



# St Mary's Catholic School

*'Growing together in Knowledge, Faith and Love'*

**Friday 22nd July 2022**

Dear Parents,

Where did that year go! What a fantastic year we have had as a community; recovering from all the covid issues and getting back into the full swing of school life. There are too many achievements and celebrations to mention individually, but you'll have seen on Dojo and our Facebook pages how rich the learning experiences have been for our children. A huge thank you to the teachers and support staff for their hard work and creativeness when planning their curriculums.

We are saying our final goodbyes to Sarah Payne and Sarah Luff this week. We wish Mrs Payne well wherever her new job role takes her, and lots of luck to Mrs Luff in her first Head of School role. We also thank our two parent governors who have finished their term of office. Shane Oliver and Vicki Wiltshire have given so much time and support to the school for many years.

Now hello and welcome to our newest team members! Leah Crompton and Grace Werth have been elected as parent governors and Fran Lobban (Deputy Head at my other school, St John's) will be the new SENDCo for St Mary's. Her role is shared across both schools and therefore like me, her time will be split across both sites. A new permanent Deputy Head for St Mary's has not been found and the job will be re-advertised for a start date of January 2023. For the autumn term, Miss Correnti is the named Deputy on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Lydia Keill will be the Deputy on Thursdays and Fridays. These leadership staff are your first port of call when I am off site and are in charge of the day to day running of the school in my absence.

A final thank you to all the St Mary's community for your welcome and support to me this year. I am really looking forward to my second year with you all - see you on Monday 5th September!

Best wishes,

Miss Teixeira



### **ACADEMIC YEAR CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Reception = 92.51%

Class 1 = 91.12%

Class 2 = 94.08%

Class 3 = 91.77%

Class 4 = 92.88%

Class 5 = 91.22%

Class 6 = 89.85%

*Congratulations to class 2 for having the highest attendance percentage this academic year.*



### **ATTENDANCE**

We are starting to plan for the new government rules for 32.5 hours of schooling per week. Not a huge change for St Mary's, but to give you some advanced notice, we will be looking to open the gate slightly earlier so that registration can take place at 8.45am instead of 8.55am. We will let you know when this comes into effect.

### **PTA VOLUNTEERS**

Have you got any spare time to support our PTA with fundraising next year? They are a small but dynamic team, who ensure our children have lots of extra treats. They have also just bought the school a National Trust membership to help with the cost of trips. Next year, I would like to fundraise for more of these longer lasting extras in addition to the one-off treats, such as new playground benches, break-time activities and library improvements. But we will need your help to do it!

### **DIARY DATES**

School term begins — Monday 5th September 2022

Individual & family photos — Wednesday 19th October 2022

A big THANK YOU to all the children, parents and staff, who either bought from or contributed to our recent Cake Sale.

We raised the amazing sum of £198! This money has gone towards funding our participation in Mazey Day by buying paint, fabric, materials etc.

Mrs Sopp

## **SPORTS NEWS**

Well done to our hockey team, who competed in the county tournament at Penzance Hockey Club on the 21st June. After a defeat to St Ives, they then defeated St Hilary 3-0, Charlestown 5-0 and Newlyn 3-0.

Despite these super results, we failed to qualify for the semi finals by just one point!

However, they finished 6th overall in the county, out of seventeen teams, which is a fabulous achievement!

Our hockey team also completed their league fixtures on the 29th June, recording draws against both Alverton and Pendeen, before beating St Erth 3-0 in their final game.

All the players have come together really well as a team; it is a shame that it is now the end of the league season!



Any parents interested in beginner swim classes for children aged 5+, running at the Jubilee Pool over the summer, please click the attached link:

<https://jubileepool.digitickets.co.uk/category/27926>



We would like to thank our GIFT chaplaincy team for their hard work this academic year. They demonstrated great enthusiasm and dedication in supporting our school and the local community. New members from the current Year 4 will be announced in September.

### **Free School Meals Holiday Vouchers**

The free school meals holiday voucher scheme which was introduced during the Covid pandemic has now closed. Vouchers are not being provided for the summer holidays 2022.

However, Cornwall Council will be getting funds from the Government to help to support families with the increased cost of living. The funds will help to support households with the most need against rising living costs, including energy, food and water bills. This includes all types of households, including those with children and pensioners. In Cornwall we know how difficult the current price rises are, and so we are going to use the Government funds to support as many people as possible.

