



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another week in which we have been blessed with beautiful sunshine. It certainly feels like we are beginning to enter the summer. Many of our lessons, playtimes and sports sessions have been enjoyed on the field and we hope we continue to be able to enjoy the outdoors. Class 4 have been looking forward to their visit to Haslam Park and I am sure we will have stories to share with you on our next newsletter.

Parent Governor Elections

Just a reminder that the closing date for applications for our Parent Governor Vacancies closes on Monday 26th April at 12 noon. All forms have been sent home. Should you require any further information please contact myself or Mrs. Lofthouse.

Warmer weather

As we are blessed with the sunshine we advise that pupils may wish to bring a sun hat into school which can be worn at break/ play times. Please ensure this is labelled clearly with your child's name.

Pupils are encouraged, as always, to bring in a drink and will have access to this throughout the school day. Drinks bottles must have sports caps and must only contain water. Cordial juices are not permitted in school.

If you wish for your child to bring in their own sun cream they must have completed the separate form (sent today) and the sun cream will remain in school and be stored within their personal trays. Again, to ensure we are working in line with policy and minimising the spread of Coronavirus, sun creams are for individual use only and must be labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you for working with us.

Special Mention- Fundraising for Charity- Eden Heslop Class 2

Eden in class 2 has chosen to have her hair cut and donate this to a charity called 'The Little Princess Trust'.

" I have decided to chop some of my hair off to raise some money for charity and so if any people have some special medicine that makes their hair come off I can send my hair and this can help them" Eden, Class 2

The link to her 'Just Giving' page can be found below if you would like to help her fundraise!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Heslop1?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Emma-Heslop1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=594152a6b2a84297b429810866bf92d6.

School Dinners - Important information

From Monday 7th June 2021 it will be necessary to increase the cost of our school meals from £2.20 per day to £2.35. We have not increased the cost of meals for a considerable time and as the rising costs are passed on to us this small increase is unavoidable. Pupils in Key Stage One (Years - Reception, One and Two) will continue to be entitled to a daily universal free school meal as will pupils eligible for Free School meals.

Next week, as shared, we will move to dinners in the hall. Be assured we will still follow all our stringent safety procedures and pupils will remain within their class Bubble only. This will of course involve a longer, rotating dinner service to ensure smooth transitions but will not reduce the amount of curriculum time.

The menu for the next 3 weeks can be found on our school website. Eating in the hall will further extend the variety of foods we are able to offer and will also enable particularly some of our younger pupils, the chance to develop certain key skills they have not necessarily have chance to practice such as carrying their own trays, using metal cutlery and collecting their own drink so we expect some spills and spills on jumpers!!..... Please bear with us! Pupils choosing to have a packed lunch will also join their class Bubbles in the hall.

Confirmation 13.7.21

Canon Adrian has informed school that it is planned that Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock Church, Cottam. For further information or to put your child forward please collect a form from Church or contact Canon Adrian for further information.

Communion

For those children who had already commenced their Holy Communion preparation prior to Lockdown a meeting for Parents will be held on Thursday 29th of April at 6.00 pm at St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock Church.

For those who had not commenced preparations, are new to our school and/or and those presently in Year 3 preparations will begin from September. Should you require any information in the meantime you can contact Ela Wort via Cottamsvp@outlook.com

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We have had a number of enquiries re when we may be able to resume these clubs in school. At present the advice and guidance we have has not changed and so, as ever we will keep you fully informed.

Once we move through Steps 3 and 4 of the Government Road Map we expect to be able to reflect and review what we are able to offer. We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Uniform and PE Kits- Summer Uniform reminder

As we start our new school term please help us to look as smart as ever by wearing full school uniform. Hair accessories, bobbles, headbands etc. must be small and in school colours only. Trainers may not be worn as uniform and are only permitted for lunchtimes and/ or outdoor PE sessions.

For outdoor PE lessons pupils may wear Navy Zip up tops and/or jogging bottoms. These should be plain and free from large logos.

As the warmer weather returns pupils may of course choose to wear our summer uniform and a reminder of the summer uniform is detailed below;

Boys: T-shirt, Jumper and dark grey tailored shorts and sensible black footwear (not trainers)

Girls: Pale blue checked summer dress, cardigan and sensible black footwear (not trainers)

Hairstyles to be sensible not dyed, shaved or tramlines for boys and for girl's hair accessories –headbands and bobbles must be small and in school colours only.

Should you require any further information please contact a staff member.

Big School Adventures

Big School adventures takes place every Thursday from 1.15 -3.15 pm with rigid safety measures in place as previously.

Numbers are strictly limited and places must be pre booked each week.

Have a look at our weekly activities which can be found under the Pupils tab of our school website!!

Should you require any further information or to book a place please call 01772 729881.

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Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively
Class 1	Maisie Lawson	Harry Shaw
Class 2	Rosie Robinson	Harry Bass
Class 3	Dante Lewis	Henry Stevens
Class 4	Maizie-lei Barton	Hannah Griffiths

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!"

