

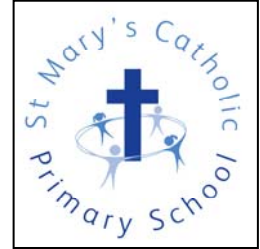
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'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 O' Beirne

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



September 2014

Dear Parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishoners,

WELCOME BACK!!

On behalf of all the staff I welcome you to the beginning of another school year at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School. We extend a warm welcome to the new families joining us for the start of this year, and our new staff, Miss McKenzie-Ward, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Morris. We ask for God's blessings on our school as we prepare for all the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead.

In October, the month of The Rosary, we hope that you will be able to join us in our prayer garden to pray The Rosary with Key Stage 2. If you are unable to join us it would be wonderful to pray the Hail Mary with your children during October. The Hail Mary is printed at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you very much for your warm welcome. It was lovely to see both old and new faces. As I am new to the role of Headteacher, and with all the changes being made to education, I may not be in school as much as I'd like to be at present. This will only be for the short term.

My vision for St. Mary's is to build on the good work that Ms Maher did and to build on the inspiring and inclusive curriculum for all pupils at our school. I recently attended a meeting with the Headteachers of the schools forming the St. Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi-Academy Company and I was very proud to receive compliments from Hagley Catholic High School regarding the families of St. Mary's.

Senior Leadership Team	Foundation Stage/KS1	KS2
	Mrs Broomfield	Mrs Addis

Matters Arising

If you have a concern about your child, please phone the school office to

make an appointment with your child's class teacher. In the first instance—the class teacher is the first point of call. If an issue arises and it is not resolved, the next step is to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. If a matter is then not resolved—an appointment can be made to speak to the Headteacher.

Gentle Reminders

Lateness

Any children arriving after 8.50am will be marked late in the register. 8.50am is the legal start to the day and the register is taken at this time. We are going to be making further steps to reduce

lateness, working with families

Procedures for Absences

If we have not heard from a parent concerning a child who is absent by 9.30am, we will make a telephone call to ensure the child is safe. It is imperative that we know that a child is not expected to be in by 9.30am.

Be Road Smart

As we start the year, please can we request that you park considerately. We do want to keep good relations with our local community. Parking is available on the school drive for disabled badge holders only. A permit needs to be obtained from the school



Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th September	Eco-Warriors	9.15am
Friday 19th September	Year 5	9.15am
Friday 3rd October	Year 3	9.15am
Friday 10th October	Year 2	9.15am
Friday 17th October	Harvest Assembly	9.15am

Class Assemblies

Tuesday 16th September	Mass prepared by School Council	9.15am
Tuesday 30th September	Mass prepared by Year 5	9.15am
Tuesday 14th October	Mass prepared by Year 1	9.15am
Tuesday 11th November	WWI Mass prepared by Year 3	9.15am
Monday 24th November	Confirmation—St Mary's Church	7.00pm
Sunday 30th November	Thanksgiving Mass for Confirmation—St Mary's Church	11.00am
Tuesday 9th December	Mass prepared by Year 6	9.15am
Friday 19th December	Christmas Blessing	9.15am

Weds 17th Sept	School Council visit to Thorns Primary Challenge
Thurs 18th Sept	Getting to Know You Meeting for parents 2.15-3.15pm
Friday 26th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning and Mufti Day
Tuesday 14th Oct	Parents Evening 5.00-7.30pm
Friday 17th Oct	Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools Clothing Collection
Mon 20th Oct	Year 3 Rosary 2.45-3.00pm
Tues 21st Oct	Year 5 Rosary 2.45-3.00pm Parent's Afternoon 3.15-5.15pm
Weds 22nd Oct	Year 6 Rosary 2.45-3.00pm
Thurs 23rd Oct	Year 4 Rosary
Friday 24th Oct	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Mon 3rd Nov	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Class assembly times will change to 2.30pm after half term.

Masses

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Club	Morning Club	Morning Club	Morning Club	Morning Club
Football	Yoga	Irish Dancing	Zumba	Street Dance
Computer Club	Netball	Tennis	Craft Club	

Uniform

It was lovely to see the children arriving back to school looking so smart. Here are just a few reminders about our uniform policy:

Girls		Boys	
Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Named blue-checked gingham dress or named pale blue school polo shirt with school logo and grey/navy skirt or trousers. Black shoes White socks	Named pale blue school polo shirt with school logo and grey/navy skirt or trousers. Named navy blue sweatshirt with school logo. Black shoes White socks	Named pale blue school polo shirt with school logo and grey shorts or trousers. Black shoes Grey socks	Named pale blue school polo shirt with school logo and grey trousers. Named navy blue sweatshirt with school logo. Black shoes Grey socks
<u>Indoor PE kit</u> Named black or navy shorts Named white T-shirt Black pumps		<u>Indoor PE kit</u> Named black or navy shorts Named white T-shirt Black pumps	

Children may choose to wear Summer aspects of uniform until half term if you wish. The children are allowed to wear a watch and small gold studs but apart from that, for health and safety reasons, no other jewellery is allowed. All long hair must be tied back/up. Thank you for your support in ensuring our children look distinctive and smart at St. Mary's.



Parent Calendar

Thank you to those of you who have given positive feedback for our online parent calendar. It is constantly updated to keep you aware of all the events happening in school. If you haven't already subscribed to this calendar and would like to do so, just scan the code on the right from your tablet.

phone or



A message from Ms Maher

Thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts and good wishes which I received at the end of your generosity was overwhelming greatly appreciated. Thank you.

and

I wish all of you and Ms O' Beirne
With kindest regards and much
Ms Maher.

term, greatly,

the very best for the new academic year. gratitude,

Birthday Wishes

Don't forget to collect your birthday birthday.

sticker from Ms O' B eirne when it's your

Hail Mary,
 Full of Grace,
 The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit
 of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary,
 Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners now,
 and at the hour of our death

 Amen.