



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the start of our new school year. I hope you have all managed to enjoy your summer holidays making memories and spending time with your families. Everyone has settled in brilliantly. The pupil's attitudes and behaviour have been a credit to our school.

May I thank you all for your support throughout the transition to our new uniform. As a school we are now fully in our 'new style' uniform. Details of this are shown both below and on our school website. We are in our Autumn/Winter uniform and will remain in this until Easter. The Clothing Bank remains available should you wish to recycle any clothing.

If I could remind families that hair accessories must be in school colours only and pupils who choose to wear pinafores or skirts must be in grey knee socks or grey tights.

We have had so many wonderful comments about how smart the pupils look and your support enables our pupils to *be the very best they can be*. Our Swap shop, as ever remains available should you still require any additional items and please do let us know if we can offer any further support.

As we commence our new school year we continue to strive to work in partnership with you, our families, to ensure the best for all pupils and to ensure you are involved within all aspects of school life. We invite all families to come along and share in our Celebration Assemblies each Friday. Through the feedback you have shared you enjoyed the chance to visit classes through our open morning sessions this week.

### **With deepest sympathy we remember our Queen- Queen Elizabeth II**

It is with great sadness that last night we heard the Queen had passed away. Queen Elizabeth II had served us for over 70 years and the news has left us feeling very sad. Within our Assembly today we talked about how special the Queen was and reflected upon all she gave. We discussed that as Jesus was a great servant and was called to help others and the Queen too gave many years of service and dedicated her life to others.

Within our entrance foyer we have a display and a prayer book displayed. All are welcome

to add to this. We have prepared a school card which will be hand delivered to London today.

We will continue to celebrate and reflect upon her life in the weeks ahead and continue to offer our prayers.



*Eternal rest grant unto her O' Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

## **Welcome to our School Family**

It has been wonderful to welcome the newest additions to our School family. Our brand new Reception pupils have settled in brilliantly, look super smart and are already having fun, making friends and learning lots. A special thank you to our brilliant Year 1 members of Class 1 for being such great role models. We welcome.....

*Florence, Sebastian, Pippa, Charlie, Reggie, Elijah, Ria, Thea, Ella-Grace, Evie, Arlo, Freddie, Ivy, Phoebe and Matilda.*

We also welcome Miss Bennett who joins our staff team.

Canon Adrian Shares with us this Prayer as we start a new school year.....

*Lord Jesus, we ask for your help as we  
begin this new school year.  
Allow us to experience your presence in  
the many blessings you give us.  
Open our eyes to the new challenges and  
exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.  
Bless all who are part of our school.  
Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic  
with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.  
Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year.  
We make this prayer through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Our Classes**

I share below pictures of our fantastic new classes so you can see how smart we all look!

### **Class 1**



### **Class 2**





### Class 3



### Class 4



## **See Saw App**

All pupils have been issued with a letter which details how to join our school See Saw App within their new classes. The App is designed as one of the many ways for us to share learning and let you know a little more about what the pupils have been up to in school. We will share pictures, celebrate achievements and tell you a little about what we have been learning in class.

As you will appreciate the focus of all staff members is to be with the pupils and support their learning so it may be that we do not post every day but we will share regularly.

If you need to send an important message such as a change to who is picking up or book into a club etc. Please contact the school office on 01772 729881

Staff can also be reached via email. For your convenience email addresses are shared below

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## **A note from Mrs. Sullivan - Literacy**

### Reading and Phonics



Reading plays a vital part in your child's academic progress as well as being an essential life skill. In school, we place great importance on reading and it is expected that all children read five times a week and that this is logged each time in their reading record.

In school, we will be starting a new phonics and spelling programme that will be taught as the first lesson everyday; therefore it is essential all children arrive on time ready for this lesson.

Your child's teacher may not always listen to them read their home school book, as we have separate books in school which we read in our weekly guided reading sessions.

### Outline of reading expectations:

- Reception children should spend 10 minutes, five times a week sharing a picture book/ story with an adult and practising their letter or word flashcards.
- Key Stage One children should read for 15 minutes, five times a week with an adult and practise reading and spelling their high frequency words flashcards.

- Key Stage Two children should spend 20 minutes, five times a week reading a book. Some reading should be independent; however it is important that the children continue to share their reading experiences with adults too.

## **Big School Adventures .....Coming Soon !!!!**

We are delighted to share that once again Big School Adventures will be returning each Friday from 1.15 to 3.15 pm every Friday.

The first session will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of October**. To secure your place please call 729881.

We look forward to welcoming some new faces to this session and enabling pupils to experience "Big School".

## **Breakfast and After School Club**

Forms have been issued for next for Breakfast and After School Club sessions and can be found on our school website.

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.

## **Extra Curricular Sports Clubs**

Letters for Sports Clubs have been issued and must be returned on Monday so places can be allocated. Clubs will commence w/c 19.9.22.

## **Uniform - Our new school uniform is statutory from September 2022**

### **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.





## **Dates for your Diary:**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Class 4 Residential- Hothersall Lodge

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Whole School Mass – 11 am

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Whole School, Individual and Family Photographs

## **Celebrations Awards**

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>‘EAT’ Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	All of Class 1	Jade Beresford	Jaymin Modasia
Class 2	Sandra Stec	Jimmy Skeffington	Keon Bruney
Class 3	Darcey Chambers	Jessica Simpson	Nabila Malek
Class 4	Byron Chambers	Elliott Capper	Penny Robinson

*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!”

