



## 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, Mrs Addis and Mrs Broomfield.  
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### May

During May we are encouraged to pray the Rosary in honour of Mary. It is a simple but powerful prayer to God. As it is a combination of vocal and mental prayer, saying the Rosary as a family can be so rewarding. Whilst reciting the Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be, we can reflect on the life of Jesus.

### Pentecost

This coming Sunday will be 50 days after Easter and is the day that we celebrate Pentecost. The word Pentecost means fifty. Before his ascension into heaven, Jesus had promised his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to give them strength and wisdom to spread the gospel throughout the world. The apostles' ability to address these foreign visitors in their own languages was a miracle from God. After they were filled with the Holy Spirit, the 12 did many other miracles and wondrous signs.



### Attendance

Well done to our top 4 classes for attendance for the first half of the Summer Term:

1st	Year 6	98.37%
2nd	Year 3	98.24%
3rd	Year 4	97.87%
4th	Year 2	97.76%

A special 'Well Done' to Year 6 who have won the attendance trophy for 4 of the 5 weeks completed so far this term. We also still have 24 children who are on track to achieve 100% attendance for the whole school year.

### SATs Week

Well done to Year 6 for all their hard work before and during SATs week. They all tried their hardest and that is all that we can ask of them. Thank you to the rest of the school for your prayers and showing consideration to Year 6 during the tests.

### Warmer weather



You should have received a letter about the use of sun lotion in school. If you have not yet returned the reply slip to give permission for teachers to give sun lotion to your children then please do so as soon as possible.

Please also make sure that your child brings a sun hat and a water bottle to school, particularly on PE days.

### Walk to school Week

Well done to all of the children who have been earning their stickers by walking to school this week. Please remember to send the completed charts back into school after half term so that your child can be given a certificate if they have walked to school every day.



Join the fun!

### West Midlands Fire Service visit Year 4



On Monday 18th May Year 4 had a visit from Blue Watch from Brierley Hill Fire Station. They spoke to the children about fire safety in the home and at school as well as road safety. Have a look on the school website to see more photographs of the visit and for weblinks for road safety.

## Direct Debit Payments

We have changed our bank account details. If you pay your contributions to the School Buildings Fund by direct debit, please cancel your current instruction and see Mrs Hambridge in the office to get a new direct debit form.

## PTA



Thank you to everyone who has collected money for our Sponsored Bounce which has taken place today. Everyone had a great time and the children were all ready for their ice creams which were paid for by the PTA. A special "Well done" goes to Liam Mauldrige who has managed to raise £161.00.



19th June: Mufti Day—Bring a bottle for the Summer Fair.

3rd July: Summer Fair after school. Any parents who would like to help or have any ideas for stalls, please see Mrs Hambridge.

## School Trips

There have been lots of off-site visits this term with more to come. Pre-school and Reception have visited the West Midlands Safari Park; Years one and two went to visit Weston-Super-Mare; and Year five have been to The Sea Life Centre. There are more trips to come, with Year Six going to St Mary's College, Oscott and the West Midlands Safari Park. Years three and four staff are in the process of planning a trip to the Severn Valley Country Park for after half term. As soon as details have been finalised, a letter will be sent out with full details. Keep an eye on the school website for photos of trips and events that are happening in school.

## Hagley School Band

On Thursday we were treated to a visit from Mr Mallinson and the band from Hagley Catholic High School. The students showed how their instruments work. This included flutes, clarinets and guitars. The band then accompanied our children while they sang a selection of their favourite hymns. Many thanks to the students from Hagley. We look forward to their next visit in July.



## High School Induction Days

You will see from the list of Special Events that there are several dates coming up for Year Six to visit the new high schools that they will be joining in September. All information regarding these days should come to you from the high school. If you have any queries about the visits then you should contact them first, but we are happy to help if you are still unsure of anything.

I hope that you all have a very enjoyable Half Term break. We return to school on Monday 1st June.

Ms O' Beirne - Principal



## Masses

Tuesday 2nd June 9:30 Year 1 and Reception  
Tuesday 16th June 9:30 Year 6  
**Tuesday 7th July 9:30 Year 5 (NOTE CHANGE)**  
Tuesday 14th July 9:30 Year 4  
Thursday 25th June Year 6 Mass for the Elderly

## Class assemblies

Friday 5th June 2:30 Year 2  
Friday 19th June 2:30 Year 1  
**Friday 3rd July 9:30 Year 3 (NOTE CHANGE)**  
Friday 10th July 2:30 Reception  
Friday 17th July **9:10** Year 6

## Special Events

Wednesday 3rd June Year 3&4 children - Inter Schools Maths Final at Saltwells  
Saturday 6th June 2015 First Holy Communion 10:00am at St. Mary's Church  
Sunday 7th June 2015 Celebration Mass 11:00am at St. Mary's Church  
Tuesday 9th June Tenten Theatre in school  
Friday 26th June Sports Day (weather permitting)  
Wednesday 1st July Y6 induction days at Hagley and Wordsley  
Thursday 2nd July Y6 induction day at Crestwood  
2nd and 3rd July Y6 induction days at Wolverhampton Girls School  
Saturday 4th July Reconciliation 11:00am at St. Mary's Church  
Thursday 9th July Thorns Induction Day; Hagley open evening for Y6 parents  
\*Confirmation meeting to be confirmed with Father Cecil

## Training Days (School closed for children but open for staff)

Monday July 20th 2015  
Wednesday September 2nd 2015

## Term Dates

Easter Holiday Break up on Thursday 26th March, return on Monday 13th April  
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4th May  
Summer Half Term Holiday Break up on Friday 22nd May, return on Monday 1st June  
Summer Holiday Break up on Friday 17th July  
Autumn Term Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September  
October Half Term Holiday Break up on Friday 23rd October, return Monday 2nd November.

