

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment

Designated Child Protection Officer: Ms A Maher

Spring Term 2 2010



Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to another half term at St Mary's. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable week. I know that those of you who attended the trip to Kingswood had a fantastic (if muddy!) time and we are looking forward to offering more holiday adventures in future through our extended schools partnership.

You will see that we have added additional information to our letterhead this term. This is to ensure that our commitment to the safeguarding of your children is clear to all. Please remember that our Child Protection policy is published on our website and that myself, Ms O'Beirne or Mrs Addis should be contacted about any concerns. However, all staff have a responsibility in relation to safeguarding and can be approached in the case of emergency.

As we move through Lent, and the children are preparing for Easter, we have a whole school Lenten Promise this year which is to say The Angelus every-day in class in addition to our daily prayers. The Angelus is traditionally prayed at 12noon and 6pm. There is a copy of the prayer in the Newsletter and we invite you to say The Angelus at home in the evening with your children so that you too can share in their Lenten journey.

With best wishes,

Ms A Maher
Headteacher

Attendance Return 4th Jan 2010—12th Feb 2010

Rec—88.61%
Yr 1—90.83%
Yr 2—92.18%
Yr 3—93.48%
Yr 4—89.76%
Yr 5—92.93%
Yr 6—91.52%

Well done Year 3. You are this half term's winners.

Our overall absences were:

7.10% authorised
1.69% unauthorised

Please note that unauthorised absences count as truancy so if we have not heard from you by 10am we have to keep a record for our Education Welfare Officer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The following children have birthdays during March and April. If your name is not on the list please let us know so that we can check we have the correct date of birth on our records:

Daisy Yr 3	Natalie Yr 2
Joshua REC	Sian Yr 1
Prosopa Yr 4	Ben Yr 1
Hannah Yr 3	Taraneh Yr 6
Harley Yr 4	Ellen Yr 2
James REC	Rhiannon Yr 4
Chloe Yr 1	Jodie Yr 6
Bianca Yr 1	Zara Yr 2
William Yr 4	Cara Yr 4
Kristian Yr 1	James Yr 6
Harry Yr 6	Thomas Rec
Harry Yr 1	Thomas Yr 1
Jordan Yr 5	Jack Yr 1
Georgia REC	

Dinner Money Price Increase



School dinners will increase from £1.70 per day, £8.50 per week to £1.75 per day, £8.75 per week with effect from April 2010.

Please refrain from paying dinner money at the school office. If you are paying outstanding bills please put the correct amount in an envelope with your child's name and amount on the front and put in the white post box next to the window. Any cheques should be made payable to DMBC. Thank you

BUILDING FUND

Thank you to all those of you who have been sending donations in the little envelopes which are attached to the newsletter. We have been looking carefully at the school building to see how we can further improve facilities for our school community. We desperately need additional rooms for small group teaching and somewhere for parents/carers to meet for informal coffee mornings, Friends meetings, private meetings with teachers etc. so hopefully, with your help, this will be our next project. As you can imagine, building work is expensive but every donation helps and no donation is too small.

Whole School Mass List

Weds 3rd Mar	Prepared by Year 5	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 10th Mar	Prepared by Year 3	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 17th Mar	Prepared by Year 4	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 31st Mar	Easter Mass Prepared by Year 6	Fr Darley 9.15am

We look forward to seeing as many parents and parishioners as possible at our whole school Masses.

Diary Dates



Mon 1st March	St David's Day - Make a Daffodil
Weds 3rd March	World Maths Day
3rd—5th March	Residential Astley Burf
Thurs 4th March	World Book Day
	First Holy Communion Meeting for catechists and parents. St Mary's Parish Centre, 7.00pm
Friday 5th March	Yr 4 visit to Black Country Museum
Weds 10th March	School Council visit to Quarry Bank
Thurs 11th March	Dance Festival, Windsor High School
	First Holy Communion meeting for parents and Fr. Darley—St. Mary's Parish Centre, 7.00pm
Weds 17th March	St Patrick's Day—Make a Hat
Thurs 18th March	Y6 to St Mary's Church for Stations of the Cross and Mass
Mon 22nd March	KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm
Tues 23rd March	KS2 Production 6.30pm
Weds 24th March	Parents Evening 3.10—5.30pm
Thurs 25th March	Y1 INSPIRE 9.15—10.15am
	Y5 & Y6 to Sikh Temple
	Safety Forum Meeting in school 5.00pm
	Reconciliation meeting for parents and catechists—St Mary's Parish Centre, 7.00pm
Fri 26th March	Easter Confessions 10.45am
Weds 31st March	Parents Evening 5.00-7.00pm

