



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Spring 1 2009

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to another new term at St Mary's. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your most generous Christmas wishes and gifts and to wish you all a very happy new year. I hope that you have had a peaceful Christmas.

As the new year unfolds, and the days begin to get longer again, we look forward to the future and start to make plans for the days ahead. As you will see by our diary dates, there are many things planned for St Mary's community over the next term.

I hope that you will enjoy what we have got planned for the next term and I wish you all the best for 2009. Happy New Year!

Best wishes

Ms A Maher
Headteacher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The following children have birthdays during January and February. 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:

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| Cavan Yr 4 | Lyn Yr 6 |
| Kate Rec | Vikesh Yr 3 |
| Sam Rec | Jordan Yr 5 |
| Piper Yr 1 | Corben Yr 2 |
| Colbie Rec | Cerise Yr 1 |
| Callum Yr 4 | Danielle Yr 5 |
| Stevie-Leigh Yr 5 | Vladimir Yr 3 |
| Sadaf Yr 4 | Rosie Rec |
| Darci Rec | Jordan Yr 5 |
| Kye Yr 3 | Amie Rec |
| Bethany Yr 4 | |

Attendance Return 3rd Nov 2008—19th Dec 2008

Rec—88.16%
Yr 1—93.25%
Yr 2—94.23%
Yr 3—94.42%
Yr 4—94.48%
Yr 5—92.21%
Yr 6—93.60%

Well done Year 4. You are this half term's winners.

Our overall absences were:

6.91% authorised
0.24% 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.

Hats and Scarves

As the weather is now getting a little cooler we have woolly hats & scarves in stock for £4 each. Also pump bags and swimming bags are available for £4 each.



Congratulations to the following children who each received a 100% attendance award for Autumn Term 2008:

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| Amie Rec | Rose Rec |
| Bianca Rec | Rosie Rec |
| Jack Rec | Oliver Rec |
| Kiara Yr 1 | Jason Yr 1 |
| Mikey Yr 1 | Joe Yr 1 |
| Sophie Yr 1 | Renee Yr 1 |
| Molly Yr 2 | Ellie Yr 2 |
| Lewis Yr 2 | Joshua Yr 2 |
| Frances Yr 3 | Glenna Yr 3 |
| Aimee Yr 3 | Vikesh Yr 3 |
| Emily Yr 3 | Abbie Yr 4 |
| Alex Yr 4 | Thomas Yr 4 |
| Jordan Yr 4 | Oliver Yr 4 |
| Christine Yr 4 | Niamh Yr 4 |
| Jodie Yr 5 | Connor Yr 5 |
| Alesha Yr 5 | Amber Yr 5 |
| Rhys Yr 6 | Daniel Yr 6 |
| Devvrat Yr 6 | |



Whole School Mass List

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| Weds 28th Jan | Prepared by Year 6 | Fr Darley 9.15am |
| Weds 4th Feb | Prepared by Year 4 | Fr Darley 9.15am |
| Weds 11th Feb | Prepared by Year 3 | Fr Darley 9.15am |
| Weds 4th Mar | Prepared by Year 1 | Fr Darley 9.15am |
| Weds 11th Mar | Prepared by Year 2 | Fr Darley 9.15am |
| Weds 18th Mar | Prepared by Year 5 | Fr Darley 9.15am |
| Weds 25th Mar | Prepared by Foundation Stage | Fr Darley 9.15am |
| Thurs 2nd Apr | 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



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| Fri 9th Jan | Textile Collection |
| Weds 14th Jan | Family Life Meeting 7.00am |
| Fri 16th Jan | PTA Meeting 2.00pm in school. Everyone welcome |
| Thurs 5th Feb | Y3 & Y5 Cycling Proficiency |
| Fri 6th Feb | Y5 Cycling Proficiency |
| Thurs 12th Feb | Sponsored Bounce |
| Fri 13th Feb | BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM |
| Mon 23rd Feb | RETURN TO SCHOOL |
| Fri 27th Feb | St David's Day Celebrations |
| | Y1 & Y2 Road Safety |
| Fri 6th Mar | Y1 & Y2 Road Safety |
| 9th—11th Mar | Residential to Alton Castle |
| Fri 13th Mar | Y1 & Y2 Road Safety |
| Tues 17th Mar | St Patrick's Day Celebrations |
| Fri 20th Mar | Y1 & Y2 Road Safety |
| Tue 24th Mar | KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm |
| Weds 25th Mar | Parent's Evening 3.10—5.00pm |
| Thurs 26th Mar | KS2 Production 6.30pm |
| Fri 27th Mar | Y1 & Y2 Road Safety |
| | Easter Confessions |
| Wed 1st Apr | Easter Disco 1.00-3.00pm |
| | Parent's Evening 5.00-7.00pm |
| | Easter Egg Hunt |
| Fri 3rd Apr | BREAK UP FOR EASTER |
| Mon 20th Apr | RETURN TO SCHOOL |
| Mon 2nd Feb | INSET DAY |

