

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 18th October 2024

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

A huge thank you for your generosity with our Harvest Hampers. We are so grateful. These gifts will be used to support those in need in our local community.



Flooding – 17.10.24

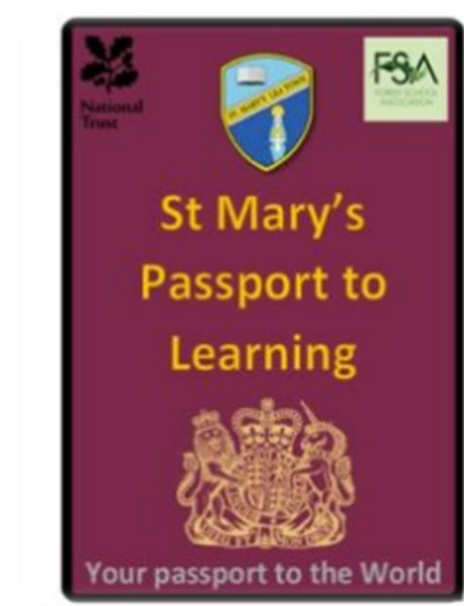
A huge thank you to our families for your understanding with our school closure on Thursday. This is never an easy decision to make and I understand the challenges this creates for families juggling childcare and work. Sadly the flooding had caused the sinks and toilets to back up and this affected health and safety. Obviously, this is our first priority.

I had many offers of help from the staff and families alike, and for this I am very grateful.

Sadly, this is something we have struggled with for a long time. I personally have worked at St. Mary's for just over ten years, and this has been a battle I have had through whole time. I wish to reassure families that we are proactive in trying to reach a long term solution. We have had numerous meetings with United Utilities, the Diocese, had support from the Local Authority and sadly still I cannot manage to get a resolution, or reach a point where someone takes responsibility or ownership. Please be assured that I will continue to push, and as I write, I have multiple workmen on site assessing and providing deep cleaning of the outdoor areas.



E.A.T. Passports- Exciting Homework challenge !!!



EAT Learning and Passports to Learning, have been established at St Mary's for over 3 years now, with children being given opportunities to engage in a wide range of activities, skills and experiences to enhance their skills, develop their knowledge and share in a variety of experiences with their peers, whilst at school.

EAT Learning stands for:

- **E – *Explore* –Explore** learning, Have a go and persevere
- **A – *Active*– be Active** and independent within their learning
- **T – *Think creatively*!**

Within each class, each child will have the opportunity to take part in these experiences within school and, using their passport, create a record of the activities they have completed, either at home or within school.

As each child leaves in Year 6, they will be presented with their Learning Passport as a memento/reminder of the learning experiences they have had whilst at St Mary's.

For homework this half term, each child is being given a copy of their Passport to Learning for them to complete at home with their family. They can send in photographs, drawings, sketches or objects, inside the plastic wallet, that link to their passport challenges to share with the class and record this in their passports in school, when we return after our break.

If you have any questions about EAT Learning, Passport to Learning or would like some more information, please do not hesitate to speak to a staff member.

Mr C, Curriculum and Enrichment Co-Ordinator

Open Day – 29.10.24

Our School Open day is planned for Tuesday 29th of October from 3.30 – 6.00 pm. For further information please call, email or see our poster in the entrance Foyer.

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FOSM

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us today at the FOSM meeting.

Tuck shop – This will be held on 1.11.24. We hope to have Drinks, Crisps and Crispy Crème Donuts!!!! All items will be sold at £1.00 each and the monies raised will go back into the FOSM to be used to benefit all pupils – for example the FOSM are hoping to cover the costs of transport for the Whole School Pantomime in December, which promises to be a fantastic family atmosphere!!

We have set our next meeting for **28.10.24 at 2.45 pm-** All welcome – Christmas planning meeting

Dates for your diary

18.10.24 - School closes for half term at 3.15 pm

28.10.24- School Re opens at 08.45 am

1.11.24 – FOSM Tuck Shop

5.11.24 – Bonfire lunch (This must have been pre booked)

11.11.24- 08.45 - 1 Minute Silence at drop off – Please join us

02.45 – Remembrance Assembly- All welcome

25.11.24 – Key stage one Maths Workshop for families at 8.45am and 2.45pm – All welcome
26.11.24 – Creepy Crawly Roadshow Classes 1 and 3
29.11.24- Bike-A-Bility Class 3 (Details will follow)
2.12.24- Christmas Light switch on followed by Christmas Fayre
6.12.24- Santa Dash
9.12.24 - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
11.12.24 – Key stage one Nativity – 10.00 am and 4.00 pm
17.12.24 – Passport for Learning Day

Useful Information

School times

School Start 08.45 am

School Finish time 15.15 pm

Forest School – This commenced w/c 09.09.24

Monday: Class 1 Forest School

Wednesday: Class 3 OR class 4 Forest School – Autumn 1 Class 3 Autumn 2 Class 4

Friday: Class 2

PE Days

Class 1: Wed pm and Fri pm

Class 2: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 3: Monday pm and Thurs pm

Class 4: Tuesday (Swimming) and Thursday pm ** Swimming commenced from 10.9.24

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures is up and running and we have already welcomes lots of new friends. Mrs. Ellis has a Bouncy Bodies fitness theme and we now have Adrian from A Star Spots who leads a fun session too!

Each session runs from 1.15 - 3.00 pm. If you would like your child to attend, please either email or contact the school office to book their place

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish, we have a created a '*Helping Hands Fund*' – This means we have a stock of tinned food / non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little '**Helping Hand**' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Sadie Lewis	Euan Smith	Pippa Doherty Matilda Tidmarsh
Class 2	Daisy Simpson	Martha Robinson	
Class 3	Dougie Pye	Peter Shutt	Meredith Holmes
Class 4	Jessica Moore	Jack Moyes	

