



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 15th July 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are reaching the end of our Summer term with many exciting things taking place this week and many more to come in our final few days. We prepare to say our goodbyes as well as looking ahead to welcoming new family members and being excited about memories yet to be made.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break full of sunshine, rest and special family times. I would like to thank the whole staff team for always going above and beyond to ensure our pupils have the very best experiences and I would like to thank you, our families, for your ongoing support and enthusiasm.

When we return in September all pupils will be in our 'new' style winter uniform and full details can be found below.

Leavers – Our farewells.....

We celebrate our Year 6 pupils who prepare to begin their transition to High School. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time at St. Mary's and the wonderful young people they have grown to be. I can still remember lining them up and introducing them all as brand new reception pupils to the school. Today I watched them receive their awards and be celebrated with great pride.

We send our love and prayers to.....

*Maizie-lei Barton, Mason Dixon, Jessica Eland, Chloe Gildea, Joseph Green-Banks,
Oliver Hodson, Sebastian King, Luke Moyes, Mylo Sanderson, Cole Simpson,
Mikey Skeffington, George Stevens, Jensen Swann, Charlie Whitehead and
Summer- Leigh Whitlock.*



We also send our goodbye wishes to Mrs. Williams. She has been such a special part of our school family for so many years working across every class in school. We wish her a healthy and happy retirement. We also send our love and best wishes to Mrs. Oakes as she too prepares to commence her retirement. We hope many a happy hour will be spent in her garden and we send her our love.

Canon Adrian Shares with us this final Prayer...

*Heavenly Father,
We thank you as this school year comes to an end.
We ask you to bless everyone at our school,
especially those children and staff who will be leaving this time.
Grant we will have a good and safe holiday and come back refreshed for the
new school year.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Congratulations to our Year 6 Award Winners

RE Award	Mikey Skeffington
English Award	Mylo Sanderson
Mathematics Award	Oliver Hodson
Geography Award	Cole Simpson
History Award	Charlie Whitehead
Science Award	George Stevens
Creativity Award	Jensen Swann
PE Award	Chloe Gildea
Overall Excellence Award	Sebastian King
Resilience Award	Luke Moyes
Citizenship Award	Mason Dixon
Progress Award	Maizie-lei Barton
E.A.T Award	Jessica Eland
Endeavour Award	Summer Whitlock
ICT Award	Joseph Green -Banks

Thank you to our House Captains and congratulations to our new House Captains

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Matthew	Sebastian King	Chloe Moore
Mark	Mylo Sanderson	Byron Chambers
Luke	Summer Leigh Whitlock	Isla Kilshaw
John	Jensen Swann	Oliver Hooper

We also have two special roles this year for two pupils who will serve as Ambassadors for our school helping us to live out our mission statement *“To live our lives as Jesus taught us”* The two pupils will undertake many additional responsibilities and have been chosen as they are outstanding roles models.

Congratulations to : Jonah Hurtault and Penny Robinson

John Rider Bisby Award

Thank you to all who rose to the challenge and entered the John Bisby Community Award. Our Judges Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Oakes shared it was a very difficult challenge as the standard of entries were so high, raising money, helping others and most importantly showed us they 'Lived their lives as Jesus taught us.

The Judges would like to commend

Chloe Brogden, Roisin Moss, Jaimie Bass, Agatha Holmes

And our congratulations go to the 2022 winner

Nicholas Bielas – Barnes



Safety Notice IMPORTANT - Staying safe and cool in the heatwave

As I am sure you are aware we are predicted to have some increasingly warm days with the hottest so far expected on Monday and Tuesday of our final week. We will as always prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all pupils and adults within school. Next week to ensure pupils are as comfortable as possible I shall make the following adaptations to our uniform requirements;

- ❖ Ties, jumpers and/or cardigans do not have to be worn
- ❖ If pupils feel more comfortable they may wear their PE kits throughout the day, they may wish to bring a spare T Shirt on PE days.

Some additional important measures

- ❖ All pupils are strongly encouraged to wear a hat. The Government recommends a hat with a wide brim
- ❖ Pupils must have sun cream applied BEFORE school and are strongly encouraged to bring their own creams into school
- ❖ Pupils should bring in their own water bottles. These can be refilled as often as required and pupils do, as always, have access to water at all times.
- ❖ All pupils will have access to classrooms and shaded areas during extended periods of play such as lunchtimes. If it is deemed too hot we will stay indoors.
- ❖ Pupils are welcome to bring in small battery operated handheld fans if they wish. These should be labelled with their name and class

Staff are invited to wear tailored shorts, looser clothing and remove ties for their comfort also. Thank you as ever for your continued support

For further information you may wish to visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather>

Shakespeare Rocks



On Wednesday we were lucky to have a fantastic performance of 'Shakespeare Rocks' by the Class 4 pupils. The performance was AMAZING and we were so, so proud of all our pupils. I would like to thank everyone for helping put on such a brilliant show – The staff, Mrs Royles and Mr Taylor, the pupils and you are families for providing the costumes and for being great audience members.

Memories have certainly been made and it was a joy to watch the pupils shine. I am sure everyone would agree we had many 'Goose bump' moments.

As the lyrics within the play said "All the Worlds a stage" and we hope this inspires our pupils, especially our Year 6 Leavers to aim high and shine!!

