



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our first full week back in school and the weather has not been the kindest. We had a lot of rain this week but we haven't let it dampen our spirits as we continue to keep busy and keep learning!

I know many of you are experience lots of challenges with the diversions, road closures and the increased traffic. I can only empathise and as you will appreciate this is all out of our hands at a school level.

All we can advise is at present please continue to allow additional time for your journey to and from school. As ever, should we receive any additional information we will update you accordingly. Coastal Coaches who run the School Bus Service advise arriving at the bus stop ten minutes earlier than normal.

### **Curling – 10.1.23**

On Tuesday a group of pupils from Classes 3 and 4 represented us at a Curling competition. A new opportunity and a chance to experience this fantastic sport and it would seem St. Mary's have quite a talent!!!



*"We went to West View Leisure centre to represent the school in Curling. We played each team twice and only lost one game. Guess what we came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the smaller schools. We all got a medal and we got a trophy!" Alfie Shaw, Class 4*

*"I liked the competition because it was fun and everyone was doing the best they could"*  
Edie Robinson, Class 3

*"I was impeccably proud of the children's behaviour, attitudes, kindness and the fact we came 2<sup>nd</sup> in our league blew me away. Well done team!" Mrs. Reid*

## **Uniform and PE kits**

Thank you for ensuring pupils return punctually and smartly ready to '*Be the Best they can be!*' We continue to hold the highest expectations for all pupils in all areas of school life and so expect that all pupils will follow our uniform policy.

### **Uniform**

I remind all families that all pupils must be in their **full uniform**. Ties must be worn. Trainers are not permitted unless a medical need requires this and permission must be sought.

### **PE Kits**

For Health and Hygiene reasons pupils must change into a full PE kit and should have PE kits in school every day. Pupils must wear uniformed items and not logo or sportswear items such as tracksuit bottoms. Pumps must be worn. Trainers may be worn for outdoor PE sessions. Failure to have a PE kit in school will mean that pupils are unable to take part in this statutory and enjoyable part of the curriculum.

Long hair must be tied back and hair accessories must be in school colours.

We remain in our 'winter' uniform until Easter.

### **Forest Schools**

For Key Stage One pupils on their 'Forest School' days, pupils should come into school already wearing their Forest School clothes. We ask that pupils come into school wearing trainers or walking boots only (not casual boots/ heeled boots). Pupils may carry wellies into school in a named carrier bag or leave these in school.

**Full details of uniform can be found on our school website.**

## **See Saw**

Just a reminder See Saw is designed to share pictures/ snapshots of learning and will not necessarily be used/checked daily.

If you do need to get a message to us – such as an absence, a change to who is picking up etc. We ask you to call the school office on 01772 729881 so that important messages are not missed.

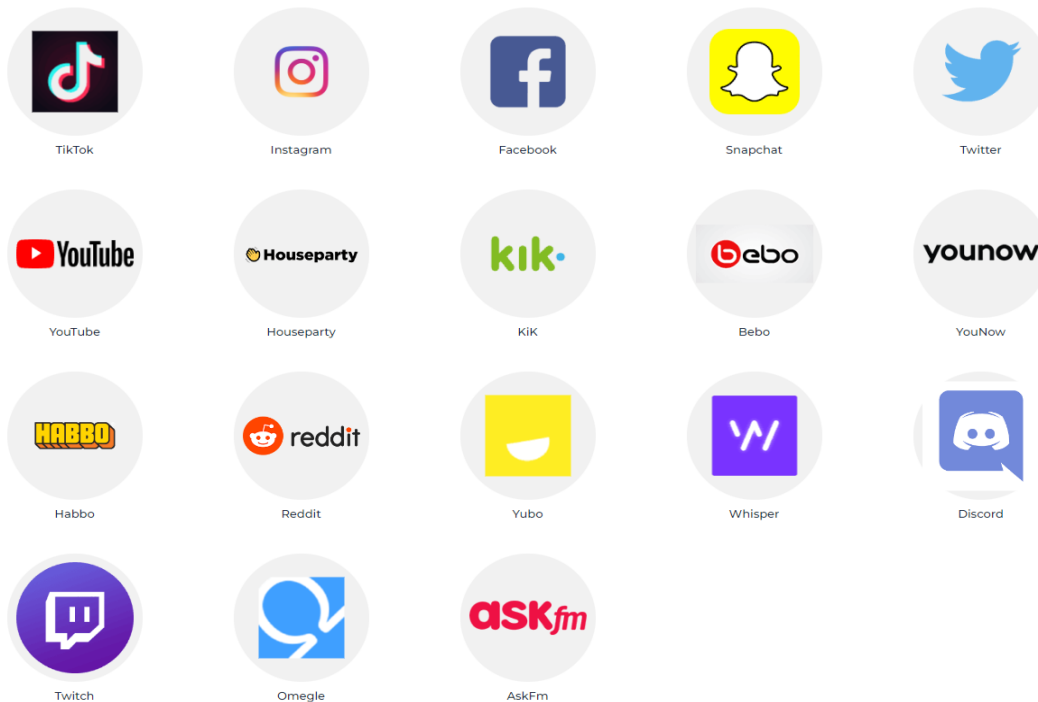
## Social Media Sites

We have been made aware of a number of pupils using Social media sites and posting upon these and/ or engaging in group chats. Whilst this takes place outside of school, as you will appreciate it can impact significantly upon learning and wellbeing within the school day. Once again I would remind families of the need to be vigilant of age appropriate materials and age restrictions within certain sites/ forums. Often children may be unaware of risks, cyber bullying and will need your support and guidance. I thank you for your support and cooperation.

