

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 13th May 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are in May, the 'Month of Mary' we continue to prepare to celebration with our Marian Week in school. Full details of the special events each day can be found on our RE newsletter and are summarised in the dates for your diary section below.

We have had a busy week in school once more with tests, fun and lots of learning!

SATs week

This week our Year 6 pupils completed their Statutory tests alongside their Year 5 class mates who completed their practice papers.

We are incredibly proud of them and all the effort they put into their tests. As we have said before – we only ever ask that they try their best and they certainly did that!

A special thank you from myself to the Staff that supported our pupils and, of course, to you our families for helping ensure they were ready to give the tests their best shot!

"I was so impressed with the children's effort and application in the tests. Every single one of them should be so proud of their hard work and dedication" Matthew Taylor

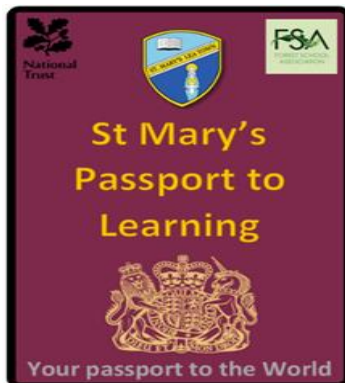
"I am proud of how hard we all tried and how much we achieved. Even through tough times we got through. We are so happy we got to have the party on Friday too to celebrate!"

Summer- Leigh Whitlock and Maizie- Lei Barton - Year 6



EAT- Passport to learning

This is a fantastic book of experiences that are special and unique to learners at St. Mary's School. The experiences were created from ideas from all stakeholders- Staff, Pupils, Governors and of course our families.



Class 3 Passport Activities – Cycle A

Experience	At School	At Home
Watch a theatre show		
Mindfulness colouring session		
Yoga		
Make and bury a time capsule		
Have an outdoor day		
Meet an animal		
Visit a place in the local community		

Class 3 Passport Activities – Cycle A

Experience	At School	At Home
Learn about a family members job		
Cloud watching		
Visit a historic place		
Sing a song in a different language		
Control an object using ICT		
Teach someone something new		
Talk about how we can make the world a better place		
Plan and share a picnic		

Each class has experiences that they will be given to enhance and enrich the curriculum and school life and pupils are invited to share these experiences at home too!!

Your child will have brought a copy home of the above sheet too so you can plan have a go as a family.

These passport activities were chosen by children, staff and parents and are designed to show just how unique St Mary's is. Each class has a different set of experiences that they will complete throughout the year in school, but if you wanted to complete these activities at home as well, that would be AMAZING! Just remember to send your photographs into school on Seesaw, so we can share them with everyone else. Once an activity has been completed, each child will be given a

sticker to stick into their passport, to show it has been completed. The passport will then be passed up to the next class when they move classes, ready to start the next set of experiences. Once they have completed Year 6, their passport will be sent home to show the learning journey they have been on while at St Mary's. Where will your learning take you? Mr. C. Enrichment and Curriculum Lead.

Parking

As per text message, I ask for your support and co-operation when parking at the Smiths Arms pub at drop off and collection times. The Landlord shared that on occasions families were parking in the disabled bays without blue badges making it difficult for those who need these spaces. Without this facility to park we would really struggle and we are very grateful that we continue to be able to use this car park.

Save the Date..... Sports Day

Save the date for our school sports day which will take place on **Tuesday 14th of June** from **1.30pm**. Reserve date of 17th June 2022.

FOSM – AGM meeting

A meeting will be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 25th of May at 9.15 am**. EVERYONE is invited to come along. The purpose of this meeting is to vote in a new committee and set a date to plan ahead for some exciting fundraising opportunities!!

Would you be willing to support us to raise essential funds for our school? Do you have any new and exciting ideas? Can you spare a little time? If you cannot make the date a form to put your name forward will be available in the school office!

Current roles to be re assigned are Chair of the FOSM, Secretary of FOSM and Treasurer of FOSM.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Activities and Events

Many exciting things will be happening as we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Special Gift – Special commemorative gifts will be shared for all pupils from school and the FOSM.

'Street Party' lunch – Special outdoor lunch on 26.5.22

Design a crown competition - Look out for the competition to design a crown - closing date 23.5.22!! Winner to be announced at our Jubilee Street Party lunch.

Within classes we will be busy creating fact files and timelines too!!

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

Government 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 16th May – Marian Week begins

Tuesday 17th May – Class 3 Lead prayers to Mary for their Class 3 families at 9.15 am

Wednesday 18th May – Class 1 share their pictures of their Mums/ Grandmas at 9.15 am for Class 1 families and 2.15 pm – Class 4 families are invited to attend Class 4's Marian Service

Wednesday 18th May – Class 3 Trip to WWT Martin Mere

Thursday 19th May – Class 2 share Hymns to Mary for their Class 2 families

Friday 20th May – Wear blue to celebrate Mary and bring flowers for Mary

Sunday 22nd May – Class 3 members make their First Holy Communion at 9.00 am Mass

Friday 27th May – School closes for half-term

Wednesday 8th June – School opens

Tuesday 14th June – Sports Day

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	Sandra Stec	Maisie Wilson	William McMillan
Class 2	Nabila Malek	Bailey Jenkin	Meeya Patel
Class 3	Ella Jackson	Tymon Niezgoda	Macie Dixon
Class 4	Chloe Gildea	Summer-Leigh Whitlock	Mikey Skeffington

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!”

