



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 9th July 2021

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in school we have lots of events and activities such as Life Education, Sports Day and our Leavers picnics. The children have made memories and had lots of fun!

Following the Governments announcements you will be aware that it is planned that we will move to Step 4 on the Road Map out of Lockdown on Monday 19th of July. This will mean a removal of many restrictions we currently have in place. I am sure you will have heard various suggestions through different news channels and social media such as the removal of Bubbles etc. We will, as ever keep you fully updated as soon as we receive final confirmation and guidance from the Department for Education (DFE) and Local Authority.

I appreciate that many changes can bring mixed feelings amongst adults and children alike. For some a sense of joy that we return to a more relaxed 'normal' way of life.....no statutory requirement for face coverings, no Bubbles etc. but, equally for others it can bring a sense of anxiety as the Virus remains.

Please be assured that we will carefully consider all guidance and do what is right for our school and changes will be made carefully and sensitively. We will still maintain hygiene, cleaning and ventilation measures and as ever review local contingency measures.

Learning Summaries – 'Reports'

All Classes will issue Learning Summaries on **Monday 12th July** which will provide information as to where your child is, through assessment, and also providing ideas and next steps. As always should you wish to discuss any matter on this summary please contact your child's class teacher.

School Term Dates – Important!

Additional Holiday Tuesday 7th June see amended holiday list

Just to remind families the last day of term is **Monday 19th of July**. The Holiday dates can be found on the School Website.

The Holiday dates were amended in December following a request from the Department of Education (DFE) to make the last school day of December an INSET Day for Track and Trace purposes. In order to ensure the correct number of openings, school will be open to pupils on Monday 19th July.

Life Education – Monday 5th July - £1.00 per child

On Monday we enjoyed a Visit from Steven , a member of the Life Education team and all pupils enjoyed talking about a range of important topics. Thank you for supporting us with the costs and a special thank you to the Friend's of St. Mary's Team (FOSM) for heavily subsidising the cost.

“ It was fun, I love Harold” William Barton - Class 1

“On Monday we learnt about the different parts of our body by going on a journey inside it! Plus, we learnt that if we didn't have a brain, we would not be able to do anything! It was super exciting to learn about the body and to see Harold again! “

Leah, Byron and Teddy - Class 3

Confirmation

On Tuesday 13th of July a group of pupils in Year 6 will make their Confirmation. We keep them in our prayers; Millie Yates (*Mary*), Alex McKeever (*Peter*), Megan Southworth (*Isobel*), Olivia Halliday (*Maria*), and Evie Holland- Bass (*Francis*) and Rachel Kennedy.

Year 6 Leavers Picnic and Awards afternoon

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon we enjoyed our Leavers Picnic Awards afternoons and these were really special. Whilst we couldn't celebrate in the way we may 'traditionally' do...such as through the Summer Production, Leavers Mass etc. we were delighted to be able to still hold an event that celebrated our fabulous Year 6!

The Year 6 Leavers worked incredibly hard to prepare cakes, sandwiches and treats for their families and even personalised a decorated plate. The staff prepared Leavers books for our pupils to share and treasure and all pupils were presented with a gift, certificate and a trophy celebrating the Awards.

We are incredibly proud of all our leavers, each of them unique, each with particular talents and below you can see the Awards that were allocated;

<u>Award</u>	<u>Year 6 Leaver</u>
RE Award	Rachel Kennedy
English Award	Hannah Griffiths
Mathematics Award	Evie Holland Bass
History Award	Isaac Davis Hutchinson
Science Award	Alex McKeever
ICT Award	Calvin Maduka
Creative Arts Award	Luna Taylor Price
PE Award	Riley Falconer
Overall Excellence Award	Millie Yates
Resilience Award	Olivia Halliday
Citizenship Award	Owen Skeffington
Endeavour Award	Max Scudamore
Outstanding Conduct Award	Megan Southworth
E.A.T Award	Cherry Davis



A special thank you to Miss Crosby and Mrs. Oakes for all their hard work and to our Year 6 families for coming along to support us. Year 6 Leavers may sign shirts on Friday 16.7.21 and may wear Leavers Hoodies on their last day Monday 19th July.

Bubble Sports Day

On Thursday we held our Sports Day 'with a twist' as we completed this as a Bubble. It was lovely to be able to ensure pupils had this experience and a lot of fun was had by all!! We had a variety of events from sprint, to relay to javelin and obstacle and Dan our Coach from AFC Fylde was on hand to oversee the event!







Forest School Shop – Class 1

The Forest School Shop will be open on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th of July
Class 1 will have Woodland Desk Buddies for sale priced at £1.00 each and using our very own Willow they have created Willow Weave fish priced at £1.00 in line with our Under the Sea topic!

At present items are for sale from Class 1 to Class 1 Families only but we hope to make more items to help us fundraise in the near future!! All monies received will go back into our Forest Schools Fund to help with supplies of tools and items needed.

Thank you as ever for your support!



Book Bags

Pupils may bring their school Book Bags to school when they are needed for example on a Monday when they return books and collect new ones. In order to minimise items from home please only use if you feel your child needs to. Thank you

Uniform

Pupils are reminded that long hair should be tied back and hair accessories must be small and in school colours only. **Trainers are not permitted unless individual permission has been sought (e.g. a temporary measure on medical grounds).**

At this point of the school year ALL pupils should be wearing summer uniform.

Please can we remind families that socks must be in school colours.

New Item..... 'Bang Bang' Uniform Suppliers now stock a navy PE Hoody priced at £14.99Perfect for outdoor PE sessions and as we move towards Forest Schools status. Also if you spend £40.00 at 'Bang Bang' on uniform you will receive 25% Discount!

Big School Adventures

Big School adventures will resume from October as the remaining sessions form the Induction for the new Reception intake.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers Trip to CN Water Sports , Pine Lake

Monday 19th July - School finishes at 3.15 p.m.

Thursday 2nd September - School re-opens

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Isla Pennington	Isaac Aya	Jamie Bass
Class 2	Nicholas Bielas Barnes	Ella Jackson	Nabila Malek
Class 3	Ella Mullarkey	Jonah Maduka	Macie Dixon
Class 4	Chloe Gildea	Evie Holland-Bass	Charlie Whitehead

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!"