School Closures 2009—2010

Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday—school closed to pupils
Thursday 6th May	School closed for pupils because of local elections
Friday 28th May	Catholic INSET day - school closed to pupils

Class Assemblies

Fri 5th March	Year 1 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 12th March	Foundation Stage Assembly	9.10am
Fri 19th March	Year 2 Assembly	9.10am

All parents are welcome to attend all assemblies.

After School Clubs

To begin week beginning 1st March

Mon	Football Mr Turner KS1	3.15– 4.15pm
Tue	Library Club Ms Maher KS1 & KS2	8.00am – 8.40am*
Tues	Maths Booster Mrs Brereton Yr 6	3.15 – 4.15pm
Weds	Irish Dancing Una Rollinson KS1 & KS2	3.15-4.15pm
	Craft Club KS1	Lunchtime
Thurs	Library Club Miss Phillips KS1 & KS2	8.00—8.40am*
Thurs	Writing Club Miss Richards Yr 2	3.15-4.15pm
Thurs	Spanish Mrs Deere Yrs 2 & 3	Lunchtime
Fri	Football Mr Turner KS2	3.15- 4.15pm

* This club is open to families but unfortunately because of insurance purposes we are unable to offer this to Pre-School children or to provide breakfast.

Dudley Performing Arts VTime choir

Does your child love to sing?

We are looking for new members to join VTime, a free, non-audition choir for all children aged 7 – 12 within Dudley.

VTime is run by DPA Vocal coordinator Jude Moreland and Vocal tutor Sue Simpson. We aim to introduce the children to a wide range of musical styles, encouraging good singing practices in an environment which is fun, friendly and stimulating, giving children the opportunity to participate in termly concerts.

To join after Easter to sing in our big festival at Himley in July, why not bring your child along to Saltwells Education Centre, Bowling Green Road, Netherton on a Wednesday evening between 6.00 and 7.15?

Fun and great singing guaranteed!

If you'd like further details, please ring Jude Moreland at Dudley Performing Arts on 01384 813867 or email at Judith.moreland@dudley.gov.uk



Eco Suggestion Box

We now have an Eco suggestion box in the front hall by the green noticeboard.

If you have any suggestions about how to help us make our school greener please place them in the box.

We are always looking for ideas.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary....

Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary....

And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary....

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



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Aluminium Can and Foil Collection

As you are aware, St Mary's is aiming to meet government targets to become a 'greener' school.

In order to do so we have started to recycle paper, card, plastic, aluminium cans and tin foil. You can help us by sending in unwanted aluminium cans and foil as we are able to sell this for a small profit to school funds. This money will then be spent on sustainable development resources in school.

Collection points are outside the school office.



Rag Bag Textile Collection

Some of you may have noticed the large textile collecting box outside the school office.

We have now forged links with a company in Scotland to collect our textiles. So far, with your help we have raised **£70** for school funds.

You can send your unwanted textiles in at any time. This includes unwanted, clean clothing, bed linen, shoes (tied together), blankets, towels, curtains, handbags and belts. Plastic bags are available from the school office should you require one



Jewellery Recycling Week

Your child should have returned home with a plastic envelope for our jewellery recycling week.

If you, or any friends or relatives have any unwanted or broken jewellery please send into school by Friday 5th March.

We are collecting gold, silver, costume jewellery and watches and there will be a prize draw for one lucky envelope returned.



Did you know...?

Every year we throw away the equivalent of 3 1/2 million double decker buses—a queue which would stretch to Sydney in Australia and back!

It takes just 25 two litre plastic pop bottles to make one adult size fleece

Every person uses around 135—150 litres of water—every day!