

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Summer 2 2011



Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the last half-term of the school year. I hope that you all had a good half-term break and enjoyed the sunshine. Sadly, the rain came on our planned Sports' Day but hopefully the sun will shine again on June 22nd which we have reserved for the occasion. However, the sun and rain are good for our flowers and vegetables. They are making good progress in our raised beds at the front of the school. We plan to have a market stall on the playground when everything is ripe so please look out for our sale of goods.

Sadly, we will soon have to say goodbye to Y6. They have been a credit to our school and to their parents. We wish them well as they take this next step in life and I hope that they will take fond memories of St Mary's with them as they stride out into the future. May the Lord bless you and guide you, and keep you safe in all that you do.

Best wishes

Ms A Maher
Headteacher

No Nuts Please!

Some children at St Mary's have severe nut allergies so we ask that all parents be vigilant with regard to the food that their children bring to school. Please do not send any nuts or food with traces of nuts, including Nutella sandwich spread, into school as the presence of these items could make some children very ill indeed. Thank you.



Uniform Sale

Polo shirts, caps, hats, scarves and pump bags displaying the old logo are now available £1 each.

Uniform with the new logo is now available online at www.yourschooluniform.com.

You do not have to purchase items with the new logo until you require new uniform as this is being phased in from September onwards.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following children have birthdays during July and August. 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:



Daniel Yr 5	Molly Yr 4
Celia Yr 6	Aimee Y5
Ibrahim Y1	Brayden Y1
Kieran Y4	Jude REC
Glenna Y5	Kudzai Y3
Liam Y6	Matthew REC
Lisa Y2	Lewis Y4
Ibrahim Y3	Tom Y6
Kelsie Y4	Aisha REC
Jack Y2	Mia Y4
Keira Y3	David Y1
Jacob Y3	Geve REC
Reece Y4	Declan Y1
Daniel Y5	Alice Y6

Attendance Return

26th April—27th May 2011

Rec—94.28%
Yr 1—96.69%
Yr 2—94.96%
Yr 3—94.27%
Yr 4—96.38%
Yr 5—96.90%
Yr 6—97.25%

Well done Year 6. You are this half term's winners.

Our overall absences were:

3.17% authorised

1.09% unauthorised

Our overall attendance was 95.74%

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. **Please remember that holidays in school time are also unauthorised.**

Please also note that if your child arrives late, after registers are closed, this is counted as an absence so please try to be on time.

Punctuality is improving so well done to those of you who are trying hard to get to school on time.

Whole School Mass List

Mon 20th June	Prepared by Year 1	Fr Darley 2.00pm
Weds 29th June	Year 3 and Year 6 Celebration Mass	Fr Darley 9.15am
Mon 25th July	Prepared by Y6—Leaver's Mass	Fr Darley 2.00pm

We look forward to seeing as many parents and parishioners as possible at our whole school Masses.

Diary Dates



Sun 12th June	Mass of Commitment 11.00am St. Mary's Church
Tues 14th June	Yr 5 & Yr 6 Stour Valley Network Olympics
Weds 15th June	Year 5 INSPIRE 9.15-10.15am WM Travel Workshop for Year 6 1.30pm
Thurs 16th June	Reconciliation Meeting for Year 2 parents 7.30pm, Parish Centre
Fri 17th June	Pre-School Induction for new starters 2.00pm Mufti for Summer Fair
Weds 22nd June	Sports Day
Thurs 23rd June	Foundation Stage visit to Rays Farm Family Life/Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 6 pupils and parents 7.00-8.00pm
Fri 24th June	Pre-School Induction for new starters 12.30pm
Tues 28th June	Induction Evening for Foundation Stage new parents 6.30pm
Thurs 30th June	Year 6 Vocations Roadshow
Fri 1st July	First Confessions 11.00am at St. Mary's Church Pre-School Induction for new starters 12.30pm
Sat 2nd July	Summer Fair 1.00pm
Mon 4th July	Visit to school for new Foundation Stage starters 1.30pm
Tues 5th July	Thorns Induction Day—Year 6
Weds 6th July	Year 1 INSPIRE
Fri 8th July	Year 6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park
Weds 13th July	Life Charity to Year 6 Parent's Evening 3.30pm
Fri 15th July	Refreshment Morning 9.15am with the Parent Support Advisor
Mon 18th July	Year 1 & 2 visit to Sycamore Adventure New children and parents to Foundation Stage 1.30pm
Weds 20th July	Year 6 Big Bash 6.30pm
Tues 26th July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

INSET Days 2010-2011

Weds 27th July **INSET**—this is an additional day arranged by the Government so school will finish for children on **Tuesday 26th July**.

