



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 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 O' Beirne

Child Protection policy available at www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk



October 2014



October is the month of the Rosary. Our school name is dedicated in honour of Our Lady. Please spend time with your child sharing prayers from their class Prayer Book.

Dates for your Diary

Training Days

Please note that there will be Training Days on the following dates:

- Monday January 5th 2015
- Friday March 27th 2015
- Thursday May 7th 2015
- Monday July 20th 2015



Class Assemblies

Friday 7th November	Parents only—E-Safety	2.00pm
Friday 14th November	Year 1—Children In Need	2.20pm
Friday 21st November	Reception	2.30pm
Friday 28th November	Year 4	2.30pm
Friday 19th December	Christmas Blessing with Father Cecil and Christmas carol service	TBC

Class assembly times will change to 2.20pm after half term (November).

Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Mass prepared by Year 3	9.15am
Monday 24th November	Confirmation—St Mary's Church	7.00pm
Sunday 30th November	Thanksgiving Mass (Advent) - St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tuesday 9th December	Mass prepared by Year 6	9.15am
Wednesday 24th December	Children's Christmas Eve Mass—St Mary's Church	5.30pm

November	Dedicated month for Holy Souls
Mon 3rd Nov	Children return to school
Fri 7th Nov	E-Safety workshop for parents
Mon 10th Nov	SENCO Open Day . Year 5 Junior Neighbourhood Watch starts
Mon 24th Nov	Confirmation at St Mary's Church
Fri 5th Dec	Christmas Fair 3.00—5.00pm
Wed 10th Dec	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Sat 13th Dec	Breakfast with Santa. Please return your slip by Friday 7th November
Friday 19th Dec	Break up for Christmas

Operation Christmas Child

Although we try not to think about Christmas until after half term, we will be sending out how to pack your shoe box gift for 'Operation Christmas Child' leaflet with this newsletter because the team that collect the shoe boxes will be coming on 7th November. Please only use shoe boxes and not boot boxes. It is a lovely activity for the children to engage in during the half term break.



Poppy Appeal

In November, we pray for all those we love who have gone on before us to heaven. The Poppy Appeal will continue to run after half-term. Children can purchase a poppy for a donation of at least 10p.

School Meals and Healthy Schools

Practically all of our infant children are availing of the government's new initiative to provide a free school meal to all KS1 pupils.

Reminder: Our school promotes Healthy Eating; we would encourage parents to please consider this when preparing pupils lunch. There should be limited chocolate items and savoury snacks. The school has a **NO NUTS** or ingredients with known nut contents policy eg. peanut butter, chocolate bars with nuts, etc. as we have children with nut allergies.

Polite reminder

For safety reasons please ensure that parents and pupils do not walk down the main driveway of the school. May I also remind parents that the staff car park is never to be used to drop off or pick up children during any time of the school day, including after school hours when collecting children from the After School Club. Thank you.

A message from the PTA

By now you should have received our letter with all the information about this year's 'Breakfast With Santa' which will be held on Saturday 13th December. Please return your slips no later than Friday 7th November.

We would like to thank Adrian Guest of Adrian Guest Design for the animal figures that he has created to go in our Forest School. If you would like more information about Adrian's work, please look to his website, www.adrianguestdesign.co.uk, or speak to Mrs Hambridge.

Anti-Bullying Week and Road Safety Week

17th—21st November will be Anti Bullying Week, and Road Safety Week. There will be various assemblies and classroom activities focusing on these important issues. Ask your child if they have learnt something new about staying safe on the road or dealing with bullies.