Class Assemblies

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| Fri 16th January | Year 6 Assembly | 9.10am |
| Fri 23rd January | Year 1 Assembly | 9.10am |
| Fri 30th January | Year 3 Assembly | 9.10am |
| Fri 6th February | Year 2 Assembly | 9.10am |
| Fri 13th February | Multicultural Assembly | 9.10am |
| Fri 27th February | Year 4 Assembly | 9.10am |
| Fri 6th March | Year 5 Assembly | 9.10am |
| Fri 13th March | Foundation Stage Assembly | 9.10am |



Dinner Money

Could you please refrain from paying dinner money at the school office whenever possible. If dinner money is paid at the office could the right amount be put in an envelope with your child's name and amount on the front of the envelope. Any cheques should be made payable to DMBC. Thank you for your help in this matter.



Uniform

We are very pleased to see the children looking so smart on their return to St. Mary's after Christmas and following the dress code which is:

- Navy Sweatshirt
- Blue polo shirt
- Grey or navy trousers or skirts
- Sensible black school shoes, no trainers
- No jewellery except stud earrings or watches
- Sensible haircuts (ie. No shavings) and no hair dye



Could all uniform and P.E. kit be clearly labelled with your child's name. There will be a uniform check in school on Friday 16th January.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

To begin week commencing 12th January 2009

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| Mon | Circuit Training KS2 | 3.15-4.15pm |
| Tue | SATs Club Year 6 Mrs J Keegan-Hobbs | 3.15-4.15pm |
| | ICT Club Yrs 3 & 4 Mrs Addis | 3.15-4.15pm |
| | Science Club KS1 Miss Richards | 3.15-4.15pm |
| Wed | Irish Dancing KS1 & 2 | 3.15-4.15pm |
| Thursday | SATs Club Year 6 Mrs Keegan-Hobbs | 3.15-4.15pm |
| | Spanish Year 2 Mrs Deere | Lunchtime |
| Friday | Football KS2 | 3.15-4.15pm |

Due to costs incurred for materials used etc. we would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £1 for all after school clubs run by members of St. Mary's staff. All clubs run by professionals incur their own cost which is paid directly to the organisation concerned.

Easyfundraising

Many thanks to everyone who has registered for our fundraising programme. Our total this quarter stands at £22.57.

Make a healthy start to 2009 with our latest competition.

Every time you shop online with easyfundraising between December 25th 2008 and January 31st 2009 you'll be in with a chance to win £200 to spend with graze, the first online service delivering wholesome natural snacks direct to desks, nationwide. You will get one entry each time you make any purchase through easyfundraising and two entries for purchases made with our competition sponsor graze.

You can also earn additional chances to win simply by spreading the word as you will get one extra entry into the draw for every friend they tell. The more people who know our unique easyfundraising address, the more money we'll raise so make sure you tell your friends by visiting the [Refer a Friend](#) page.

New supporters will also get one entry into the draw when they register for the first time before 31st January 2009. Even if they don't want to register just yet, they can still earn one entry just by signing up for our free e-newsletter.

If you would like to register and help us raise funds, please visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stmaryscatholicps> where you could earn us up to 15% of your purchases at no cost to yourselves.

ECO-WARRIORS

Hello! We are happy to announce that St Mary's has a team of Eco-Warriors.

We are Alannah (Y6), Jack (Y6), Eleanor (Y5) and Jamie (Y5). Our job is to help St Mary's to be more eco-efficient. If you have any ideas about how we can do this please put your suggestions in our suggestion box which is in the school hall by the piano. We will try to make your suggestions work. Look out for our next report in the next school newsletter!



A Spring Picture For You to Colour



*School breaks up for half term on Friday 13th
February 2009 and we return on Monday 23rd
February 2009*