



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 6th September 2019



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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mrs Charnley's Message

Welcome back to our new school year, it has been lovely to see such happy smiley faces with lots of exciting stories to share about their summer adventures. We have had a lovely first week at school. I am incredibly proud of the children as there is such a lovely calm atmosphere around school. Everyone has settled in beautifully to their new classes, looking smart in their uniforms, showing 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. Having listened to the parable of the Two Builders from Matthew's Gospel we are ready to try everything with the knowledge that they are building strong foundations for the future.

We welcome new friends in Reception to our school family;

Darcey Chambers, Harry Davies, Joseph Farley, Violet Jameson, Orlaith Knott,
Leonidas Koutsokostas, Maisie Lawson, Jessica Moore, Joseph O'Donnell, Meeya Patel,
Isla Pennington and Thomas Yates

I know that, with along with Miss Berry, you are all very special members of our school family.

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

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, please use the car park responsibly by parking inside the lines and being courteous to other users.

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.

Congratulations to Jaiden Connell in Year 3!

During last term, you may remember that some of our children entered into a Diocesan poster competition to commemorate the Year of the Eucharist. I am pleased and very proud indeed, to announce that Jaiden Connell won the Key Stage One category and his work will be on display in Lancaster Cathedral at the Education Mass on Friday 4th October. His work will also be reproduced in a commemorative book. Congratulations Jaiden and very well done!

House Captains

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

Matthew:	Lily-May Purkis
Mark:	Isaac Hurtault
Luke:	Elise Phillips
John:	Ethan Taylor

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school in Wednesday 11th 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 – Have You Registered for Pupil Premium?

As you will be aware pupils in Foundation Stages and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are eligible for a free school meal. Some pupils have a statutory entitlement to free school meals ie those pupils whose parents/carers are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits. The benefits are listed below for information:-

1. Income Support
2. Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
3. Income Related ESA
4. Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
5. Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
6. Child Tax Credit (Income of less than £16,190)
7. Working Tax Credit
8. Universal Credit

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 to remember

Tuesday 1st October – Parents Evening

Friday 18th October – School closes for half-term

Monday 28th October School opens

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively
Class 1	Deondre Thompson	Joe O'Donnell
Class 2	Elliott Reid	Ella Mullarkey
Class 3	Sebastian King	Jack Spickett
Class 4	Oliver Moyes	Hannah Griffiths
	Welfare - Lunch Time Award	
	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
	Tymon Niezgoda	Katie Davies

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!"

