

## ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'At St. Mary's we are called together to Love, Learn and care with Jesus. Love Jesus, ourselves and each other.'

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 Homer and Mrs Berry.

Child Protection policy available at [www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk)

March 2020



Principal: Ms O. O'Beirne

## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

Second half term

In the last week of February we celebrated Ash Wednesday, which started the six-week journey of Lent. Just like Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas, Lent is a season of preparation for Easter. We teach children that Christians are called to a deeper commitment to prayer, fasting and giving during Lent. This is so that our faith is deepened and we are renewed ready to receive new life at Easter.

*"...your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:19*

### First Holy Communion

If you are the parent of a child in Year 3 who is intending for your child to receive the Sacrament, you should have received a letter detailing all of the parent/children meetings, and Masses for your child. Please contact Father Des if you have not received this letter, if you have any questions, or require any further information.



This half term St Mary's pupils will be focusing on the following Virtues

**Faith-filled & Hopeful**

Faith-filled in their beliefs and Hopeful for the future.

### School Life App—Parents Evening

Thursday 2nd April

Appointments will be available from 3.15-6.45pm

Please be advised that you will **ONLY** be able to book a slot for parents evening via the School Life App. Bookings will open on Tuesday 3rd March and close on Friday 27th

March

Year 6 Parents will also have the opportunity to meet Mr Miastowski from Hagley RC High School during this evening.



Don't forget parents' evening!

*If you are having difficulty with accessing the app please call into the school office.*

## Congratulations

On the 11th January 2020, five girls from St Mary's participated in their second Irish Dance Feis - The City of Birmingham Championships.

Maisie (Y6), Sophia & Maddie (Y5), Ellouise (Y3) and Reese (Y1).



## Calendar Dates Spring Term 2019/2020

Thursday 5th March	KS2 Lenten Service	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 6th March	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 5	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 6th March	World Book Day	All Day
Friday 13th March	Class Mass—Led by Year 4	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 19th March	EYFS & KS1 Lenten Service	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 20th March	Class Mass—Led by Year 3	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 27th March	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 1	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 2nd April	Mass	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 2nd April	Parents' Evening	3.15pm-6.45pm
Friday 3rd April	<b>Children break up for Easter—No after school club</b>	3.00pm
Monday 20th April	School re-opens to Children	8.40am
Thursday 23rd April	Assembly—Led by Mini Vinnies	9.00am-9.30am
Friday 1st May	Mass—Led by School Council	9.00am-10.00am
Wednesday 6th May	VE Day Celebrations	All Day
Wednesday 6th May	New Reception Pupils Induction Evening	6.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday 7th May	<b>School Closed for Voting</b>	All Day
Friday 8th May	<b>Bank Holiday for VE Day</b>	All Day
Friday 15th May	Mass—Led by Reception	9.00am-10.00am
Thursday 21st May	<b>Children break up for Half Term—No after school club</b>	3.00pm
Friday 22nd May	<b>Inset Day</b>	All Day
Monday 1st June	School re-opens to Children	8.40am
Friday 5th June	Mass—Led by Anti-Bullying Ambassadors	9.00am-10.00am
Thursday 11th June	Assembly - Led by Year 5	9.00am-10.00am
Friday 12th June	Mass—Led by Year 4	9.00am-10.00am
Friday 19th June	Mass—Led by Faith Leaders	9.00am-10.00am
Tuesday 23rd June	Bishop Milner Taster day for Year 5 Pupils	All Day
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 4 trip to The Commandery	All Day
Thursday 25th June	Assembly—Led by Year 1	9.00am-10.00am
Thursday 25th June	Bikability Year 3 and Year 5	All Day
Friday 26th June	Bikability Year 3 and Year 5	All Day
Friday 26th June	Mass—Led by Year 6	All Day

**For more term dates, please follow this link:**

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-term-dates/>

## CALENDAR DATES CONTINUED

Date	Event	Time
Friday 26th June	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Sealife Centre	All Day
Monday 29th June	Bishop Milner Induction Day	All Day
Wednesday 1st July	Bishop Milner Induction Day	All Day
Thursday 2nd July	Assembly—Led by Year 2	9.00-9.30am
Friday 3rd July	Mass—Led by Year 5	9.00-10.00am
Wednesday 8th July	Year 3 Trip to Wroxeter Roman City	All Day
Thursday 9th July	Bikability Year 4 and Year 6	All Day
Thursday 9th July	Assembly—Led by Reception Class	9.00-9.30am
Friday 10th July	Mass—Led by Year 1	9.00-10.00am
Friday 10th July	Whole School Mass—Year 1	9.00am—9.30am
Tuesday 14th July	Reports Evening	3.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9.00am-10.30am
Friday 17th July	Leavers Mass—Led by Year 6	9.00am-10.00am
Friday 17th July	<b>Children break up for the Summer Holidays—No after school club</b>	3pm
Monday 20th July	<b>Inset Day</b>	All Day

### St Mary's Church

A huge Thank you to St Mary's Church who kindly provided each child with a Lenten Calendar.

### Parking outside school premises

Please can we remind parents /carers that parking is **NOT PERMITTED** on the white lines / zigzags outside of school.

Please also be mindful of residents living by our school and do not block driveways.

Parents must not park or drop off children on the white lines or zigzags.



School  
Uniform

As in line with school policy, can you please ensure that children only wear stud earrings to school and use simple hair bands or bobbles. If they are unable to remove their earrings independently then please ensure they do not wear these to school on days when PE lessons are taught. No extreme hairstyles and/or tram lines are allowed either. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. See school uniform policy which is on the website.



We have to say goodbye to Mrs Berry, who leaves us at the end of this term. Mrs Berry has gained an exciting new role as Head of Primary Phase at a school in Dudley. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best in his new role!

After Easter, we will welcome Miss Hutton into her new role as class teacher, Early Years/KS1 and Maths lead.

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Don't forget to return your #Vocations Lego Competition entries by Friday 13th March!

Don't forget to come dressed as your favourite book character on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**RSE Workshop Dates**

If you attend one of the sessions at 3.15pm, we will have Provision in place to care for your child during this time.

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 1 and 2	2pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 3 and 4	2pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 and 6	2pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and 2	3.15pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4	3.15pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 and 6	3.15pm

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our "Pyjama Day." We raised over £160!!

Well done to our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who have created a child friendly policy during one of their many breakfast meetings. If you would like a copy of this policy, please contact the school office.

All the best and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

*Ms O'Beirne*

**Principal**