

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

Summer Term 2 2010



Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the last half-term of the school year. This half-term we are looking forward to the arrival of our chickens, Sun and Shine who were named by Sophie and Jack, winners of our chicken naming competition. Let's hope that Sun and Shine bring the sunshine with them instead of all the rain we are having! We were very lucky to have a dry day for Sports Day. I hope that you enjoyed the day. I am pleased to tell you that we located the winner of our raffle (Michael, Year 4) and that we made £70 for the Saint Vincent De Paul Society who do such good work in the parish of St Mary's. Thank you for your generosity.

You will notice that the logo at the top of our newsletter has had an update as we felt, in consultation with the governors, that we would like to have a more modern symbol to depict life at St Mary's where we place Christ at the centre of all that we do. Soon we will be displaying this logo on our letters and compliment slips and eventually on our school uniform. However, there is no need to purchase new uniforms at present. The new crest will be phased in over time with the possibility of selling crests in school which can be sewn onto existing uniforms. I will keep you updated as and when this happens.

Best wishes

Ms A Maher
Headteacher

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:

Alesha Yr 6	Daniel Yr 4
Molly Yr 3	Aimee Yr 4
Ibrahim Rec	Brayden Rec
Kieran Yr 3	Glenna Yr 4
Kudzai Yr 2	Liam Yr 5
Caitlin Yr 4	Daniel Yr 6
Lisa Yr 1	Lewis Yr 3
Ibrahim Yr 2	Tom Yr 5
Kelsie Yr 3	Mia Yr 3
Keira Yr 2	Connor Yr 6
David Rec	Amber Yr 6
Jacob Yr 2	Vitorino Yr 6
Reece Yr 3	Declan Rec
Daniel Yr 4	Alice Yr 5

Parking Reminder

It is an offence to park or stop on the yellow zig-zags outside the school between 8-5pm. We have received a number of complaints about parents who are using the zig zags to drop off children in the mornings. This is illegal and inconsiderate and puts the lives of all children at risk.

Please also remember to show respect for the residents of Mill Street and Woodbury Close—some of whom are our own parents. Their driveways are being blocked by inconsiderate motorists who arrive as early as 8.15am and are causing obstructions for people trying to leave home for work or hospital appointments.

Thank you to all who are following school guidelines and park on Next Home or KFC carparks: this has made a great difference to the safety of our children.

Attendance Return **12th Apr 2010—28th May 2010**

Rec—95.44%	Please help us to continue to improve our attendance by arranging holidays, dentist and non-emergency doctor's appointments when school is closed. Thank you
Yr 1—96.49%	
Yr 2—96.23%	
Yr 3—98.23%	
Yr 4—95.80%	
Yr 5—95.94%	
Yr 6—95.71%	

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

Our overall attendance was 96.25% which shows a significant improvement.

Our overall absences were:

3.33% authorised

0.43% unauthorised

Please note that the school day starts at 8.50am and registers close at 9am. Any children arriving after this time have to be marked as an unauthorised absence and unauthorised absences are always tracked very closely by the local authority Education Welfare Officers.

Whole School Mass List

Weds 23rd June	Prepared by Y3 & Y6	Fr Darley 9.15am
Tues 29th June	Sacramental Celebration Mass	Fr Darley 9.15am
	School Council	
	Feast of St Peter & St Paul	
Weds 7th July	Prepared by Year 2	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Mass and Assembly	Fr Darley 9.15am

Diary Dates



Mon 14th June	Year 6 to Wolverhampton University
Tues 15th June	Year 6 to Wolverhampton University
Weds 16th June	Jack & The Beanstalk for KS1 Year 6 Family Life KS1 Woodwind Musical Party
Thurs 17th June	Year 6 Family Life
Fri 18th June	Year 6 Careers Roadshow Pre-School Induction 2.00pm
21—25th June	International Week
Mon 21st June	Visiting Irish Band
Tues 22nd June	Y5 & Y6 visit to Safari Park
Weds 23rd June	Drum workshop
Thurs 24th June	Low Carbon Day Pre-School Induction 12.30pm
Fri 25th June	St Mary's Brewood visit to school
Sat 26th June	Summer Fair 1.00pm
Mon 28th June	LIFE Talk for Year 6
Tues 29th June	New Parent's Induction Evening 6.30pm
Thurs 1st July	Thorns Cluster Sports for Year 6 Pre-School Induction 12.30pm
5th-9th July	Book Fair Week
Mon 5th July	Hagley RC Irish Band
Weds 7th July	Big Bash for Year 6 6.30pm
Thurs 8th July	Y2 & Y3 visit to Sealife Centre
Weds 14th July	Parents Evening
Thurs 15th July	Mass of Anointing 11.00am St Mary's Church (Year 6)
Fri 16th July	Sacrament of Reconciliation 11.00am St Mary's Church (Yr 2)
Fri 23rd July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER
Tues 7th Sept	RETURN TO SCHOOL

