



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



April 2018

Homily of the Holy Father

The Holy Spirit changes hearts. Jesus had told his disciples: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). That is exactly what happened. Those disciples, at first fearful, huddled behind closed doors even after the Master's resurrection, are transformed by the Spirit and, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, "they bear witness to him" (cf. Jn 15:27). No longer hesitant, they are courageous and starting from Jerusalem, they go forth to the ends of the earth. Timid while Jesus was still among them, they are bold when he is gone, because the Spirit changed their hearts. The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear. He overcomes all resistance. To those content with half measures he inspires whole-hearted generosity. He opens hearts that are closed. He impels the comfortable to go out and serve. He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions. He makes the lukewarm thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts. Plenty of people promise change, new beginnings, prodigious renewals, but experience teaches us that no earthly attempt to change reality can ever completely satisfy the human heart. Yet the change that the Spirit brings is different. It does not revolutionize life around us, but changes our hearts. It does not free us from the weight of our problems, but liberates us *within* so that we can face them. It does not give us everything at once, but makes us press on confidently, never growing weary of life. The Spirit keeps our hearts young – a renewed youth. Youth, for all our attempts to prolong it, sooner or later fades away; the Spirit, instead, prevents the only kind of aging that is unhealthy: namely, growing old within. How does he do this? By renewing our hearts, by pardoning sinners. Here is the great change: from guilty he makes us righteous and thus changes everything. From slaves of sin we become free, from servants we become beloved children, from worthless worthy, from disillusioned filled with hope. By the working of the Holy Spirit, joy is reborn and peace blossoms in our hearts.

St Mary's Pre-school for little people

'Children are confident , imaginative learners. They make good progress and are well prepared for school' - Ofsted

We aim to give children the best start to their education by delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. Everything is well planned, stimulating, purposeful and covers the 7 areas of learning.

Places now available starting in September 2018

We also offer the Government's 30 hours free childcare!

All parents / carers are welcome to come and have a look round our pre-school or have a chat with a member of the pre-school team. Get in touch to arrange a visit!

**St Mary's Pre-School for Little People
(St Mary's Catholic Primary School)**

**Mill Street
Brierley Hill
West Midlands
DY5 2TH**

**Telephone: 01384 818434 or Email: admin@st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk
for further details or to arrange a visit!**

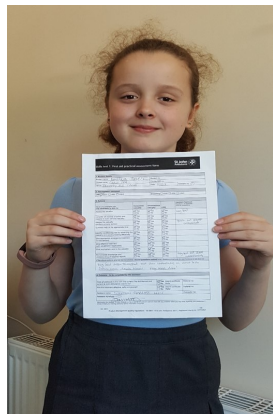


On 25th May 18, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force. This is designed to better protect your data & to clarify and strengthen your rights. In order for us to comply with these new regulations we have issued you with revised Privacy Notices and we also wish to ensure that we have up to date permission to use some of the personal data we may collect and hold e.g. photographs. **Please can you complete the consent form which have been sent out and return to school ASAP.**



Well done to Rio in Y4 who recently completed an assault course to raise funds for Stourbridge FC U9's. Not only did Rio raise over £130.00 he also completed the course in 2nd Place! Great Work Rio!

Congratulations to Amelia Jones, she has recently completed her practical assessment with St John's Ambulance! Well Done Amelia!



PTA NEWS

Dress Down Day—29th June

Please bring in a sealed unopened bottle for dress down day. Children can come in dressed in their favourite football team colours in exchange for a bottle.

Summer Fayre –5th July

Any help that you are able to give for this event would be appreciated. There are many ways in which you can support us on the day including helping to set up the stalls during the afternoon, running a stall or helping to serve tea and coffee. If you are not available to help on the day then you could send in donations of toys and bottles (unopened) raffle prizes.



Thank you!

The sponsored bounce raised an incredible £1330.00!

Well done to every single one of our “bouncers”! The money will be split between the Friends of St Marys and the learning hub.

