

**Important Items in this newsletter:**

- ♦ **Diary Dates**
- ♦ **School Representatives**



Dear All

We are delighted with the way all our new pupils have settled into school life. They are already walking in the corridors with real confidence! At the top of the school it has been a busy time for our Year 6 pupils who have been elected and selected for various positions of responsibility. We have no doubt that they will be a credit to St Mary's whenever they are asked to represent our school.

This year we are really celebrating our Outdoor Learning and have lots of plans for developing our outdoor space. Please could your child keep in school a pair of wellies and spare clothing (tracksuit bottoms/waterproofs) so they can enjoy our outdoor space whatever the weather.

The classes now have their own Outdoor learning groups:

EYFS: Hedgehogs
Year 1: Squirrels
Year 2: Otters
Year 3: Badgers
Year 4: Foxes
Year 5: Deers
Year 6: Bears

Each group will select two rangers who will lead on the Outdoor learning activities. I look forward to regularly updating you!

It has been a busy couple of weeks so far for our children. Here is an insight into some of the work they have got up to:

EYFS - Have enjoyed a Creation Walk looking at the World around them
Year 1 - Enjoyed a Sensory Scavenger Hunt looking for the tiger from The Tiger Who Came to Tea
Year 2 - Completed a fun science experiment with ice to find the warmest place in their classroom
Year 3 - Have been artists designing clay badges for their story 'The Lion and The Unicorn' and sketching their portraits
Year 4 - Experienced calm and mindfulness in our new Wonder Tent
Year 5 - Are fully engrossed in their story 'The Hobbit' and have been recreating scenes from the story
Year 6 - Have been making their own Truffula Trees as part of their class story 'The Lorax.'

I hope that you have a lovely relaxing weekend.
Best wishes
Demelza Bolton
Executive Headteacher

Star of the Week

Week 1

Reception: Iris
Class 1: Alisa
Class 2: Leolla
Class 3: Lottie C
Class 4: Jowan
Class 5: Evie
Class 6: Megan

Week 2

Reception: Arthur
Class 1: Kaitlyn
Class 2: Sadie
Class 3: Lily H
Class 4: Jowan
Class 5: Henley
Class 6: Jack

School Council

The school councillors have been elected by their year group and have had their first meeting. With great enthusiasm, they discussed their roles and responsibilities and visions for the year ahead.

The following children were elected:

Year 1: Buddy and Mia
Year 2: Lena and Max
Year 3: James and Ellie
Year 4: Grace and Dylan
Year 5: Miley and Bobby
Year 6: Lyra and Megan

I am sure they will do a great job being the voice for the rest of the children and will be ably led by Mrs Ala Mace-Butler.

Attendance

Reception Class	99.1%	1st
Class 1	86.8%	
Class 2	90.0%	
Class 3	91.0%	
Class 4	98.2%	2nd
Class 5	96.7%	
Class 6	98.1%	3rd
Total overall		

Afterschool clubs

A letter went out this week about after schools clubs for the second part of the Autumn Term.

All clubs will start on Tuesday 29th October until Friday 13th December.

Netball will start on:
Monday 30th September.

Please ensure Afterschool sheets are handed in by 11th October.

Head Boy and Head Girl

We are extremely pleased that this year we will be having a Head Boy and a Head Girl from year 6 and a Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl from year 5.

Children who are interested have been advised to speak to their class teacher to find out what they need to do.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is on Friday 6th December.

There is availability for people to hire a table to sell items.

Please ask at the school office.

Grandparents Tea Party

On Friday 4th October at 1.30

We are holding a Grandparents Tea Party.

This is an opportunity for the children to celebrate the older generation in their lives. The children will be able to invite their grandparents and elderly family friends in to school for some tea, cake and a chat.

If you are interested in coming along then please book your place with Mrs Phillips.



Our Wonder Tent



The children have been very excited using our new tent. It is being used as an outdoor learning space where we have been providing a variety of different activities. Children have been having Catholic mindfulness, quiet reflection and stories. Look out in the next newsletter for more photos of the children learning outside!



