

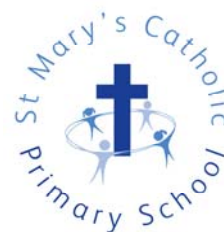
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the last half-term of the school year. I hope that you all had a good half-term break and didn't get too wet! Sadly, the rain came on our planned Sports' Day but hopefully the sun will shine again on our reserve date (please see Diary Dates). Thank you to those of you who came for the guided tours of the new building. It was a pleasure to show you around and to share the fruits of your generosity with you. I have attached details of the school building fund with this newsletter. It explains how our building work is funded and, also, the tremendous buying power that your kind donations have. Our next project is to replace the Pre-School mobile with a new facility. Again, we will have to find 10% of the cost and I would love us to be able to start this project ASAP as it will greatly enhance our school.

Sadly, we will soon have to say goodbye to Y6. They have been a credit to our school and to their parents. We wish them well as they take this next step in life and I hope that they will take fond memories of St Mary's with them as they stride out into the future. May the Lord bless you and guide you, and keep you safe in all that you do.

Best wishes

Ms A Maher
Headteacher

Summer Fair
Saturday 30th June 12.00 noon
onwards



Keep your fingers crossed for sunshine! The Friends are working very hard to make our Summer Fair a success for your children. All donations of bottles etc will be gratefully received. We would be especially grateful if you could also donate a little bit of time to help the Friends to set up or run a stall on the day. If you are able to help us please contact Mrs Hambridge at the school office. Thank you.

After School Club

Please note that there will be **NO** After School Club at Brierley Hill Primary School on Friday 6th July as the school is closed for training.

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:

David Y4	Daniel Y6	Charlie REC
Molly Y5	Aimee Y6	Ibrahim Y2
Brayden Y2	Kieran Y5	Jude Y1
Glenna Y6	Kudzai Y4	Matthew Y1
Lewis Y5	Iqra REC	Ibrahim Y4
Kelsie Y5	Aisha Y1	Jack Y3
Mia Y5	Keira Y4	David Y2
Jacob Y4	McKenzie Y1	Geve Y1
Reece Y5	Declan Y2	Daniel Y6
Kyle REC	Jay Y6	Alyssa Y3
Natasha Y6	Jaimee Y1	Seth REC
Oliver Y3	Adriana REC	Callum Y1
Mollie Y1	Daniel Y1	George Y5
Kiera Y6	Kallum REC	Adam Y6
Faith REC	Vashaun Y6	Rebekah Y6
Martha REC	Joe Y4	Stephen Y4
Archie Y1		

Attendance Return **16th April 2012—1st June 2012**

Rec— 92.32%
Yr 1— 95.73%
Yr 2— 96.13%
Yr 3— 97.33%
Yr 4— 97.43%
Yr 5— 96.35%
Yr 6— 97.55%

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

Our overall absences were:
2.84% authorised
1.07% unauthorised
Our overall attendance was 96.09%

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.

Punctuality is improving so well done to those of you who are trying hard to get to school on time.

Diary Dates



Thursday 14th June	Reconciliation Meeting for Catechists and Y2 parents 7.30pm, Parish Centre
Sunday 17th June	Children's Liturgy during 11.00am Mass for Y2 and Y3 children
Monday 18th June	Reception visit to Rays Farm
Tuesday 19th June	Reconciliation Meeting—Final arrangements—Y2 parents 3.00pm in school
Friday 22nd June	Mufti for Summer Fair (bring a bottle) Preschool Induction for September 2012 starters for parents and children 9.15am
Monday 25th June	Alternative Sports Day Preschool, KS1 & KS2 9.15-12.00 noon
Tuesday 26th June	Family Life/Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y6 parents 7.00pm in school
Wednesday 27th June	Y5 INSPIRE
Thursday 28th June	Reconciliation Meeting for Catechists and Y2 parents 7.30pm, Parish Centre
Friday 29th June	Stour Valley Network Book Quiz for Y3 & Y4 Preschool Induction for September 2012 starters for parents and children 1.30pm
Saturday 30th June	School Fair 12 noon
Sunday 1st July	Children's Liturgy during 11.00am Mass for Y2 and Y3 children School/Parish Pilgrimage to Hednesford leaving school 12.00noon
2nd-6th July	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 3rd July	Foundation Stage Induction for September 2012 starters for parents 6.30pm
Wednesday 4th July	Y1 INSPIRE Hagley Induction Day for Y6 pupils
Friday 6th July	Preschool Induction for September 2012 starters for parents and children 1.30pm
Monday 9th July	Mass of Anointing—Y6 to St. Mary's Church, Brierley Hill Meet The Teacher 9.15-10.00am for parents
Wednesday 11th July	Big Bash—Y6 6.30pm
Thursday 12th July	Reconciliation—St. Mary's Church 11.00am for Y2 and parents Foundation Stage Induction for September 2012 starters for parents and children 1.30pm
Friday 13th July	Y6 Vocations Road Show 10p trail End of term disco and parties
Sunday 15th July	Children's Liturgy during 11.00am Mass for Y2 and Y3 children
Tuesday 17th July	Year 6 visit to Safari Park Year 3, 4 and 5 visit to Baggeridge Country Park
Thursday 19th July	Foundation Stage Induction for September 2012 starters for parents and children 1.30pm Y1 and Y2 visit to Wonderland Telford Park
Friday 20th July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER
Wednesday 5th Sept	RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Whole School Mass List

