



# St Mary's Catholic School

Growing together in Knowledge, Faith and Love

Issue 1

15th September 2017

## Important Items in this newsletter:

- ♦ Diary Dates
- ♦ Macmillan Coffee Day
- ♦ Swimming pool

## End of the school day:

We are changing where children are collected in years 1 and 2 at the end of the school day. Please could you wait under the shelter outside your child's class and the teachers will release the children from the classroom door when they see their parents.

All other parents please wait behind the red line until your child is dismissed by the class teacher.

Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated to ensure the safety of our children.



Dear All

I would like to welcome you all back after what I hope was a relaxing summer break. The children have all settled well back into school life and there is a real feeling of calm around the school with lots of productive learning taking place.

I would like to welcome some new teaching staff to St Mary's, Mrs Dowling joins us in Year 5 as the class teacher working on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Miss Nicholls joins us in Year 6 working alongside Mrs Barnard. The teachers were extremely positive about attendance at the new parent meetings. If for any reason you were unable to attend, the powerpoints from the meetings will be uploaded to your child's class page, or you can collect all the information from your class teacher.

I was absolutely delighted with our HMI report which came out on the last day of term. Obviously there are still areas to improve but we will keep you up to date with our journey to improvement and we now expect regular termly visits from HMI.

I am thrilled to announce that our swimming pool will be open next week. A letter has gone out with swimming times for your child's class. I must however stress again the importance of parents contributing to lessons.

Without this we will be forced to once again close the pool permanently. It is such a valuable resource that we are extremely lucky as a school to own, especially when our children live so close to the sea. I would like to thank all the parents who have supported opening the pool both since I began and before my time at St Mary's. I know that it has taken a lot of personal time and effort and I am delighted that your efforts were not in vain. I for one would like to say a massive 'Thank you'. There will be an official pool opening for children and parents will be selected by a draw from each class. Due to numbers we are unfortunately unable to accommodate all parents at this event. If your name is not draw we will however arrange times when parents can visit to have a look at this fabulous resource. More information about this event will follow next week.

Best wishes

Demelza Bolton  
Headteacher

## Star of the Week



Our first awards were given out in Celebration Assembly this week. Well done to the following children:

Reception: Thomas  
Year 1: Ebony  
Year 2: Jowan  
Year 3: Vilte  
Year 4: Arthur  
Year 5: David  
Year 6: Chae

## School Dinners

Reminder to the parents that Universal Free School Meals stop at the end of Year 2. The kitchen offers a variety of hot and cold meals, please see a full menu attached at the end of the newsletter. Cost of a school dinner is £2.30, please ensure that dinner money is in named and sealed envelope. If you feel that you should be in receipt of Free School Meals, then please call at the office for an application form.

## Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast club is open every day  
Monday- Friday from 8 am, £2.50 for a session.

## Class Attendance



Each week classes have the opportunity to win attendance prizes and a trophy for the best attendance and least number of recorded lates. The successful classes will appear in the Newsletter.

At St Mary's we believe that success at school starts by being present and punctual if children are to obtain maximum benefit from the many opportunities the school provides. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. Absences can also affect a child's relationship with other children and his or her ability to form lasting friendships. It can affect a child's confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.

We will work with parents to ensure that all pupils achieve maximum possible attendance and that any problems that impede full attendance are identified and acted on as soon as possible.

w/ending 8th September 2017

1st place Y1 & Y6 with 100%,

2nd place Y5 with 95.8%

3rd place Y3 with 94.7%

### Parent/Emergency Contact Details

Please can parents/carers ensure that we have up to date contact information for pupils. When children are feeling unwell at school and parents/carers need to be contacted, it is important we have telephone numbers to hand.

Thank you.

### Macmillan Coffee Day

We would like to invite our parents and carers to join us in celebrating the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to support the Macmillan Cancer Charity on Friday 29th September (time to be confirmed). Tea or Coffee & a slice of cake will be available with a suggested donation of £1.

Additional cakes will also be available for sale.

More details to follow shortly.

### Bingo Night

Our PTA is organising a Bingo Night on 29th September at 7 pm.

£2 entry fee

Book sold on the night

Every welcome!

### Clubs this term

Monday– Tennis KS2

Monday– Spanish KS1

Tuesday– Gardening KS1&KS2

Wednesday– Multiskills KS2

Thursday–Basketball KS2

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## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2017

Friday 29th September		Parents and Carers	McMillan Coffee Day
Thursday 12th October	Whole School	Harvest Festival	
Friday 20th October	All	INSET DAY—School closed	
Mon 23rd October to Fri 27th October	All	Half Term holiday	
Monday 30th October	All	Return for second half Autumn Term	
Friday 3rd November	All	INSET DAY—School closed	
Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January		Christmas Break	

### Spring Term 2017

Thursday 4th January	All	Return for Spring Term	
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February		Half term holiday	
Monday 19th February	All	INSET DAY—School closed	
Tuesday 20th February	All	Return for second half Spring Term	
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April		Easter Break	

### Summer Term 2017

Monday 16th April	All	Return for Summer Term	
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June		Half term holiday	
Monday 4th June	All	Return for second half Summer Term	
Monday 23rd July	All	INSET DAY—School closed	
Tuesday 24th July	All	INSET DAY—School closed	
Wednesday 25th July	All	Break up for the Summer Holidays	