Macmillan Cake Sale

Thankyou to everyone for all your kind donations of cakes and buns today for the Macmillan Cancer Research Support cake sale.

We will count the money and keep you up to date with the amount of money raised.

Care Taker

We are delighted to have appointed a new care taker
Mr Marlon Adams.

We are looking forward to Mr Adams starting with us at St Mary's.

Netball and High Fives

We are delighted to be offering Netball as an after school club.

We are also very excited to have entered a team in a Penwith Schools Tournament.

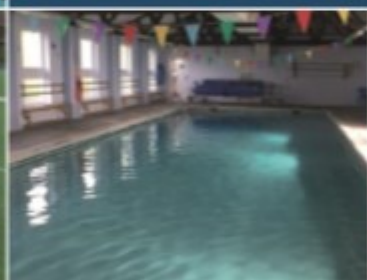
Good Luck to our team!



ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PENZANCE

NOW OFFERING

- 3 Year Old Nursery Provision
- 30 hour Childcare
- Breakfast Club
- After School Care
- Indoor Heated Swimming Pool



FOR MORE DETAILS:

Tel. 01736 330005

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Ofsted rated 'Good'



RE Inspected 'Outstanding'

EYFS Open Day Friday 11th October

Our Open Day will give you the opportunity to look around our lovely school, swimming pool, see our learning environments and meet members of staff.

Please phone the school office to make an appointment on 01736 330005.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2019

Tuesday 1st October	Y6	Open Day and Evening at Mounts Bay Academy
Wednesday 2nd October	Y5 & 6	Bikeability at school
Thursday 3rd October	Y6	Open Day and Evening at Humphrey Davy School
Friday 4th October	All	Grandparent's Tea Party at 1:30pm
Monday 7th October	All	PTA Meeting in school at 9am
Friday 11th October	EYFS	EYFS Open Day 9am to 12pm
Sunday 13th October	All	Harvest mass in Church 11am
Monday 14th October	Reception to Year 6	Flu vaccination
Wednesday 16th October	All	Tempest Photos Individual and family
Thursday 17th October	Year 1 to 6	Harvest Mass 9.30am in school
Thursday 17th October to 6:45pm	All	Halloween Disco KS1 4:30pm to 5:30pm KS2 5:45pm
Friday 18th October	Year 5 & 6	Distributing Harvest gifts to local residential homes
Mon 21st October to Fri 25th October	All	Half Term holiday
Monday 28th October	All	INSET DAY-School Closed
Tuesday 29th October	All	Return to school
Tuesday 29th October	Reception and Year 1	Balance ability
Friday 1st November	Year 1 to 6	All Saints Mass in church at 10am 4th
Monday 4th November	Year 1	Hearing test
Tuesday 5th November	Reception and Year 1	Balance ability
Tuesday 5th November	Reception & Year 6	Nursing Team visit (National Child Measurement)
Tuesday 12th November	Reception and Year 1	Balance ability
Monday 11th November	All	Parents evening
Wednesday 13th November	All	Parents evening
Friday 15th November	All	PTA Bingo night at 6pm
Thursday 5th November	PARENTS only	Wreath making workshop £20 per adult
Friday 6th December	All	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 11th December	All	Christmas lunch at school
Thursday 12th December	EYFS	Nativity at 2pm
Monday 16th December	KS1	Nativity in the morning
Monday 16th December	KS2	Carol singing in the afternoon
Thursday 19th December	All	Advent Mass in church at 10am
Friday 20th December	All	End of Autumn term
Monday 23rd December to Tuesday 7th January		Christmas Break

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 7th January	All	Return for Spring Term
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	All	Half term holiday
Monday 24th February	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 25th February	All	Return to school
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April	All	Easter Break
Monday 13th April	All	Easter Monday Bank Holiday

Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 14th April	All	Back to school for Summer Term
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	All	May half term
Monday 1st June	All	INSET DAY—school closed
Tuesday 2nd June	All	Return to school
Wednesday 22nd July	All	Last day of term