Fri 29th June	Feast of SS Peter and Paul	Fr Darley 9.15am
Mon 2nd July	Year 3 and Year 6 Celebration Mass	Fr Darley 2.00pm
Mon 16th July	Prepared by Y6—Leaver's Mass	Fr Darley 1.30pm

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

Class Assemblies

Fri 6th July	Preschool Assembly	9.10am
Fri 20th July	Leavers Assembly	9.10am

Jubilee Celebrations

Thank you to all those of you who attended our Jubilee Celebration Assembly. The Mayor and Lady Mayoress were most impressed with your children and thoroughly enjoyed their visit. We are now compiling a Jubilee time capsule which we hope to 'plant' on our Sports Day.

Extra-Curricular Activities

To begin Week Beginning 18th June

	8.00-8.50am	Lunchtime	3.15-4.15pm
Monday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2		Zumbatomics Michelle Portman FS, KS1 & KS2 Football Mr Turner KS1 Athletics Top Score UK KS1 & 2
Tuesday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2		Dodgeball Top Score UK KS1 & 2
Wednesday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2		Irish Dancing Una Rollinson KS1 & KS2 (Now full)
Thursday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2	Gardening Club Mrs Brereton KS2	Ballet Mrs Portman FS, KS1 & KS2
Friday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2		Football Mr Turner KS2 Disco Dancing Mrs Portman FS, KS1 & 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.

School Building Fund

The Archdiocese provides a distinctive Catholic education for parents who seek a real alternative to other schools within the maintained sector.

80,000 children attend 252 Catholic schools across the Archdiocese.

In Catholic schools there is a legal liability to pay 10% of the cost of external buildings and maintenance work.

To ensure that we are able to meet this legal liability,(which will ensure that our schools are properly maintained and necessary building work is undertaken), we invite parents to make a voluntary contribution of £5 per child per half-term or where more than one child attends St Mary's School, £7.50 per half-term, (there are six half-terms in the school year). This equates to 58p per child per week.

Collections are made via envelopes, which are issued, one envelope per half term period with our newsletter.

All monies raised are used exclusively for St. Mary's School. The money does not go into a large fund for the Archdiocese, so St. Mary's benefits directly from the monies which are raised.

We have a legal obligation to raise 10% of the cost of external buildings and maintenance work for St. Mary's School, but for each £1.00 we raise for the School Building Fund, the Government will give us £9.00 for St. Mary's. Therefore, every £1 that is donated has tremendous buying power to improve our school for your children and, as you can see, no donation is too small.

If you are worried that you may not be able to afford the contributions to the fund, please contribute what you can.

For further information, please visit the noticeboard area of our website at www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk where you will find a booklet produced by the Diocesan Schools Commission explaining the fund in greater detail.

The Wednesday Word

I hope you are enjoying receiving The Wednesday Word. This term, there will be a weekly prize for completing the competitions in the Wednesday Word so make sure that you hand your entries to Ms Maher by Friday every week.

A sad goodbye to...

Ms O'Beirne, Mrs Finucane, Mrs Russon, Mrs Brazier and Mrs Walsh who are all leaving St Mary's in July. We wish them every happiness and joy for the future.

