



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 Homer and Mrs Berry.
Child Protection policy available at www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk

January 2020

Principal: Ms O. O'Beirne

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

First half term

Spring term is well underway now and this newsletter gives you lots of important information about what is happening in school this term. Along with this newsletter you will find the Diary Dates for Spring Term – this tells you all of the important dates and times of various special events taking place this term. We are all very much looking forward to working with you again this term and look forward to seeing you in school.

Our Values this half term: Compassionate and Loving

Our Catholic Schools Pupil Profile Values this term are Compassionate and Loving. The children will be learning to be even more COMPASSIONATE towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate: and LOVING in their actions and by the way they treat each other.

Motown Magic

Don't forget there is still time to grab your tickets for the Motown Magic on Thursday 13th February. Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay. We are also providing a coach back to school after this event at a cost of £5.00 per seat. Please let us know if you would like a return seat on the coach.

Mobile Phones are not permitted in our school, especially in areas used by Children.



No mobile phones

Please ensure all mobile devices as switched off when entering school reception areas.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Polite Reminder

Please be reminded that our school car park is for staff and visitors only. Parking is available next to Wren kitchens within the Merry Hill Centre. Access to the school car park will not be granted unless prior arrangements have been made.

HAGLEY PYRAMID OF SCHOOLS PRESENTS



MOTOWN MAGIC

13TH FEBRUARY 2020

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE

Hand Washing is Important!

At this time of year a lot of children are off school with coughs, colds and sickness bugs.



As a school we try our best to encourage children to wash their hands especially after using the toilet. This is a major step in helping to stop the spread of infection.

Please can you speak to your child to remind them the Importance of washing their hands.

School Procedures for Bad Weather

At St Mary's we open the school if it is safe to do so and if we can make sure we can get enough staff into the school to look after the children.

The decision to close is never taken lightly and we consider the safety of you and your children walking or driving to school and also the weather forecast for later in the day.

We try to give you plenty of notice and will normally decide to close the school well before the day starts. Very rarely we may be forced to close the school even after the children have come in – for example if we lose heat, power or water supplies, or if the weather worsens after school has started.

- We will send you a text message via the School Life App
- We will post a message on the school website

If we know school won't be open at all we will message you and put the information on the website by 7:30am in the morning.

If the weather is bad but we are opening, we will also put a message on the website and send messages by 7:30am in the morning to keep you updated.

Bear in mind if the weather worsens, we may have to close the school part way through the day and you will need to collect your child early. We seek to avoid this happening wherever possible.

In any case – check the school website (in the noticeboard section) for the latest info in any bad weather. You should also receive a message via the school life app.



Reporting Illness

If your child is unwell, you need to report your child's absence to the school office by no later than

9.00am either in person or by telephoning us on:
01384 818435.

Pope's Intention for January

Promotion of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



Holocaust Memorial Day—A Day of Remembrance

On Monday, we remembered the millions of people who tragically lost their lives as part of the Holocaust during the Second World War. It also marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Camps. However, it is also a time to think of the many people who have been persecuted around the world in other places such as Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur because of their beliefs. We pray for world peace, so that we can all live in a community of harmony and care for our fellow human beings on earth.

Let us know if your details change

If you change your address, phone number, doctors, etc, PLEASE let the school office know as soon as possible so that we have up to date contact details for your child/ren



Calendar Dates Spring Term 2020

Friday 7th February	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 3	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 13th February	Year 6 Assembly	9.00am
Thursday 13th February	Pyramid Concert—Motown Magic at Birmingham Town Hall	7.00pm—10.00pm
Friday 14th February	Class Mass—Led by Year 2	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 14th February	Children break up for Half Term—No After School Club	3.00pm
Monday 24th February	School re-opens to Children	8.40am
Monday 24th February	Year 6 Residential to Astley Burf	9.30am
Wednesday 26th February	Year 6 Residential—Children Return to School	3.00pm
Wednesday 26th February	Whole School Mass—Ash Wednesday	Time to be confirmed
Thursday 5th March	KS2 Lenten Service	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 6th March	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 5	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 6th March	World Book Day	All Day
Friday 13th March	Class Mass—Led by Year 4	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 19th March	EYFS & KS1 Lenten Service	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 20th March	Class Mass—Led by Year 3	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 27th March	Whole School Mass—Led by Year 1	9.00am—10.00am
Tuesday 31st March	Parents Evening	5.00pm—7.30pm
Thursday 2nd April	Parents Evening	3.15pm—5.30pm
Friday 3rd April	Mass	9.00am-10.00am
Friday 3rd April	Children break up for Easter—No after school club	3.00pm
Monday 20th April	School re-opens to Children	8.40am

Calendar Dates Summer Term 2020

Date	Event	Time
Monday 20th April	School re-opens to Children	8.40am
Thursday 7th May	School closed for Voting	All Day
Friday 8th May	VE Day Anniversary Bank Holiday	All Day
Thursday 21st May	Children break up for Half Term—No after school club	3.00pm
Friday 22nd May	Inset Day	All Day
Monday 1st June	School re-opens to Children	8.40am
Friday 17th July	Children break up for the Summer Holidays—No after school club	3.00pm

Do you receive some benefits? If you do you could help us get extra funding for the school!

In order for the school to receive pupil premium funding, you need to complete a simple online form. If your child is eligible, pupil premium funding brings thousands of pounds into the school for up to 6 years – with major budget cuts and redundancies in the past, we need this precious funding to spend on the children. PLEASE take a moment to apply. If you qualify, your child will also be entitled to free school meals every day.

If you get **ANY** of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Applying online is quick and easy and you don't have to produce any documents. Please visit this website and apply – there is nothing to be lost by applying and you could help us to access precious extra funding for the children.

<https://customer.dudley.gov.uk/free-school-meals/create/>



See you soon

Please have a good look at the diary dates sent out with this newsletter. We very much look forward to working with you this term and we look forward to seeing you in school during the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerley

Ms O'Beirne
Principal

