

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'providing a Christ centred setting whereby all can live out the messages of Jesus with love, understanding and care'

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  
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Spring 2 2013



Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to another half term at St Mary's.

As we move through Lent, and the children are preparing for Easter, we have a whole school Lenten Promise again this year which is to say The Angelus everyday in class in addition to our daily prayers. The Angelus is traditionally prayed at 12noon and 6pm. There is a copy of the prayer in the Newsletter and we invite you to say The Angelus at home in the evening with your children so that you too can share in their Lenten journey.

I am delighted to tell you that the building work is coming on well. Please look at the plans which are on display in the playground noticeboard. I look forward to taking guided tours around the new extension once the work has been signed off and the environment is safe. Please look out for a letter to follow in the next few weeks. Please also look out for the letter about our school/parish pilgrimage to Hednesford which will be taking place in June/July.

I hope you and your children will enjoy all the activities that we have planned for our school community this term.

With best wishes,

Ms A Maher  
Headteacher



## School Meals Price Increase

With effect from 15th April 2013 the price of a school meal will increase to £1.90 per day, £9.50 per week. Could you please ensure that school meals are paid for at the cash point at lunchtime and not at the school office. Meals can be paid for by cash or cheque and on a Monday for the whole week if you prefer. Please ensure cheques are made payable to **DMBC** and not St. Mary's. Thank you.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The following children have birthdays during March and April. 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:

Jordan Y6	Daisy Y6	Natalie Y5
Joshua Y3	Briony Y2	Harry Y2
Graycebell Rec	Ben Y4	Hannah Y6
Chloe Y1	Ivy Y1	Ellen Y5
James Y3	Marija Y6	Chloe Y4
Mario Y1	Bianca Y4	Colby Rec
Ocean Y1	Zara Y5	Hollie Y2
Rowan Y2	Kristian Y4	Aaliyah Rec
Jack Y4	Georgia Y3	Gayatri Rec
Alfie Y4	Alexis Y2	Lucy-Leigh Y5
Georgia Y2	Tommy Y1	Robyn Rec
Christopher Y3	Emma Y1	Sam Y1
Amy Y3	Naomi Y1	Martin Y4
Grace Y6	Abbey Y6	Michaiah Y2
Chanai Y5	Shirley Y3	Jacob Y1

## Attendance Return

7th January 2013—15th February 2013

Rec—90.71%  
Yr 1—90.37%  
Yr 2—95.66%  
Yr 3—95.00%  
Yr 4—95.33%  
Yr 5—95.54%  
Yr 6—96.50%

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

Our overall absences were:  
4.64% authorised  
1.26% unauthorised  
Our overall attendance was 94.10%

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.



### Whole School Mass List

Tuesday 5th March	Year 5 Mass	9.15am
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 Mass	9.15am

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

### Diary Dates



Mon 4th Mar	First Holy Communion Meeting, St Mary's Parish Centre, 7.00pm Free Morning Club taster session Library Quiz at Thorns—Y3-Y6
Tues 5th Mar	Go Bananas for Fair Trade
Weds 6th Mar	Insight Coffee Morning 9.15-10.15am
Thurs 7th Mar	PTA Meeting 1.15pm
Fri 8th Mar	Y3 Fair Trade Cake Sale for Cafod
Mon 11th Mar	E-Safety Meeting for parents 9.15-10.15am
Tues 12th Mar	Y2 INSPIRE
Weds 13th Mar	Parents Evening 5.00-7.30pm
Sun 17th Mar	Children's Liturgy 11.00am, St Mary's Church
Mon 18th Mar	Reconciliation Meeting, St Mary's Parish Centre, 7.00pm
Tues 19th Mar	KS2 Production 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Thurs 21st Mar	Y5 Safer Cycling Course day 1 Y3 Safer Cycling Course Irish Musicians to School
Fri 22nd Mar	Y5 Safer Cycling Course day 2 Easter Confessions
Mon 25th Mar	Y6 Safer Cycling Course day 1
Tues 26th Mar	Y6 to St. Mary's Church 11.00am—Stations of the Cross
Weds 27th Mar	Y6 Safer Cycling Course day 2 Parents Evening 3.10—5.00pm
Thurs 28th Mar	Mufti Day for Spinal Muscular Atrophy—children to wear own blue clothes Easter Egg Hunt BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Mon 15th Apr	INSET Day—no school for children
Tues 16th Apr	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

### Class Assemblies

Fri 8th Mar	Preschool Assembly	9.10am
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**CALLING ALL RECEPTION PARENTS**

There are still a number of available slots on Wednesday mornings to drop into school to work with your children. Please sign up at the school office if you haven't already done so.

**PARKING**

Again, thank you to all of you who park at NEXT Home and KFC. Unfortunately, the information that we were given by the police about being able to park on Link 51 was incorrect and we apologise for any inconvenience caused due to this error. Soon we will have our drive marked with new, clearer disabled signs as sometimes visitors to school park there unwittingly causing difficulties for those blue-badge holders who need that facility.

**Fair Trade Mark**

This year St Mary's will be hoping to achieve the Fair Trade Mark and become a Fair Trade School. We will keep you posted on all upcoming events.



**Parent Calendar**

Thank you to those parents who have given positive feedback for our new online parent calendar. It is constantly updated to keep aware of all the events happening in school including school visits, after school clubs, masses, assemblies and term dates. If you haven't already subscribed to this calendar and would like to do so, details can be emailed to you. Just enquire at the school office.



**The Angelus**

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary  
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

**Hail Mary....**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord  
Be it done unto me according to thy word.

**Hail Mary....**

And the Word was made flesh  
And dwelt among us.

**Hail Mary....**

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of  
Christ.

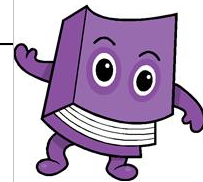


**Year 6 SATs Week**

Reminder that Year 6 SATs week will be Monday 13th—Friday 17th May.

**GREAT NEWS!**

St Mary's are through to the semi-final of the schools' book quiz. Well done to both teams and good luck for the semi-final. We know you will do us proud.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

To begin Week Beginning 4th March

	8.00-8.50am	Lunchtime	3.15-4.15pm
Monday	Ace Coaching KS1 & KS2		Dodgeball Ace Coaching KS1 & 2
Tuesday	Ace Coaching KS1 & KS2		Disco Dancing Michelle Portman KS1
Wednesday	Ace Coaching KS1 & KS2		Irish Dancing Una Rollinson KS1 & KS2 (Now full)  Street Dance Ace Coaching Y1 – Y6
Thursday	Ace Coaching KS1 & KS2	Gardening Club Mrs Brereton KS2	Multi Sports Ace Coaching Y1-Y6
Friday	Ace Coaching KS1 & KS2		Football Ace Coaching Y1-Y6  Disco Dancing Michelle Portman KS2

A number of parents have enquired about their pre-school child attending our after school clubs. The pupil : adult ratio, by law, is very different for children who are not yet of statutory school age so if a pre-school child attends an after school club additional adults are needed for supervision. This means that we would require parents to attend the club with their child. As parents will be in a supervisory role they will need to be CRB cleared in order to fulfil all safeguarding guidelines before attending the club. Forms for CRB clearance are available from our school office and clearance usually takes about six weeks. If you do wish your child to attend our after school clubs we would need you to gain CRB clearance first. Once children are older and reach Reception class and are in full time education they will be able to attend after school clubs without additional adult supervision.