



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,

A warm welcome back to all after our Easter holiday and I hope you all had some wonderful family times in the sunshine – From Easter hunts, to holidays, picnics and park trips we have enjoyed listening to all the exciting things everyone got up to.

We return to start our Summer term in school – An action packed term in which we are blessed with sunshine (and quite often showers) and the signs of new life all around us – A very special example of this can be seen below.....

A Visit from Two Baby Lambs

On Thursday we were very excited to meet two wonderful lambs Ted and Missy. Farmer Royles aka Mrs. Royles kindly brought the lambs into school and gave us a special talk and we were able to ask lots of questions. Very excitedly we got to have a little stroke too!!



James - "The lambs looked really cute and were really relaxing".

Tommy - "It was a new experience for everyone and it was brilliant!"

Alythia- "I thought the lambs were really cute and I am happy Mrs Royles brought them in".

Mr C- I HUGE thank you to Mrs Royles for bring the lambs into school!

Supervision on the yard

A reminder that staff will only be available from 08.45 a.m. on the yard and until 3.15 p.m. as staff hand pupils over. As the weather improves I realise pupils may remain a little longer on the playground as families gather and talk. Staff are not responsible for any injuries/accidents outside of school hours. We have noticed a number of pupils playing in the front playground, walking on the wall etc. which as you will appreciate poses a significant Health and Safety risk. We would ask for your co-operation in this matter.

Author's Visit for Key Stage One Children

On Wednesday 4th May children in Key Stage One will have a visit from a local author, called Joanne Moore. She will be reading her newly published children's book 'Bertie The Very Blind Bat' and it is the first release from her collection: 'The Bit Different Collection.' The book aims to promote inclusivity, encourage acceptance, raise awareness about all kinds of differences and celebrate being unique. 'Bertie the Very Blind Bat' book is available on amazon and Joanne is happy to sign copies if they are brought into school for the author's talk.

BookLink: https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1739891007/ref=cm_sw_r_aapan_glt_fabc_ET22VHCB2WR64M23V0ND?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1

Uniform

As we are now in the summer term, as has been shared previously, all pupils should now be in summer uniform. This is the case at most schools and the transition into one type of uniform during this summer term creates consistency. I thank you for ensuring pupils look smart and are 'the best they can be'.

Our uniform reflects the very high standards and expectations we have for all at St. Mary's and your support is greatly appreciated.

As ever – If you do wish to discuss any individual matters please do contact me directly at school and I shall always try to support you.

Full details of our correct school uniform can be found on our school website. For your convenience the uniform details are also listed below.

As you be aware we are in our transition period and as such I detail the uniform for both versions.

Current/ Old Uniform

Blue polo shirt. Sweatshirt or cardigan. Grey knee length tailored shorts. Grey ankle socks. Black school shoes.

Light blue checked dress. Sweatshirt or cardigan. White ankle socks and black school shoes.

New Uniform – Statutory from September - Transition period at present.

Short sleeved shirt with tie. Jumper or cardigan. Tailored grey shorts. Grey ankle socks. Black school shoes

Light blue checked dress. Cardigan or jumper. White ankle socks. Black school shoes.

Only summer dresses are permitted and not checked shorts or skorts.

Please note: Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be in school colours only. Trainers are not permitted. Pupils will be asked to change into PE pumps and loaned items from lost property if the appropriate items are not worn.

Any exceptions to the uniform for religious/ medical purposes must be discussed in advance with myself.

All pupils are required to be in full uniform – So, for example, if pupils are in the new uniform they must wear a tie at all times. Shirts must be buttoned and tucked in. Thank you for working with us to ensure all pupils are in our correct uniform and feel proud to be the best they can be!

Covid- 19- Important information

As part of the Governments Living with Covid plans further changes are effective from today (1.4.22). For most people free testing will end.

The advice is as follows;

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

We ask for your continued support in helping us to reduce the spread as we would with any illness or infection.

If pupils have experienced a high temperature, sickness and or diarrhoea we would ask that they remain at home for 48 hours. Thank you for support.

Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder as we find that demand for Breakfast and After School Club places increases – We do require the forms to be completed and payment received in advance of any bookings. This enables us to plan ahead and on busier days organise 2 staff members ensuring we have the correct ratio.

Booking are only secure once payment has been made. **Pupils will NOT be able to attend unless payment has been made in advance. If you do need to book a short notice session please call the office to enable us to check availability.**

Our clubs are run on a non-profit basis to provide a service to our families. If we do not receive payments in advance and have outstanding payments due we will not be able to continue to run our clubs.

Should you require a booking form for either please see Mrs Lofthouse or Miss Harrison
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures takes place 1.15 – 3.05 pm each week. Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 2nd May – School closed for May Day

Monday 9th May – KS2 SAT's week

Friday 27th May – School closes for half-term

Wednesday 8th June – School opens

Wednesday 20th July – School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.15 p.m.

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Klara Niezgoda	Edward Stevens	Maisie Wilson
Class 2	Leos Koutsokostas	Dougie Pye	Jessica Moore
Class 3	Dante Lewis	Elliott Capper	Dante Lewis
Class 4	Mikey Skeffington	Olivia Leigh	Dane Lewis

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!"

