

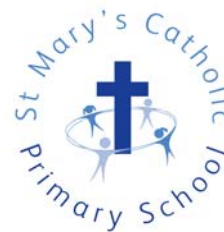
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.gov.uk*

Autumn Term 1 2010



Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to St Mary's. Thank you for all the lovely gifts received by myself and the staff at the end of last term. I hope that you all had a really great Summer break and that you are now looking forward to another wonderful year together. As the new school year begins we welcome many new children and families into our school community. We also welcome Miss White and Mrs Hodson and Miss Clarke. Congratulations to Miss Nicholson who got married during the holidays and is now Mrs Berridge. I hope that all those who have joined our school this year will find joy and success at St Mary's and I wish them every happiness for the future.

I am delighted to tell you that our pond area, and raised vegetable beds at the front of the school, is nearly ready for our children to use. It is a fantastic new facility for our school community. We have received planning permission for a flag pole so soon we will be able to fly the Green Flag by the pond. I look forward to seeing you all regularly throughout the forthcoming school year at our Masses, assemblies, plays, INSPIRE mornings etc as we continue to work together in partnership for the children in our care.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Maher

Uniform

We are very pleased to see the children looking so smart on their return to St. Mary's after the Summer Holidays and following the dress code which is:

- Navy Sweatshirt
- Blue polo shirt
- Grey or navy trousers or skirts
- Sensible black school shoes, no trainers
- No jewellery except stud earrings or watches
- Sensible haircuts (ie. No shavings) and no hair dye
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Please label all uniform with your child's name.

Uniform is available to order online at www.yourschooluniform.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The following children have birthdays during September and October. 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:

Jay Yr 5	Alyssa Yr 2
Natasha Yr 5	Jaimee REC
Oliver Yr 2	Callum REC
Mollie REC	Daniel REC
Abbie Yr 6	Kiera Yr 5
Adam Yr 5	Rebekah Yr 5
Joe Yr 3	Stephen Yr 3
Archie REC	Niamh Yr 6
Sophie Yr 3	Samantha Yr 2
Linda Yr 1	Patrick Yr 4
Safire REC	Emily Yr 5
Sean Yr 3	Leon Yr 1
Phebe Yr 5	Justine Yr 3
Joshua Yr 2	Dylan Yr 5
Joseph Yr 3	Jibin Yr 5
Stuart Yr 2	Han Yu Yr 4

GENERAL REMINDERS

School begins at...

The bell rings for the start of the school day at 8.50am and children should be in the playground before this. Latecomers disrupt the class and cause delays for the staff, but it is the children who miss the start of their lessons and have to try to catch up so please get your children to school on time.

P.E. Kit

Children should have a P.E. Kit available, in school, every day during term time. It is only used for a short time each week and will need washing only once or twice during the term. P.E. kit consists of white t-shirt, black shorts, pumps for indoor P.E. and trainers for P.E. on the field.

Absences

Please contact school by 10am if your child is absent for any reason. It is important you contact us so that both school and yourselves know the whereabouts of your child. If we haven't heard from you by 10am we will contact you so please can you ensure that emergency contact numbers are up to date. I'm sure you will appreciate how important this is. Education Welfare Officers are now requesting that written confirmation of your child's absence is sent into school with your child on their return. Thank you.

Whole School Mass List

Weds 6th Oct	Prepared by Year 3	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 13th Oct	Prepared by Year 5	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 20th Oct	Prepared by Year 1	Fr Darley 9.15am

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



Diary Dates

Thurs 23rd Sept	Confirmation Meeting. Parents and Parish Catechists 7.00pm, Parish Centre
Friday 24th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning PTA BBQ and Bouncy Castle 3.00pm
Weds 29th Sept	Foundation Stage INSPIRE 9.15—10.15am
4th-8th Oct	Rosary Week Year 6
Mon 4th Oct	School Photos
Tues 5th Oct	Year 5 WWII visit to Kidderminster
11th—15th Oct	Rosary Week Year 5
Weds 13th Oct	Parents Evening 3.10—5.00pm
Thurs 14th Oct	Year 4 visit to Oak House
18th—22nd Oct	Rosary Week Year 4 and Year 3
Weds 20th Oct	Parents Evening 5.00—7.00pm
Thurs 21st Oct	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

