



## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*'Providing a Christ centred setting whereby everyone can live out the messages of Jesus with love, understanding and care'  
St Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi Academy Company and St Mary's are 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 Officers: Ms O' Beirne, Miss Mosley, Mrs Brereton and Mrs Berry.  
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June 2019

**Principal: Ms O. O'Beirne**

This month was a busy one in the church calendar! Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday took us to the end of Eastertide; then the church celebrates Trinity Sunday; and lastly the Feast of Corpus Christi, where we celebrated Jesus' gift of His body and blood to us on the cross and through the Eucharist.

A common theme across these celebrations is that of peace:

- Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He spent 40 days with His disciples on earth, giving them proof of Jesus' resurrection and personal peace in their faith.
- At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit brought peace and unity by giving the apostles the ability to speak different languages, enabling communication with all.
- Trinity Sunday celebrates the loving, peaceful community of the Trinity. This week is also Refugee Week, which calls for the global spread of peace.
- Finally, at Corpus Christi we celebrate Jesus' sacrifice, as a result of which peace is restored between man and God!

It is our prayer that all children, their schools and families will know the peace of God this month and beyond

*Ms O'Beirne*  
**Principal**

### Congratulations



To all the Year 3 children that made their First Holy Communion last weekend and to all the Year 5 and Year 6 children who were confirmed.



### **SMA Treatment approved by NHS England!**

As many of you know Hollie (Y5) has SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy). It is a genetic condition that makes muscles weaker and causes problems with movement and mobility. Up until very recently treatment has been unavailable from NHS England, however we were delighted to be informed by Hollie's mum, that the first and only treatment for SMA has now been approved!

We hope that Hollie is able to start this potentially life changing treatment soon, however in the meantime Hollie's family are trying to raise £18,000 for her new wheelchair. We would like to do our bit and help raise some funds towards this wheelchair and as such we will be having a Mufti-Day on Friday 5th July. A minimum donation of £1.00 is required. Mrs Staves has also secured match funding up to £250 from the EDDGE Foundation.



## CALENDAR DATES

Date	Event	Time
Friday 28th June	SNOMAC INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	All Day
Friday 5th July	Whole School Mass—Year 3	9.00am—9.30am
Friday 5th July	Mufti Day	
Friday 5th July	Summer Fair	3.00pm—5.00pm
Monday 8th July	SPORTS DAY	
Wednesday 10th July	Drop in session for Y6 Parents—Astley Burf Medication	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 11th July	Pre-School & Reception Trip to Wild Zoological Park	All Day
Friday 12th July	Whole School Mass—Year 5	9.00am—9.30am
15th - 17th July	Y6 Residential to Astley Burf	All Day
Thursday 18th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	9.00am
Friday 19th July	Whole School Mass—Y6 Leavers	9.00am—9.30am
Friday 19th July	Children break up for Summer	3.00pm
Monday 22nd July	Inset Day	All Day
Monday 2nd September	Inset Day	All Day
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day	All Day

### INSET DAYS 2019/2020

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 19	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 19	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 19	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 20	Thursday 7th May 2020 Enforced Closure	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 20 Bank Holiday	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 20	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 20
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### Dudley Term Dates 2019/2020

**2019 Autumn Term—Term Starts:** Monday 2 September 2019 **Half Term:** Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 1 November 2019  
**Term Ends:** Friday 20 December 2019

**2020 Spring Term—Term Starts:** Monday 6 January 2020 **Half Term:** Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020 **Term Ends:** Friday 3 April 2020

**2020 Summer Term—Term Starts:** Monday 20 April 2020 **Half Term:** Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020 **Term Ends:** Monday 20 July 2020

## Year 1 & 2 Trip to the Botanical Gardens

Despite the weather Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic day at the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham.

They were able to complete a 'bug hunt' and found spiders, worms and beetles! They also went 'Pond Dipping' for Water Snails and other creatures. The children even got to meet some exotic animals including an African Snail and an Iguana!





Sports day will now be held on **Monday 8th July**.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this change may have caused.

**Well Done to Year 1**

They have all worked so hard in the week of their Phonics Screening, and have done fabulously!

We are very proud of each and every one of them.



**Congratulations**

Pierre (Y5) and Guillaume (Y2) recently completed the Sutton Coldfield Triathlon!



All monies raised by the boys have been very kindly given to St Mary's to buy valuable science equipment for the school!

**Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park**

Year 6 had a fantastic day at the Safari Park. They went round all the animal enclosures and then spent time in the Theme Park going on all the rides!



**Teacher Allocations for 2019/20**

We are pleased to announce our teacher allocation for 2019-20.

Year 6	Mrs Broomfield
Year 5	Mr Baggott
Year 4	Mrs Rogers
Year 3	Miss Pace
Year 2	Miss Slater
Year 1	Miss Unitt
Reception	Mrs Berry

This week all the children spent the morning in their new classes and met with their new teachers in order to give them a smooth transition into their new classes.

The 'Friends of St Mary's' are looking for donations of Toys, Raffle Prizes and cakes for our Summer Fair. If you can bring any donations to the school office by Thursday 4th July it would be very much appreciated.

They are also looking for volunteers to help on the day, if you are available and willing to help, please let the school office know.



### Polite Reminder

Please be reminded that when we release your child to you at the end of the school day, they immediately become your responsibility. Please do not allow your child to run off onto the field or out of the playground unaccompanied.

### Water Bottles

Please remember your water bottle!  
A number of children have been coming to school without a water bottle.

It is very important that children take regular drinks throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings their water bottle in every day!



### Speakers needed!



During November, next academic year, we will be celebrating our annual "Being Brilliant in Britain" week, where, as a school, we explore and learn about different cultures and faiths we have in our local area

(and beyond!). We would like to ask whether any parents, carers or friends may like to put themselves forward for a possibility to speak to a class or classes about their own faith. For further information or to put your name forward to be a possible speaker, please speak to Mrs Borriello or email the school on

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and mark it for her attention.

Thank you.

### Attendance

As you know, good attendance is very important to us here at St Mary's and we are working hard to make sure that all children attend school as often as possible. I understand that children cannot help being ill, but I would urge parents to do their best to ensure that medical and dental appointments are made for outside of school hours.

I am no longer able to authorise holidays taken during term time. Please see our Attendance Policy on our website for details of fixed penalty notices which are now being issued by Dudley for holiday absences.

Mr Paul Weston, our Attendance Support Officer, will continue to monitor attendance and will issue letters to parents to alert them when their child's attendance falls below 95%, 93% and 90%. He will also be visiting homes of children whose attendance has dropped significantly.

Before the end of the summer term Mr Weston will be holding an attendance clinic. Invitation letters will be issued in due course.

We appreciate your continued support.



### Support we can offer you

Our school nurse, Amy Emery, is available for appointments and runs regular drop-in sessions. Just ask at the office if you'd like to see Amy (she is excellent!). In addition, if you have any concerns about your child's learning, progress or emotional health and well-being our SENDCO, Miss Mosley, is here most Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and can offer a range of help and support as well as arranging appointments wherever necessary. If you feel you need any help or support just let us know – come and see Ms O' Beirne or Mrs Borriello and we will do our best to arrange the best support we can.

### Values and Virtues—Intentional and Prophetic

Children at St Mary's Catholic Primary School are growing to be **intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.