After School Clubs

There are places available for after school clubs Mon—Fri 3pm until 4.15 £2.00 per session. The children get to do a variety of activities including Dodgeball, Invasion Games, Dance, Multi Sports and Cricket.

Drop In Sessions

Our school nurse will be visiting school on the following date:

Tuesday 5th June 2.00pm

Please feel free to pop in and chat to the nurse with any concerns you may have.



Text Messages & Emails

If you are not already on the School Life App, or you are experiencing any difficulties please come and see Mrs Waterfield on Tuesday 5th June from 2.00pm until 3.30pm.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Date	Time
Children break up for Half Term	Thursday 24th May	3.00 pm
INSET DAY	Friday 25th May	
School Re-opens for Children	Monday 4th June	8.50 am
School Nurse—Drop in	Tuesday 5th June	2.00 pm
Whole School Mass	Friday 8th June	9.00am
My Money Week	Monday 11th June	All Week
Class Mass Year 4	Friday 15th June	9.00am
Year 6 Transition Meeting Hagley RC	Tuesday 19th June	11.00am onwards
EYFS induction Day	Wednesday 20th June	All Day
Years 1&2 Trip to Black Country Museum	Friday 22nd June	
Year 5 & 6 Residential Edgmond Hall	Mon 25th—Wed 27th June	
Pre-School & Reception Trip to Dudley Zoo	Thursday 28th June	
Class Mass Y3 & Dress Down Day	Friday 29th June	9.00am
Year 5 Trip to Wild Zoological Park	Wednesday 4th July	
EYFS Induction Evening	Wednesday 4th July	6.00pm—7.00pm
Sports Day	Thursday 5th July	To be confirmed
Summer Fayre	Thursday 5th July	3.00 pm
Whole School Mass	Friday 6th July	9.00am
Year 6 Trip to Safari Park	Friday 6th July	
Years 3 & 4 Trip to Birmingham Art Gallery	Tuesday 10th July	
Class Mass Year 2	Friday 13th July	9.00am
End of Year Whole School Mass	Friday 20th July	9.00am
End of Term	Friday 20th July	

To find future term dates for planning holidays, please see the Parents' Information section on our school website.



Please ensure you have downloaded the app 'School Life Official' to your phone as this is the only way you will be able to receive messages. If you need help with login details please contact Mrs Beese via the school office.



Leave of Absence requests

Some parents have asked for leave to take their child out of school. Can I please remind you that school does not authorise leave for any child unless the circumstances are exceptional. Any child with unauthorised leave of absence can be referred to Dudley and a fine may be issued.

As you know, good attendance is very important to us here at St Mary's and we are working hard to make sure that all children attend school as often as possible. I understand that children cannot help being ill, but I would urge parents to do their best to ensure that medical and dental appointments are made for outside of school hours.

I am no longer able to authorise holidays taken during term time. Please see our Attendance Policy on our website for details of fixed penalty notices which are now being issued by Dudley for holiday absences.

Mr Paul Weston, our Attendance Support Officer, will continue to monitor attendance and will issue letters to parents to alert them when their child's attendance falls below 95%, 93% and 90%.



School Uniform

All children in our school **MUST** wear our school uniform at all times.

Boys

- Navy blue sweatshirt with the school logo
- Pale blue polo shirt with the school logo
- Grey trousers
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

Girls

- Navy blue sweatshirt / cardigan with the school logo
- Pale blue polo shirt with the school logo
- Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey socks or tights
- Black shoes

Summer Uniform

- Blue checked dress
- Grey tailored shorts

Children in Reception, KS1 and KS2 have PE every week. Your child will require a PE kit which must be kept in school every day during term time, in a named bag.

PE Kit

- White t-shirt with school logo
- Navy blue or black shorts or track suit
- Black pumps / trainers

No jewellery of any kind should be worn except studs for children with pierced ears and watches. Long hair should be tied up at all times. Please ensure that children do not have large bows / clips in their hair,

With over 200 children at our school, it is important that your child's clothes have name labels inside them. You **MUST** make sure your child's coat has a name label inside it.

Our school uniform can be purchased online from the following suppliers:

www.yourschooluniform.com

www.tesco.com