all our staff for being so generous in giving up their time to provide such a fantastic range of extra curricular opportunities for our pupils.

Medication in School

As the weather begins to change it is inevitable 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.

Supervision and Collection

May we ask for your continued support and co-operation in ensuring the safety and well being of all pupils both at the start and end of the school day.

Staff will be on the yard from 8.45 to collect pupils. Before this time pupils are not supervised.

At the end of the school day all families are asked to come into the school grounds to collect pupils. Pupils will not be allowed to leave the playground without an adult even if that adult may be visible across the road or behind the railings. As you will appreciate the pavements and roads can get very busy with passing traffic and as such accidents could happen. We thank you for your support and understanding.

School Reading books

Thank you for your support in ensuring we had all reading books in school in order to update our system. We have ' Book Banded' all our scheme books to provide more variety and challenge. A separate leaflet has been sent which details the book banding system. Mrs. Shoulder, our Literacy co-ordinator will hold an informal drop in session straight after school on Monday 1st of October should you have any specific questions, but as ever, we operate an Open Door system and all staff are available in the mean time if you require any further information.

Fruit pots –Key Stage Two (Years 3,4,5 and 6)

From Next week Mrs. Thompson will offer fresh fruit pots in addition to the toast and crumpets and these will be priced at 30p.

FOSM –Friend of St. Mary’s – Meeting 1.10.18 at 2.30 pm

The FOSM – Friends of St Mary’s wish to welcome all the new parents to our school. We hope you will get involved with us in supporting the school and join in the fund raising events. ALL welcome to our next meeting which will take place in school on Monday 1st October at 2.30pm – a copy of the Agenda is available in the entrance Foyer. Last year our fund raising provided extra supplies for each classroom, transport to the Christmas Pantomime and the Life Bus Experience as well as organised entertainment for the children. With your help we can do even better this next year. We look forward to seeing you and making new Friends.

Hannah Reid- Chair, Chris Abram - Secretary, Christina McKeever - Treasurer

Open day – 8.11.18 from 2.00 - 6.30 pm

We will hold of annual Open Day on Thursday 8th of November from 2.00 pm – 6.30 pm. If you have a child or know of someone with a child due to start in September 2019 please invite them to come along and see our special school. The deadline for applications is the 15th of January 2019 and the site is open for applications currently. Applications are made online via the LCC Website. If you require any further information please feel free to ask us.

Dates For Your Diary

Every Friday 2.45 p.m. Celebration Assembly, everyone welcome
16th October - Parents Evening
22nd – 26th October - Half Term Holiday

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	‘EAT’ Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively
Class 1	Rosie Robinson	Nicholas Bielas-Barnes
Class 2	Henry Stevens	Byron Chambers
Class 3	Sebastian King	Mikey Skeffington
Class 4	Saffron Hakim	Katie Davies
	Welfare – Lunch Time Award	
	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
	Finnley Foxhall-Holmes	Mason Dixon