INSET Days 2010-2011

Friday 22nd Oct	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4th Jan	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Thursday 5th May	Local Elections—school closed to pupils
Friday 6th May	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
One further day to be confirmed	

Class Assemblies

Fri 24th September	Year 4 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 8th October	CAFOD Assembly	9.10am
Fri 15th October	Harvest Assembly—Year 6	9.10am

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

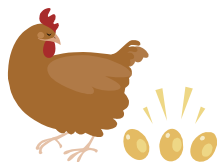
There is an after school facility provided for St Mary's pupils at Brierley Hill Primary School. We operate a 'walking bus' and pupils are escorted by St. Mary's staff to the after school club at 3.00pm. If you would like to use this facility please call 01384 816980.

Hospital/Dental Appointments

Please remember to bring hospital and dental appointment cards into school so a copy can be kept with your child's records. Please endeavour to make dental appointments out of school hours whenever possible.

Free Range Eggs For Sale

Eggs laid by our very own chickens are now available for purchase 20p each on a first come first served basis. Eggs are available from the school office.



Parking

Already, even though we have not been back for a week, the residents of Woodbury Close have been upset by parents parking across their drives or double parking so they cannot drive up or down the road. This is inconsiderate and gives all the parents of St Mary's a bad reputation. **Please show consideration to our neighbours**, some of whom are elderly or ill and need access to attend hospital appointments.

Disabled parking on the school drive is only available for parents **who are the driver** and hold a parking permit which can be obtained from the school office on presentation of a disabled badge/doctor's note.

2010/11	Autumn Term 2010	Spring Term 2011	Summer Term 2011
Term start	Monday 6th September	Tuesday January 4th	Tuesday 26th April
Half term	Mon 25 th – Fri 31 st Oct	Mon 21 st - Fri 25 th Feb	Mon 30 th May-Fri 3rd June
Term end	Friday 17 th December	Friday 8th April	Wednesday 27 th July

Requests for leave during term time

Please remember pupils are **not** entitled to holidays during term time. If leave is required in extenuating circumstances, a written request must be submitted to the Governing Body c/o the school office. Requests will be given due consideration on an individual basis and a reply sent. **Please take note of term dates given in this newsletter so that family holidays can be arranged during school holidays.**

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

If parents/carers have any concerns or just wish to seek free, impartial advice about their family from a professional who is not connected to school, our Parent Support Advisor (PSA) **Tina Walker** is available on 01384 818780, 07827973275, psa@rufford.dudley.sch.uk or www.stourbridgelearningpartnership.org.uk. The website also has details of courses and meetings for parents/carers. Leaflets are also available in school.



PTA Events

The PTA will be hosting a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support after assembly on Friday 24th September. On the same afternoon they will be holding a family barbeque on the school field from 3.00pm onwards. Our PTA work very hard to raise funds for our school so please support these events. Everyone welcome.



After School Clubs

To begin week beginning 13th September

Mon	Football Mr Turner KS1	3.15– 4.15pm
Tues	Library Club Ms Maher KS1 & KS2	8.00am – 8.40am*
Tues	ICT Mrs Addis Yr 2—Yr 6	3.15 – 4.15pm
Weds	Irish Dancing Una Rollinson KS1 & KS2	3.15-4.15pm
Weds	Writing Club Miss Richards Yr 2	3.15-4.15pm
Thurs	Library Club Ms Maher KS1 & KS2	8.00am—8.40am*
	Spanish Mrs Deere Yrs 2 & 3	Lunchtime
	Netball Y5 & Y6	3.15-4.15pm
Fri	Football Mr Turner KS2	3.15- 4.15pm

Due to costs incurred for materials used etc. we would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £1 for all after school clubs run by members of St Mary's staff. All clubs run by professionals incur their own costs which is paid directly to the organisation concerned.