Class Assemblies

Fri 17th June	KS2 Parents Assembly	9.10am
Fri 24th June	Year 2 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 8th July	Foundation Stage Assembly	9.10am
Tues 26th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	9.10am



Hello and Goodbye



Welcome to Mrs Allen, our new Leading Lunchtime Class Mentor. Welcome back to Mrs Russon and Ms Marsden who are returning from Maternity leave.

A sad goodbye, but big thank you, to Mrs Hodson and Mrs Young who have been with us during Mrs Russon and Ms Marsden's maternity leave and will be leaving us this term. We wish them every happiness for the future.

Energysare

Energysare is a renewable energy community giving everyone the opportunity to source, use and even generate 100% renewable energy. St Mary's have set up a group which may enable us to obtain a grant to set up renewable energy sources at school. However in order for us to get through the first round we need your help. Please register to support us at www.energysare.com/st-marys-catholic-primary-school. It won't cost you anything to register and you won't have to commit to any further involvement

School Building Extension— Latest Update



As promised, an update on our building work: the plans are almost complete and the surveyors are just about to put the work out to tender. We do not yet have a start date but we hope to have the plans on display in the front foyer within the next few weeks. We appreciate your generosity in sending your donations in the envelopes attached.

Every penny that you send to us in the little envelopes attached to the newsletter will help to make this extension the best it can be for your children. Every £1 that we can raise gives us a buying power of £10. Every penny counts so please be as generous as you can. Thank you



PTA News

The Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd July. Any donations of wine etc for the bottle tombola or plants for the plant stall would be greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to help out on the day please speak to Mrs Nock.

There will be a mufti day in school on Friday 17th June for donations for the Summer Fair.

Emailing Service To Parents



Following on from the success of the texting service we offer, we are now able to email parents. This gives us the ability to email newsletters, trip letters and anything else that is normally sent home on paper. If you would like to use this service, please send your email address into the school office if you haven't already done so.

Child Initiated Learning Week

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been doing a project about their topic. Year 5 have been doing Outer Space and I have been doing a rocket. It takes time, hard work, planning, research and patience.

Finally, we get to tell the teachers what we are going to do! We love it! We can't wait for our parents to see our projects on 17th June at our assembly. We think that our ideas are better than the teachers!

Written by Rhiannon, Katie and Emily

Extra-Curricular Activities

To begin Week Beginning 13th June

	8.00-8.50am	Lunchtime	3.15-4.15pm
Monday			Football Mr Turner KS1
Tuesday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2	Gardening Club Mrs Brereton KS2	Art and Craft Mrs Riley (15 places only) KS2
Wednesday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2		Creative Club Mrs Berridge (15 places only) FS & KS1 Irish Dancing Una Rollinson KS1 & KS2 (Now full)
Thursday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2	Gardening Club Mrs Brereton KS2	Cooking Club Miss Richards (10 places only) Y1-Y6 3.15-4.25pm
Friday		Football Mr Turner Y5 & Y6	Football Mr Turner KS2

Thank You

Our recent mufti day raised £88 for the After School Club. Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation.

Fire Quiz Result

Well done to the Year 5 children who took part in this year's fire quiz. The team did really well and finished in 3rd place.



Plasma TV arriving soon!

A huge thank you to the Friends of St Mary's who have organised the installation of a plasma television screen in our front Reception area.



This will be a fantastic way of showing the great work that we do at St. Mary's to all visitors at our school.

A huge thank you also to one of our parents, Mr Downs, who has managed to persuade his company to donate the plasma screen to St. Mary's.