



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 30th April 2021

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy week in school and I think we have seen all varieties of weather from sun to rain and even hail!!

I hope you all enjoy the Bank holiday weekend and that we are blessed with Sunshine for the extra day off, Monday 3rd May.

Class 4 – Haslam Park Visit



Class 4 had a brilliant trip last week and certainly were blessed with the weather for their outdoor fun!

As well as having fun on our trip with great activities I also enjoyed spending time and getting to know Miss Crosby.

Summer -Leigh Whitlock

Our trip last Friday was brilliant. I really loved canoeing and working together as a team –

Sebastian King

Parent Governor Elections

As per letter voting remains open until Monday 10th May at 12 noon. After this point votes will be counted and the result will be shared.

Ballot boxes will continue to be brought onto the school yard at each 'Bubble' point.

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 play times/lunch time. 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 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.

School Dinners

We enjoyed our first week back in the hall as 'Class Bubbles'. The children have really enjoyed being back in the hall and the great variety of food on offer. A copy of our menu can be found on the school website and, in addition pupils will always be able to choose fresh sandwiches, salad, fruit and jacket potatoes!!



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.

Marian Service – Coming soon - 21.5.21

As many of you will be aware each year we hold a Marian Service a 'Mary' Service as May is the Month of Mary, The Patron Saint of our School.

Typically we would have asked for donations of cut flowers to display around our statue of Mary in the hall and would process across to Church. We would crown Mary with the oldest and youngest pupils in school taking this special honour. This year, in line with current restrictions, we are having to be a little creative so we will have a service within school in our own Bubbles

All Children are invited to wear Blue for Mary on Friday 21st of May.

Each class will create art work and will process around the school field ending at what will be our new Prayer Garden. We wanted to create a permeant celebration of faith and all we have been through so we will be developing a prayer space. We have ordered a beautiful outdoor statue of Mary and are really hoping this arrives in time.

We would like this year to ask for donations of plants and bulbs instead of cut flowers and some willing gardeners to help us! We would ask for donations of plants from Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st May so that these can be planted on this special day.

Non Uniform Day - 7.5.21

On Friday 7th May Pupils may wear their own clothes. We ask for a contribution of £1.00 which will go to school funds. Thank you for supporting us.

Confirmation and Holy Communion

Further information can be found on the St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock website <https://www.standrewscottam.org.uk> under the Sacraments tab on the Homepage.

Class 4 – Time Capsule

Class 4 have created a Covid Time capsule and are looking forward to burying this within the school grounds as a fantastic piece of history!

“In class 4 we wrote letters, collected items and wrote our memories about Coronavirus. We have then buried them in our Time Capsules in a secret location on the school field”

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.

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.

Uniform and PE Kits

As we settle back in to school 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.

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively
Class 1	Isaac Aya	Jamie Bass
Class 2	Harry Davies	Orlaith Knott
Class 3	Elliott Williams	Callum Tennant
Class 4	Joseph Green-Banks	Mason Dixon

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!"



