



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter – Friday 7th September 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 new school year. We have had a lovely first week at school. I am incredibly proud of the children, they have been fantastic and have settled in beautifully to their new classes. The children look smart in their uniforms, have shown lovely manners and have been very welcoming to the new pupils and staff alike. We have talked about our behaviour expectations and our goals for the year ahead and the pupils have taken this on board fully.

We welcome new friends in Reception to our school family;

Harry Bass, Nicholas Bielas-Barnes, Lillianna Conway, Noah Foxall- Holmes,
Eden Heslop, Tommy Holland- Bass, Agatha Holmes, Ella Jackson, Bailey Keighley,
Jack Moyes, Annie Nelson, Freddie Pye, Edie Robinson, Rosie Robinson, Jake Skeffington,
Cody Smith, Deondre Thompson and Elliot Williams.

We also welcome Olivia Halliday into Class 3 and Mrs. Thompson back as school cook in our kitchen. Mrs. Mawdsley joins us temporarily in Class 1.

Canon Adrian shares this prayer with us;



**Heavenly Father,
We ask your blessing at the beginning of a new school year.
Help us to grow in our knowledge and love of you,
and of the beautiful and fascinating world you have created.
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.
Amen**

Mr. Bisby - A special member of our Family-remembered always

We have had to say a sad goodbye to a special member of our school family, Mr. Bisby. He was a Governor at our school for 20 years and helped at both St. Mary's School and Church in so many different ways. He will always hold a special place in our hearts and we will miss him greatly.

We wish to celebrate all he gave to St. Mary's School and as such will have different events and services which we shall share with you.

All children have brought home a sponsor form for Mr. Bisby's Sponsored walk which shall take place on 'Walking Wednesday' - **Wednesday 12th of September from 1.30pm.** Families are warmly welcome to come along and cheer us on. Further forms are available from the school office.

All monies we raise will go to the two charities nominated by Mr. Bisby's families which are Castlerigg Manor and Critical Care at the Royal Preston Hospital. A Memory book is available in our entrance foyer for anyone who wished to add to it.

Parking and Safety

Thank you for continuing to support us we try to ensure the safety of all our pupils. It is important that families park in the Smiths Arms car park at both morning drop off and home time, in order to maintain the safety of all of our children. Do not park in either the coned or zig zagged areas. This is to ensure that pedestrians and traffic - especially the school bus can pass easily and safely.

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.

House Captains

Our House captains for the School new year have been announced in Assembly and they are.....

Matthew: Lucia Wright

Mark: Daniel Cornall

Luke: Jenna Eland

John: Harry Bisby

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school in Wednesday 12th September from 8.30 am . The photographer will take individual and family portraits. If you wish for younger siblings to join the photographs this slot will be from 8.30 am.

Free School Meal - eligibility

As you will be aware pupils in Foundation Stages and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are eligible for a free meal. If you are entitled to free school meals, regardless of year group, we ask that you register this as it brings additional funding into school which can be used to support all pupils.

This information is treated as confidential and just requires a quick phone call!

If you require any support or further explanation please ask Mrs Lofthouse, our Office Manager, who will be happy to assist you.

Uniform and PE Kits

To help us continue to look as smart as we have been this week I ask that families ensure all items of uniform and PE kits are labelled with your child's name. Every year we do end up having to throw a great deal of lost property as items are not claimed/ labelled.

Please ensure any hair accessories worn are school colours only.

Pupils will require a full PE kit in school including trainers for outdoor P.E. and plimsolls for indoor lessons to enable them to take part. As part of your child's 'in school' kit please could we ask that you also send in a spare pair of socks and underwear. Children may need to change for any number of reasons and it is always a more comfortable experience if they are changing into their own clothes.

If you require any additional advice on uniform please see a staff member.

Dates For Your Diary

Every Friday 2.45 p.m. Celebration Assembly, everyone welcome

14th September - EAT Winners Day! Hothersall Lodge

18th September - 9.15 a.m. Welcome & Celebration Mass

16th October - Parents Evening

22nd - 26th October - Half Term Holiday

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively
Class 1	Eden Heslop	Annie Nelson
Class 2	Jaiden Connell	Jack Spickett
Class 3	Oliver Avery	George Stevens
Class 4	Rio Bamber	Jasmine Swann
	Welfare - Lunch Time Award	
	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
	Penny Robinson	Daniel Cornall

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!"

