



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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March 2019

Principal: Ms O. O'Beirne

Looking Back

As we approach the end of Lent and prepare to celebrate Easter, now is a good time to reflect on our Lent journeys. Here is a reflection that children can use and which you might like to discuss or repeat with your child:

At the start of Lent they were asked to consider how they could give, act and pray more through Lent.

Have they managed this? What was easy or difficult about it?

By drawing close to Jesus they learned to resist temptation and trust in God.

What have they been tempted by? Were they able to resist?

They learned that looking at Jesus and spending time with Him helps us change to become like Him.

Have they noticed themselves change?

They learned about God's mercy for them and how they should show mercy to others.

What opportunities have they had to show mercy?

They learned about God's limitless love for them and how He asks us to be peacemakers.

How does it feel to know God loves them? What situations have they brought peace to?

Throughout Lent we can focus on the theme 'Draw Me to Your Presence, O Lord', where children have learned that by spending time with Jesus, we change to become more like Him and will be able to shine His light out into the world. It doesn't matter how we feel our Lent journeys have been. **It is never too late to draw close to Jesus.**

Ms O'Beirne

Principal

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all for your fantastic support with our Lenten fundraising. We will announce the total amount raised for each charity in our next newsletter!

Parents Evening

Please be reminded to book your parents evening slots via the School Life App as soon as possible.

Bookings close on Friday 5th April.

Parents only for all appointments.

Don't forget parents' evening!

Holiday Club

This Easter we will be hosting 2 weeks of Multi Sports & Arts Coaching during the summer break.

Week 1 Monday 15th April to Thursday 18th April

Week 2 Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 26th April

Sessions start at 08:45am and finish at 3.00pm. £12.00 per day or £40.00 for the full week.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, change of footwear, plenty to drink and any medication needed including inhalers.

If you haven't returned your form but would still like to book a place, please call Mr Bird on 07834 629 580.



Elite Community Sports

CALENDAR DATES

Date	Event	Time
Friday 5th April	Whole School Mass—Year 2	9.00am—9.30am
Tuesday 9th April	Parents Evening	5.00pm—7.30pm
Thursday 11th April	Parents Evening	3.15pm—5.45pm
Friday 12th April	Mufti Day—Bring a Bottle for Summer Fair	All Day
Friday 12th April	Whole School Mass lead by Mini Vinnies	9.00am—9.30am
Friday 12th April	Children Break up for Easter	3.00pm
Monday 29th April	School Re-Opens to Children	8.40am
Thursday 2nd May	Enforced School Closure due to Elections (Except Year 6)	All Day
Friday 3rd May	Mufti Day—Bring a Jar of Sweets for Summer Fair	All Day
Friday 3rd May	Whole School Mass - Staff	9.00am—9.30am
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday	All Day
Wednesday 15th May	Y3 Communion Meeting with Parents & Children at School	3.20pm—4.20pm
Friday 10th May	Class Mass—Year 5	9.00am—9.30am
Friday 17th May	Whole School Mass—Year 3	9.00am—9.30am
Wednesday 22nd May	Y6 Confirmation Meeting with Parents & Children at School	3.20pm—4.20pm
Friday 24th May	May Procession	9.00am—9.30am
Friday 24th May	Sponsored Bounce	All Day
Friday 24th May	Children Break up for Half Term	3.00pm
Friday 31st May	Whole School Mass	9.00am—9.30am
Monday 3rd June	Inset Day	All Day
Tuesday 4th June	Children Return to School	8.40am
Friday 7th June	Whole School Mass—School Council	9.00am—9.30am
Friday 7th June	Y1 & Y2 Trip to Botanical Gardens	All Day
Monday 10th June	Y6 Confirmation Mass	7.00pm
Friday 14th June	Class Mass—Year 6	9.00am—9.30am
Friday 14th June	Y5 Trip to Wild Zoological Gardens	All Day
Wednesday 19th June	Y3 Communion Meeting with Parents & Children at School	3.20pm—4.20pm
Thursday 20th June	Y3 Trip to Sea Life Centre	All Day
Friday 21st June	Whole School Mass—Year 1	9.00am—9.30am
Friday 21st June	Y6 Trip to Safari Park	All Day
Saturday 22nd June	Y3 First Holy Communion	10.00pm
Mon& Tues 24th/25th June	Y3 & Y5 Bikability	AM & PM
Thursday 27th June	Y4 Trip to Botanical Gardens	All Day
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	Summer Fair	3.00pm—5.00pm
Friday 12th July	Whole School Mass—Year 5	9.00am—9.30am
15th - 17th July	Y6 Residential to Astley Burf	All Day

CALENDAR DATES CONTINUED

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 11th July	Pre-School & Reception Trip to Wild Zoological Park	All Day
Thursday 18th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	9.00am
Thursday 18th July	School Disco	
Friday 19th July	Children Break up for Summer	2.00pm
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

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



Young Pea Chef of The Year 2019

Are your pupils brimming with recipe inspiration? Why not put them forward for the Young Pea Chef of the Year 2019!

The competition is now open for entries and we are inviting your school children to get involved! We're on the hunt for aspiring young chefs to create a delicious dish using Britain's favourite family vegetable – the pea! Just ask your pupils to submit their recipe into one of our three age categories – along with ingredients, method and a picture – to www.youngpeachef.co.uk by Friday 26th April 2019.

What do you win?

An incredible £500 donation to your school to fund 'Grow Your Own' projects AND a personalised cooking hamper!

OPEN FOR ENTRIES!

Primary School
up to Year 6

Secondary School
Years 7 – 8

Secondary School
Years 9 – 11



To enter, visit:
www.youngpeachef.co.uk

Deadline for entries:
Friday 26th April



NEW TV SERIES LOOKING FOR CONFIDENT PARENTS!



**IF YOU'RE A COUPLE OR A SINGLE PARENT
AND HAVE A CHILD AGED BETWEEN 5 &
13, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

EMAIL US...

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Jaden & Jemima at No 10

Jaden and Jemima had a fantastic day out at the Palace of Westminster in London.

Not only did they have a tour, they also got to visit Number 10 Downing Street!

SET UP YOUR CHILD FOR SUCCESS

...AND MAKE LIFE WITH KIDS LESS STRESSFUL AND MORE ENJOYABLE!



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Father Hudson's Care

Good Shepherd Appeal

Help us care for others by raising funds for children, families and adults in need. You could donate some of your sweet or treat money, or raise money for us in other ways. Every pound donated helps us to reach out to those in need.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Father Hudson's Care is the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham. We work in Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands to help people in need.



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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!



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.