Class Assemblies

Fri 25th June	International Assembly Whole School	9.10am
Fri 9th July	Year 3 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 16th July	Talent Assembly Whole School	9.10am

All parents are welcome to attend all assemblies.

After School Clubs

To begin week beginning 14th June

Mon	Football Mr Turner KS1	3.15– 4.15pm
Tue	Library Club Ms Maher KS1 & KS2	8.00am – 8.40am*
	Craft Club Mrs Homer KS1	Lunchtime
Weds	Irish Dancing Una Rollinson KS1 & KS2	3.15-4.15pm
	Cheerleading Miss Beese & Miss Pike KS1 & KS2	Lunchtime
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Thurs	Library Club Ms Maher KS1 & KS2	8.00—8.40am*
Thurs	Science Club Miss Richards & Miss Phillips Yr 2 & 3	3.15– 4.15pm
Thurs	Spanish Mrs Deere Yrs 2 & 3	Lunchtime
Fri	Football Mr Turner KS2	3.15- 4.15pm
	Topsy Turvey Club Ms O'Beirne KS1 & KS2	Lunchtime

* 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.

All clubs run by St. Mary's staff cost £1 per session. Clubs run by outside agencies incur their own costs and are paid directly to the person concerned.

SENSORY GARDEN PROJECT



We have recently been successful in obtaining a Big Lottery Fund Grant to create a sensory garden and allotment area at school. This work will be undertaken by BTCV, a local environmental conservation charity. Over the next few weeks you will begin to see our garden take shape.

Energy Heroes Award

In recognition of all our hard work with recycling and saving energy, St Mary's has been awarded an Energy Heroes Award from the Local Authority.

Members of staff have been invited to an Awards ceremony on Tuesday 29th June at Roberts Environmental Zone. We don't know what prize we have won at the moment but we will keep you informed.

Well done to St. Mary's Fire Quiz team who beat off six other teams to gain 3rd place at the local heat on Monday 14th June.



Good luck to our book quiz team who are once again competing in the Dudley Schools Book Quiz.

Headlice

Could you please check your child's hair on a regular basis to ensure they are free from headlice. If you do find lice in your child's hair please treat it immediately and also treat the rest of the family.

Many thanks

2010/11	Autumn Term 2010	Spring Term 2011	Summer Term 2011
Term start	Monday 6 th September (INSET)	Tuesday 4 th January (INSET)	Tuesday 26 th April
Half term	25 th to 31 st October	21 st to 25 th February	30 th May to 3 rd Jun
Term end	Friday 17 th December	Friday 8 th April	27 th July

There will be three further INSET days during 2010-2011 which will be published in our next newsletter.

May Day Bank Holiday 2nd May 2011
Council Elections 5th May 2011

Please note term dates. This is for your convenience to enable you to arrange family holidays during school holiday times. From September 2010 it is unlikely that the Governors will authorise any holidays taken during term time.

Did you know....?

(useful energy saving tips)



- Less than 2% of the world's water supply is fresh water.
- Taking showers rather than baths would save enough water every week to make 1,000 cups of tea.
- A garden sprinkler uses as much water in half an hour as a family of four in a day.
- In slow moving traffic, pollution levels are higher inside cars than outside. Try walking or cycling on journeys of less than 2 miles.
- Cycling or walking briskly for half an hour a day can halve the risk of heart disease.
- By simply turning the tap off while brushing your teeth you could save 6 litres of water a minute.
- Recycling just one aluminium can saves enough energy to run a television set for three hours.
- Switch off appliances when not in use to save £30 per year. Leaving unused appliances on standby (which means they're still using energy) costs around £800 million a year in the UK alone.
- Only boiling as much water as you need could save you up to £25 a year (based on five kettles a day, boiling one litre more than necessary).