



## 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, Mrs Broomfield, Miss Mosley, Mrs Brereton and Mrs Berry.  
Child Protection policy available at [www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk)

January 2018



### Happy New Year

I would like to welcome you all back and wish you a happy and healthy 2018.



At his special Mass Sunday for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on January 14th, Pope Francis said that while it is normal to be afraid of the unknown, we can't let this direct how we respond to newcomers in our midst, who should be treated with respect and generosity. He quoted " Every stranger who knocks on our door is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ who identifies himself with the foreigner who has been accepted or rejected in every age". I am sure this is a message that we would all want to take on board with our children at St Mary's.

Welcome to Fr Stephen Fawcett, Parish Priest for St Mary's, Kingswinford and Cradley Heath. I know you will all make him very welcome.



### Non-Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of The Mary Stevens Hospice on Friday 2nd February. Children and staff are asked to wear blue and white as these are the colours associated with the Hospice and donate £1.

### School Uniform Shop

We are pleased to inform you that The School Shop in Stourbridge High Street is now stocking uniform carrying the St Mary's logo. If you would like to check that they have what you are looking for or need to know prices, they can be contacted on 01384 443242.

### Pyramid Concert Y5

Mr Mallinson from Hagley Catholic High School is working with Year 5 in preparation for the Hagley Pyramid Concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 15th February. The theme for this year is 'Schools of Rock'. I look forward to seeing you all there. I know it will be a wonderful evening.



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 parent 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%.

### Mass Spring and Summer Terms 2018

<b>Date</b>	<b>Masses</b>	<b>Led by</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Class Mass	Y4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Whole School Mass	Mini Vinnies
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Class Mass	Y3
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Whole School Mass Ash Wednesday	Y4
	Half Term	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Class Mass	Y2
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Whole School Mass	Faith Leaders
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Class Mass	Y5
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Whole School Mass	Y2
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Mass	Y1
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole school Mass	Y5
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Mass	Reception
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Mass	School Council
18 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week – Class Mass	Y5
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Mass	Y3
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Mass	Y4
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Whole School Mass	Y1
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Mass	Y3
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Mass	Reception
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Mass	Y2
20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Whole School Mass	Y6

### Assemblies Spring and Summer Terms 2018

<b>Date</b>		<b>Date</b>	
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Y4	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Y2</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y1
25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Y5	20 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y2
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y4	4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Reception
		18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6

## Are you using our School Life App?

Thank you to those parents who are already using our school app facility. Moving forward this will be replacing the text service we currently use and will be our main source of communication to parents/carers. If you still haven't downloaded the app please fill in the attached letter and we'll get you set up.

## Easy Fundraising

Easyfundraising is a simple way to raise money for school. Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to school at no additional cost to you.

Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today - [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryscatholicps/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryscatholicps/) and help raise funds for school.

## Did you know you can pay your building fund donations by direct debit?

As you are aware, each half term you receive an envelope for contributions towards the upkeep of the school building. Many of you are now paying your contributions via direct debit and have also signed a gift aid declaration which enables us to claim an extra 25% back from the government for each donation you make. If you would like to pay your contributions via direct debit and you are a UK tax payer and would like to register for gift aid on your contributions, forms are available from the school website. Just click on the content tab, then go to parent's info, policies and documents, school building fund donations. Alternatively, contact Mrs Hambridge in the school office who will be happy to provide you with the necessary forms.

## After School Clubs

Mr Bird will be holding the following clubs this term. All run between 3.00 pm and 4.15 @ £2 per session per child

<b>Monday</b>	Football KS1/2	<b>Tuesday</b>	Multi-sports		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dodgeball	<b>Thursday</b>	Dance	<b>Friday</b>	Basketball

## Reporting a student absence

May I remind you that if your child is absent from School, you should please report this to the School office before 10.00 am. Thank you.

**Ms O'Beirne**  
Principal

### *Academy Prayer*

*Lord, fill our hearts and minds as we move forwards together. Enable us to work with one another to ensure that our community continues to develop and grow, for the benefit of all Amen*

### *Academy Motto*

*In Jesus we live learn and serve.*

## Other Dates for your Calendar

This list of dates may be subject to changes or additions. If this is the case we will let you know as soon as possible. All dates are also available on our website.

Event	Date	Time
Unity Week	18th–25th January	
English workshop for Year 4 parents	Tuesday 23rd January	2:25pm
Maths workshop for Year 6 parents	Tuesday 30th January	2:25pm
Maths workshop for Year 5 parents	Tuesday 6th February	2:25pm
Maths workshop for Year 4 parents	Tuesday 13th February	2:25pm
Last day of school for staff and children	Friday 16th February	3:00pm
School re-opens for staff and children	Monday 26th February	8:50am
Maths workshop for Year 3 parents	Tuesday 6th March	2:25pm
Maths workshop for Year 2 parents	Tuesday 13th March	2:25pm
Maths workshop for Year 1 parents	Tuesday 20th March	2:25pm
Last day of school for staff and children	Thursday 29th March	3:00pm
School re-opens for staff and children	Monday 16th April	8:50am

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





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Dear Parent/Carer

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We are pleased to announce that St Mary's Catholic Primary School is now fully enrolled on to the 'School Life' platform!

'School Life' enables us to communicate more efficiently to the people that matter, you the parents and guardians of our pupils.

For you to access all the important school notifications, fill in the tear off slip below, hand it in to the school office and we will email you your own personal login information.

Once you have received your login details, download the school life app from either the Google Play store (for Android smartphones and tablets) or the Apple App Store (for iPhones, iPods and iPads). Search for 'school life official' and then look for the School Life logo;

School Life 

Once downloaded and installed, open the app and accept the notifications when asked. Finally, login with the details sent to you and start receiving all the important notifications. If you do not have an Apple IOS or Google Android device, you can use your logon details on our school website to get all of the same content.

Kind Regards

Mrs D Beese,  
School Business Manager

List your child/children's names and classes here:

Your Full Name:

Your email address:

Mobile Number (not a requirement) –

Do you require an additional account for other family members (a partner or grandparent for example)

Additional Account Full Name –

Additional Account Email Address -

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