



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Spring Term 1 2010

Dear Parents and Children

Happy New Year and 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. I hope that you have had a peaceful Christmas and haven't been too disrupted by the snow. As the new year unfolds, (and the snow begins to melt!), 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 2010.

Happy New Year!

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:

Cavan Yr 5	Aldren Rec
Kate Yr 1	Vikesh Yr 4
Sam Yr 1	Zoe Rec
Jordan Yr 6	Piper Yr 2
Arran Rec	Colbie Yr 1
Bernadette Yr 1	Cerise Yr 2
Callum Yr 5	Jordan Yr 3
Joe Rec	Danielle Yr 6
Stevie-Leigh Yr 6	Vladimir Yr 4
Sadaf Yr 5	Emmanuel Yr 6
Luciano Yr 4	Timothy Rec
Rosie Yr 1	Darci Yr 1
Jordan Yr 6	Kye Yr 4
Amie Yr 1	Bethany Yr 5

Attendance Return 2nd Nov 2009—18th Dec 2009

Rec—93.52%
Yr 1—90.73%
Yr 2—90.74%
Yr 3—93.77%
Yr 4—89.95%
Yr 5—93.47%
Yr 6—87.14%

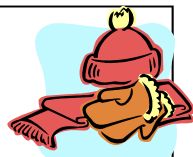
Well done Year 3. You are this half term's winners.

Our overall absences were:

7.15% authorised
1.5% unauthorised

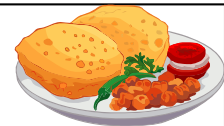
Please note that unauthorised absences count as truancy so if we have not heard from you by 10am we have to keep a record for our Education Welfare Officer.

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.

Dinner Money



Please refrain from paying dinner money at the school office. If you are paying outstanding bills please put the correct amount in an envelope with your child's name and amount on the front and put in the white post box next to the window. Any cheques should be made payable to DMBC. Thank you

A Big Thank you....

To Scarlett Year 5 and her team who created a lovely Nativity for us in the Conservation area before Christmas.

This was a great reminder of the true meaning of Christmas and it is something that we are hoping to do again next year.

School Uniform

A number of items of uniform have already gone missing this term. Can you please check your child's clothes in case they have picked up someone else's by mistake.

Whole School Mass List

Weds 27th Jan	Prepared by Year 1	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 3rd Feb	Prepared by Year 2	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 10th Feb	Prepared by Foundation Stage	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 3rd Mar	Prepared by Year 5	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 10th Mar	Prepared by Year 3	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 17th Mar	Prepared by Year 4	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 31st Mar	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



Weds 20th Jan	Year 4 Inspire 9.15—10.15am
Mon 8th Feb	Year 6 'Feed My Lambs' Charity Day
Tues 9th Feb	Top Score UK school fundraiser
Thurs 11th Feb	First Holy Communion meeting for parents and catechists—St. Mary's Parish Centre, 7.00pm
Fri 12th Feb	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Thurs 25th Feb	Reconciliation Meeting for parents and catechists—St. Mary's Parish Centre, 7.00pm
Thurs 11th Mar	First Holy Communion meeting for parents and Fr. Darley—St. Mary's Parish Centre, 7.00pm
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School Closures 2009—2010

Monday 4th Jan	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday—school closed to pupils
Thursday 6th May	School closed for pupils because of local elections
Friday 28th May	Catholic INSET day - school closed to pupils

Class Assemblies

Fri 29th January	Year 6 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 12th February	Multifaith Assembly all classes	9.10am
Fri 5th March	Year 1 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 12th March	Foundation Stage Assembly	9.10am
Fri 19th March	Year 2 Assembly	9.10am

All parents are welcome to attend all assemblies.

After School Clubs

To begin week beginning 18th January

Mon	Football Mr Turner KS1	3.15– 4.15pm
Mon	Circuit Training Carrot Health Club KS2	3.15-4.15pm
Tue	Library Club Miss Wright KS1 & KS2	8.00am – 8.40am*
Tues	Maths Booster Mrs Brereton Yr 6	3.15 – 4.15pm
Weds	Irish Dancing Una Rollinson KS1 & KS2	3.15-4.15pm
Weds	Writing Club Miss Richards Yr 2	3.15-4.15pm
Thurs	Spanish Mrs Deere Yrs 2 & 3	Lunchtime
Fri	Football Mr Turner KS2	3.15- 4.15pm

* This club is open to families but unfortunately because of insurance purposes we are unable to offer this to Pre-School children or to provide breakfast.

Disabled Parking

Could parents please refrain from parking on the school drive.



This area is reserved for disabled parking for people who have obtained a parking permit from school. Parking is available on KFC car park mornings only and Next Home car park both mornings and afternoons.

School Council

On Wednesday 9th December Ms Maher and the school council went to Dudley Council House. They had a tour of the council chambers and met the deputy mayor and mayoress. They asked lots of questions and got lots of good ideas about how to have meetings. They were invited into the mayor's parlour for drinks and biscuits and they also had an opportunity to try on the mayoral robes which were very heavy. Our thanks to Mr Douglas who provided the transport for this very enjoyable trip.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT NEWS-



Aluminium Can and Foil Collection

As you are aware, St Mary's is aiming to meet government targets to become a 'greener' school.

In order to do so we have started to recycle paper, card, plastic, aluminium cans and tin foil. You can help us by sending in unwanted aluminium cans and foil as we are able to sell this for a small profit to school funds. This money will then be spent on sustainable development resources in school.

Collection points are outside the school office.



BCR Global Textiles

Our termly collection will take place on Friday 22nd January.

Please send in any unwanted clothing, linen and bedding in a plastic bag on Friday morning.

All clothing will be recycled and sent to third world countries so anything you can send in would be greatly appreciated.



Travel Survey Forms

Thank you to those of you who have already returned their travel survey forms. This information is used in our termly school census which has to be submitted to the Department for Children, Schools and Families. If you haven't already done so, could you please return your form by Wednesday 20th January.

Many thanks



Did you know....?

Filling a bath uses 80 litres of water. That's twice as much needed for a five minute shower.

Every 90 minutes we produce enough rubbish to fill the local swimming pool. That's 430 tonnes per year.

If you turn the tap off when cleaning your teeth you could save up to 5 large bottles of water.