Targeted financial support will go to households as a single cost-of-living payment.

- Pensioners in receipt of Pension Credit
- Low-income families who meet the Free School Meals eligibility criteria. This will be £80 per child in Reception through to Year 11.

We hope that a cash payment will allow families to use this support in the way that best meets their needs.

For further information and to make an application please see our webpage [Cost of living support payments - Cornwall Council](#)

If you are struggling with living costs you can find help and support at: [Support for residents struggling with the cost of living - Cornwall Council](#)



# **PATRICIA ESCHEN PRIZE FOR POETRY 2022**

## **CHILDREN'S COMPETITION**

**MORRAB LIBRARY & THE DENNIS MYNER TRUST**



**A FREE TO ENTER, INTERNATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION,  
WITH A CHILDREN'S CATEGORY.**

**40 LINES MAXIMUM | ENGLISH LANGUAGE | ONE ENTRY PER PERSON**

**UNDER 16S CATEGORY PRIZES:**

**1ST PRIZE: £150 | 2ND PRIZE: £100 | 3RD PRIZE: £50**

**CLOSING DATE: 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022 (23:59 GMT)**

**FOR HOW TO ENTER, COMPETITION RULES &  
MORE ABOUT INFO ABOUT THE OTHER CATEGORIES:  
[MORRABLIBRARY.ORG.UK/POETRY-PRIZE](http://MORRABLIBRARY.ORG.UK/POETRY-PRIZE)**

**@PEPOETRYPRIZE**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Time2Move Holiday Programme – Summer 2022**

It is with great pleasure that we can inform you that the Time2Move Holiday Programme for Summer 2022 has gone live.

The programme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a free meal for every child. Activities this Summer will be taking place across Cornwall throughout the whole School Summer Holidays. All children are welcome to attend, and it is completely **FREE** for children that are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

As a parent or guardian of a child eligible for benefits related free school meals you will need your child's unique code in order to access the activities for free. You can access your child's code quickly and easily at:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move)

Once you have this code you can search and book on activities here:

[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme)

The activities are all delivered by approved providers with the main focus on fun and enjoyment. So please search for activities near you, book your child's place and we look forward to seeing your child over the Summer holidays.

For any questions regarding the Time2Move Holiday Programme please email [Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk) or phone 01872 233335.

Yours faithfully

**The Time2Move Holiday Programme Team**

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## Summer Active Holiday Camp

Monday - Thursday

10.00am - 2.00pm

25th - 28th July • 1st - 4th August  
8th - 11th August • 22nd - 25th August

Mounts Bay Academy TR18 3JT

5-16 years old

£15 a day or free for FSM  
Ask about transport if 3+ miles away

Our Summer Active Holiday Camp promises to deliver massive amounts of fun, play and activity! It will give children the chance to discover a range of exciting and engaging activities. There will be new games, play, wellbeing activities and much more.

### FREE to book:

5-11 years old

11-16 years old

Football



Email: [holidaycamp@mountsbayacademy.org](mailto:holidaycamp@mountsbayacademy.org)

**FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED**



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# SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

We wish all our pupils and their families a fantastic summer of fun. While children and teachers enjoy a well-deserved break, our team of chefs and nutritionists will be busy in the kitchen putting the finishing touches to our new Autumn menu, launching in October.

We've got lots of fun theme days planned to get the children **buzzzzzing** with excitement – trying new dishes, experiencing new cultures and learning that nutritious food is fun. Watch this space!!!!

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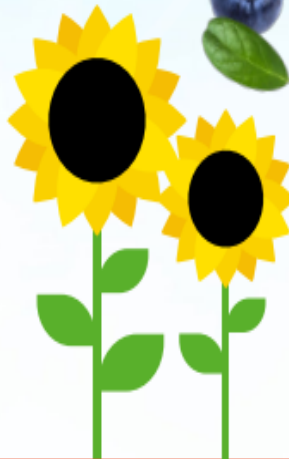
## **DID YOU KNOW THAT SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE TO ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2?**

Simply speak to your school office to enjoy a nutritionally balanced meal every day. Children in Years 3 – 6 could also enjoy a hot school meal or packed lunch for **FREE**.

Check if you're eligible here:  
**Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK**

 **Chartwells**

**SUMMER FUN WITH  
FULL TIME MEALS**





## Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

The Summer Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and young volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

### How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a Gadgeteers collector poster.
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**It's FUN! It's FREE! It's LOCAL!**