

St Mary's Catholic School

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Growing together in Knowledge, Faith and Love

Important Items in this newsletter:

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HELLO!

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 a new teacher to St Mary's. Miss Girling joins us in Year 5 as the class teacher and I know the children are having a great time in her lovely engaging lessons. I was particularly pleased to see how many of them managed 10/10 in their spellings this morning! Well done Year 5!

Today we say 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Keitch who goes on her maternity leave. We wish her lots of luck and look forward to meeting her little girl who I am sure will be a lovely addition to her family and a wonderful little sister for Oliver.

The teachers were extremely positive about attendance at the new parent meetings. If for any reason you were unable to attend, the power-points from the meetings will be uploaded to your child's class page, or you can collect all the information from your class teacher.

Please could you make sure your child has their swimming kit in school every Monday as the lessons times vary at the moment due to lifeguard cover. I must however stress again the importance of parents contributing to lessons which are £2.50 a week or £25 a term payable at the school office.

I hope you have a lovely relaxing weekend.

Best wishes Demelza Bolton Executive Headteacher

School Dinners

Reminder to the parents of children that have received Universal Infant Free School Meals, these cease at the end of Year 2. The kitchen offers a variety of hot and cold meals. Please see a full menu attached to 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.

Our Breakfast club is open every day

Monday- Friday from 8 am, £2.50 for a

session.

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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 쳐 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.

Don't forget to sign up to 'Class Dojo'. Letter's will be coming home today.

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 There will be a cake sale on Friday 27th of September to raise money for MacMillan cancer support Donation of cake would be gratefully appreciated on the morning. 999999999999

....................... Clubs this term

Monday - Clubs complete - Gym 3.15-4.20

Tuesday– Football-3.15-4.15

Thursday-Multiskills-3.15-4.15

Friday-Clubs complete– Cookery-3.15-4.20

<u>Trengwainton Lantern Walk</u>

The Lantern walk, this year, will be taking place on Friday 6th December and Saturday 7th December. To book tickets please follow the link below.

Tickets for admission to the Lantern Walk and visits to Father Christmas go on sale from 01 October on our website:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/trengwainton



Your local Link into Learning

Family

Parents/carers and their Year 1 children working together! Follow simple recipes, taste different foods and enjoy other activities...

Why not try: Food for Thought

A short course for Year 1 families

Being held at: St Mary's RC School

Penzance

On: Tuesday afternoons 1:15pm - 3:15pm

1st, 8th, 15th and 29th October

Please talk to staff in the school office to sign up for

For more information, contact Vicki (the Family Learning tutor) on 07968 992495 or vicki.salvidge@cornwall-acl.ac.uk







Enjoyment, Discipline,

Sportsmanship

Penzance and Newlyn RFC Minis and Juniors want youl

Non-Contact Tag rugby for boys and girls, Year 2 to 3 – 4:30pm Friday afternoon.

Contact rugby progression for boys and girls, Year 4 to 11 – 4:30 or 5:30pm Friday afternoon

Training for an hour with games on Sundays





Cornwall Music **Education Hub**





CORNWALL COUNTY CHOIRS



Aged 3—8? Love singing?
Mini Singers is Cornwall's County Choir for boys and girls aged 3 - 8. Expect a variety of songs with plenty of movement and actions. No auditions, just bring a smile!

The Cornwall Music Education hub has extended the Cornwall County Choir family to include younger singers from ages 3 to 8 years old. The Mini Singers and Junior Mini Singers will take place in two locations: Penzance (weekly during term time) and Truro (monthly during term time).

Penzance Weekly Sessions - Tuesdays

Mini Singers (for children aged 3 - 5 years)

4pm – 4.30pm weekly on Tuesdays at St Mary's C of E Primary School, Redinnick Place, Penzance. Children to be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the session.

Junior Mini Singers (for children aged 6 - 8 years)

4.30pm - 5.15pm weekly on Tuesdays at St Mary's C of E Primary School, Redinnick Place, Penzance. Parents not required to stay for the sessions.

Penzance Mini Singers and Junior Mini Singers Dates for Autumn Term 2019

September - 17th - free taster session (4-4.20 for 3-5 yr olds, 4.30 - 4.50 for 6-8 yr olds), 24th

October - 1st, 8th, 15th,

November - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

December - 3rd, 10th, Saturday 14th concert at Truro Methodist on evening

What does it cost to join Mini Singers and Junior Mini Singers?

Choir members pay a termly membership fee which is subsidised by the Cornwall Music Education Hub. The current termly fee is £30 for Mini Singers (10×30 minute sessions for children aged 3-5years) and £35 for Junior Mini Singers (10 x 45 minute weekly sessions for children aged 6 - 8 years). Mini Singers County Choir membership includes a Cornwall County Choirs T-Shirt.

Attendance

A polite reminder to parents about how important your child's attendance at school is this academic year. At the end of term in July our attendance figure was 95%. This was down from the year before. Therefore this school year we will be issuing penalty fines for holidays that are taken during term time. This is to ensure that all children are in school so that they can access the wide range of learning opportunities that are available to them. It is vital that your child attends school every day. We understand that there are reasons such as illness or hospital appointments where absences can be authorised. However, these need to be as limited as possible. Again, this is to ensure your child is able to reach their full potential by attending school every day.

<u>Lateness</u>

The school day begins at 8:45am and the school gate is open from 8:40am. The bell for registration is at 8:55am so please ensure that your child is in class ready for the school day at this time. A breakfast of a bagel or cereal for every child is available and orders for this need to be in by 8:45am. There is also our brilliant Breakfast Club which is open from 8:00am. The cost is £2.50 which includes breakfast and lots of fun things to do before the school day starts!

Uniform Store

We are planning on setting up a uniform store in school. If you have any second hand school uniform especially shoes or plimsolls that are in good condition, please hand them in to the office. Thank you.