"Class 4 did a really good job it was really funny" Esmee Woodruff Brown

"I thought the play was brilliant and had a very good energy. It was also very funny and a comedy act! I enjoyed the songs and the people who were singing were very enthusiastic"
William Shakespeare (Mylo Sanderson)

"I felt like the play was very enjoyable and had a great time acting with my friends and we couldn't have got through it without Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Royles." (Jensen Swann)

Breakfast and After School Club - IMPORTANT

Forms have now been issued for next academic year for Breakfast and After School Club sessions for our Autumn term, from September 2022

Unless completed forms and monies are returned places **WILL NOT BE BOOKED** or secured.

This is essential to ensure we have safe ratios. As our clubs are not run for profit we do require payments in advance of sessions.

If you do require either Breakfast or After School Club from September forms and monies must be received before we close for the summer holiday or places will not be allocated.

I thank you in advance for your support in ensuring we are able to continue to offer this service. If we do not manage to cover costs such services will have to end.

Friends of Clifton Park

A local group are looking to upgrade Clifton Park and seek ideas from local residents as well as fundraise.

If you would like to have your say additional information can be found on their Face book page.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/clifton-park-project?utm_id=1&utm_term=vk8AmbX3j

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1013083225896968/?ref=share>

Uniform - Our new school uniform is statutory from September 2022

PE/Forest School T Shirt - IMPORTANT

I have received feedback from families that the new sports style PE T-shirt is not washing well and is becoming plucked. I have contacted all 3 linked suppliers in regard to this and as such have made the decision that this style is not fit for purpose.

The T Shirt is also becoming dirty easily and families share they cannot get this clean. In order to keep costs low the PE T -shirt is worn for both PE and Forest sessions and White is simply not working when pupils are carrying logs, using mud kitchens and being creative or when taking a sliding tackle in PE!

Next year all of Key Stage One will complete weekly forest school sessions and ALL other classes will have an opportunity to take part regularly. To this end we have made the decision that our T-Shirt for PE and Forest Schools will be NAVY.

This will be a crew neck navy cotton T-Shirt with our school logo. All suppliers have been asked to send samples and not to sell the sports style white T-Shirt in the future.

If pupils already have the new sports style you are very welcome to continue to wear this as long as you wish to do so. All we would ask is that you, at the point you are ready to, buy a new PE T-shirt which is a Navy round necked T-Shirt. If our named stockists do not have the stock required items in advance of September you are welcome to purchase a plain, non logoed Navy T shirt or continue to wear the white T-Shirts.

I apologise for this change but I do feel it is right to act upon your feedback and find the item which will ensure pupils are smart, comfortable and that the uniform lasts and is fit for purpose.

Winter (Worn from September through to Easter)

Plain White Shirt with School Tie, School Jumper with School Logo, Tailored Grey Trousers , Grey ankle socks, Black Shoes - Or -Plain White Shirt with School Tie School Jumper/ cardigan with School Logo, Royal Blue Tartan Pinafore /Skirt ,Grey knee socks or grey tights, Black Shoes.



Summer (Worn upon return from Easter until July)

Short sleeved shirt with tie. Jumper or cardigan with School Logo. Tailored grey shorts. Grey ankle socks. Black school shoes - Or - **Light blue** checked dress ***. Cardigan or jumper with School Logo White ankle socks. Black school shoes.

*****Only summer dresses are permitted and not checked shorts or skorts. Summer dresses should be fully checked and not contain white collars/ inserts.**



PE Kit

~~White and Navy PE tee shirt with School Logo~~

Navy PE T- Shirt

Navy blue shorts

Black PE pumps

PE Bag (with child's name)

Navy School Hoody (Optional)

For cooler months pupils may wear Navy jogging bottoms (Plain no branding / logos)

Earrings must be removed for PE lessons



Forest school Kit – Class 1 & 2

~~White and Navy PE tee shirt with School Logo~~

Navy PE T- Shirt

Navy jogging bottoms / Navy leggings (Plain no branding / logos). School shorts may be worn in Summer.

Navy School Hoody - strongly recommended

Wellies or walking boots- sandals and snow boots are not suitable. Warm socks and a spare pair

Warm layer in winter – vests, socks, thermals it is much better to have several thinner layers than one thick layer

Long sleeve tops - light layers for warmth.

Good quality waterproof coat (with a hood) and trousers – the children will be out for up to 3 hours. So keeping warm and dry is a way to have more fun.

Warm hat and gloves – in winter the children will need a pair of gloves and a spare pair in case they get wet.

Sunhat and Sun cream– when it is sunny even though we have coverage from the trees the greenway is quite open.

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!

Our recommended uniforms suppliers are:

Preston Uniform and Leisure of Kirkham

Top One Uniform, 39 St John's Centre, Preston

Bang Bang, 91 Lancaster Road, Preston

In addition we have a school 'Swap Shop' with previously owned donated items available to purchase.



Big School Adventures – CHANGE OF DAY !!!

From September 2022 Big School Adventures will move to a Friday afternoon.

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

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 18th July – Shirt signing for Year 6 Pupils followed by Leavers book presentations

Tuesday 19th July – Year 6 -Rock and River Celebration trip

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

Monday 5th September – School Re Opens at 08.55 am

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14 the September – Class 4 Residential- Hothersall Lodge

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	‘EAT’ Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Esmee Woodruff Brown	Chloe Brogden	Robert Hanson
Class 2	Freddie Reid	Max Tidmarsh	Maxwell Houlding
Class 3	Georgia Purkis	All of Class 3	Felicity Pye
Class 4	Alfie Shaw	Leah Whitehead	Chloe Moore

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!”