Most platforms our pupils talk about - What's App, Tiktok, Snap chat are all age restricted and are not for Primary aged pupils. Again useful links are found below:-

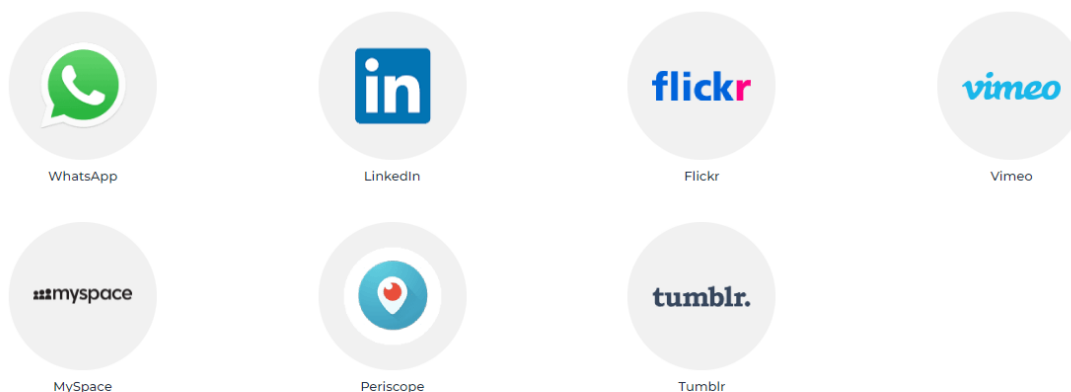
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### 13 year olds and upwards



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### 16 year olds and upwards



<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

[https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI-5qTiL3E\\_AIVTAIGAB15qg40EAAYAAAEgIXpPD\\_BwE](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI-5qTiL3E_AIVTAIGAB15qg40EAAYAAAEgIXpPD_BwE)

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## **HRSE - Ten Ten Materials**

All pupils will have brought home an information leaflet and letter in regard to the relationship and health education materials. Full details can be found within this letter.

To access the parent portal to gain more information you can access.....

[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal)

School username: st-marys-pr4

School password: mother-of-god

## **New Sports equipment!!**

We are very excited that our new sports equipment is in place and couldn't wait to get using this!!

This equipment is bought using some of our Sports grant and with this we aim to develop key skills such as – fine and gross motor skills, manual dexterity, coordination, balance and strength. As you can see we certainly enjoyed using it!!!







## **Class 1....Can you help ?**

Can you spare a house plant for us?? We would like to develop our skills at looking after living things!

We would still like a few more.....

- Lego sets/ pieces
- Thick china cups/ mugs for the role play area

If you are able to spare any of these items please see Miss Bennett. Thank you!



### **Platinum Stars**



A special congratulations to our Autumn Platinum Star winner who received their Awards in assembly.

Jaymin Modasia , Isabella Bolton- Rigby, Louisa Nelson, Max Tidmarsh, Edie Robinson , and Tymon Niezgoda



## **School Vision – Parent and Carer invitation – 9.10 am on 20.1.23**

We are looking at developing a vision for our school and want to seek ALL views. This week pupils, staff and Governors have been invited to contribute and share what they feel is special about St. Mary's and share any thoughts or ideas on how we may develop our school further.

We have reflected on our Mission statement ...

*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!"*

Is it still us? Does it celebrate what is unique about St. Mary's school? Is it unique to St. Mary's or could it be any other school?

We also wish to reflect upon our distinctive Catholic nature and look for inspirational scripture quotes.

I would like to extend an invitation for you to share your views. Next Friday why not stay behind and add your thoughts and views?

If you are unable to make this session...Sheets will be made available for you to add thoughts on after our session and I will aim to offer another session again soon!!

### **Dates for your diary**

16.01.23 – Class 2 – Treasures day. Pupils may dress as they choose- Fancy dress/ own clothes bring £1.00 for CAFOD (full details in class letter and on See Saw)

### **Celebrations Awards**

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>‘EAT’ Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Thea Koutsokostas	Reggie	Matilda Tidmarsh
Class 2	Harry Shaw	Dougie Pye	Nio Qereqeretabua
Class 3	Agatha Holmes	Eden Heslop	Henry Doherty
Class 4	Chloe Moore	Felicity Pye	Dane Lewis

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