



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 20th May 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have enjoyed celebrating our Marian Week with many activities throughout the week within our classes, family visits, a trip to church and the chance to present flowers to Mary at Church and have some time in private prayer as we took part in '*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*'. This is when we see the beautiful Monstrance – The Golden Sunshine that holds Jesus.

Thank you for your wonderful and incredibly generous donations of flowers. The flowers surround Mary at Church and will take pride of place within St. Mary's Church as many members of Class 3 make their First Holy Communion on Sunday.

The crowning of Mary, the wearing of the colour blue and the processing to Church with flowers are a special traditions of our school in May, the Month of Mary and it has been wonderful to honour the Patron Saint of our school.



Dear Mary the Mother of our school,

We celebrate you every year because of the love you give to us. On Friday we will all give back our love by wearing your colour, blue.
Amen.

Written by Finney Griffiths

Holy Communion - 22.5.22

This Sunday, 22nd May, many members of Class 3 will take the next step on their Faith journey as they make their First Holy Communion. They have been preparing each Tuesday and we send our love and prayers that they have a memorable day.



Well done to all our children who will make their First Holy Communion this Sunday at St. Mary's Church. They have been wonderful in all our preparation classes. Thank you to all families for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Pye and Mrs. Beesley.

*Harry Bass, Nicholas Bielas-Barnes, Noah Foxall-Holmes, Eden Heslop,
Tommy Holland-Bass, Agatha Holmes, Ella Jackson, Jack Moyes,
Annie Nelson, Edie Robinson, Jake Skeffington,
Deondre Thompson, Elliott Williams and Georgia Purkis*

Class 3 – Martin Mere Visit 18.5.22

On Wednesday 18th May 2022, Class 3 set off on an adventure to Martin Mere Wetland Centre. After arriving at the centre, we immediately headed for our Pond Dipping Session with Claire and Steven. We each chose our partner and collected a net and tray and began searching for the creatures of the deep. There were many different creatures such as water snails, pond snails, newts, pond skaters, great diving beetle larvae, greater water boatman, water flea (daphnia).

After searching beneath the waves and pond weed, we headed to the outdoor classroom to take a closer look at our treasures. We learnt the different names of the creatures we had found, as well as learning about food chains and food webs, ready for our lessons back at school.

After lunch, we set out to explore the remainder of the wetland centre, but to our disappointment, the round house village was closed, but we got a sneaky peek over the fence. What an AMAZING time we had! There were certainly lots of tired children on the way home! #weloveyouGeoff #teamclass3 #stmarysontheroad . Mr. C



Elliott C- I enjoyed the trip, especially the fish.

Annie- It was really AMAZING and I loved it. We spent most of the day laughing and having fun!

Rowan- The coolest part of the trip was seeing a grass snake.

Lillianna- I loved it because there was so many interesting things there to see.

Harry- I loved all of the pond dipping and finding all of the creatures in the ponds.

Class 4 – Cross Country 18.5.22

On Wednesday a group of pupils from Class 4 represented us in the cross country and gave 100% to this mile long course.

"We went to a competition against other schools. We had lots of fun and cheered everyone on whilst we ran a whole mile!" Chloe Gildea - Class 4



Parking - IMPORTANT

A reminder- In order to ensure we are able to continue to park at the Smiths Arms pub each day please do not park in the disabled bays which are required for Patrons. If Grandparents, friends or other relatives collect PLEASE ensure they are aware too!

We really do need your support or we will lose this space and this will put the safety of everyone at risk at drop off and collection times.

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

Operation Encompass

St Mary's School proudly takes part in Operation Encompass and your child has brought a letter home which explains this in more detail. A brief summary is detailed below.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school/ college the following day.

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:

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

Wednesday 25th May – Class 3 Trip to Ribchester Roman Museum

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	Keon Bruney	Jaymin Modasia	Chloe Brogden
Class 2	Isla Pennington	Joey Farley	Maisie Lawson
Class 3	Elliott Reid	William Doherty	James Picking
Class 4	Jessica Eland	George Stevens	Oliver Hooper

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!”

