

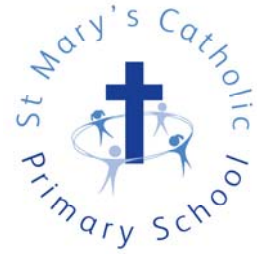
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Spring 2 2012



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.

You will see from the front of our school, that the building work is nearing completion. 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 Walsingham which will be taking place in May.

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 16th April 2012 the price of a school meal will increase to £1.85 per day, £9.25 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:

Daisy Y5	Natalie Y4
Joshua Y2	James Y2
Briony Y1	Ben Y3
Hannah Y5	Chloe REC
Harley Y6	Ivy REC
Ellen Y4	Rhiannon Y6
Marija Y5	Chloe Y3
Mario REC	Bianca Y3
Ocean REC	Zara Y4
Hollie Y1	Rowan Y1
William Y6	Cara Y6
Kristian Y3	Harry Y3
Thomas Y3	Jack Y3
Georgia Y2	

Attendance Return

4th January 2012—10th February 2012

Rec—95.37%
Yr 1—95.54%
Yr 2—95.79%
Yr 3—94.64%
Yr 4—97.02%
Yr 5—95.54%
Yr 6—97.27%

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

Our overall absences were:
3.20% authorised
0.91% unauthorised
Our overall attendance was 95.89%

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.

Whole School Mass List

Mon 27th February	Prepared by Year 4	Fr Darley 2.00pm
Mon 5th March	Prepared by Year 3	Fr Darley 2.00pm
Mon 12th March	Prepared by KS1	Fr Darley 2.00pm
Mon 19th March	Prepared by Year 5	Fr Darley 2.00pm
Weds 28th March	Easter Mass and Passion Y6	Fr Darley 9.15am

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

Diary Dates



Fri 2nd Mar	Women's World Day of Prayer—St Mary's Church, Brierley Hill, 11am Fair Trade Meeting at St James Primary— Year 5	rep-
representatives from		
Tues 6th Mar	Easter Celebration of Dance Stourbridge Town Hall 7.00pm	
Weds 7th Mar	'Hygiene Talk' with school nurse Y6	
Fri 9th Mar	Fair Trade Morning at Redhill School—representatives from Year 5 Book Quiz semi final—Yrs 4 and 6 School Nurse Drop in Session 2.30pm	
Tues 13th Mar	Reconciliation Meeting for Year 2 Parents 7.30pm St Mary's Parish Centre	
Weds 14th Mar	KS2 (Y3, 4 and 5) Production 1.30pm and 6.30pm	
Thurs 15th Mar	St Patrick's Day Assembly with Pat Brennan and Aiden O' Brien parents welcome 9.15-10.00am	
Fri 16th Mar	Book Quiz Final	
Tues 20th Mar	First Holy Communion Meeting for Year 3 parents 7.30pm St Mary's Parish Centre	
Weds 21st Mar	Parent's Evening 3.10-5.30pm	
Fri 23rd Mar	Easter Confessions	
Tues 27th Mar	Eye tests for Reception Class	
Weds 28th Mar	Parent's Evening 5.00-7.30pm	
Thurs 29th Mar	Easter Egg Hunt Year 4 Fire Service Life Skills Caravan visit	
Fri 30th Mar	BREAK UP FOR EASTER	
Mon 16th Apr	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	

INSET Days 2011-2012

Thurs 3rd May	Local Elections—school closed to children
Fri 4th May	INSET—school closed to children
Mon 7th May	Bank Holiday—school closed
Mon 23rd July	INSET—school closed to children
One other INSET day to be confirmed	

Class Assemblies

Fri 9th Mar	Foundation Stage Assembly	9.10am
Fri 23rd Mar	Year 2 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 30th Mar	Year 1 Assembly	9.10am

PTA News

The PTA will be holding the following events:

Drinks, sweets and cakes will be on sale on the playground from 2.45pm on the last Friday of every month.

Gift sale for the lady in your life on Friday 16th March.

Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 29th March.

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....

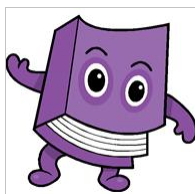
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Sports Day

Sports Day this year will be held on Thursday 31st May for KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon.

Book Quiz

Good luck to the book quiz children from Y6 and Y4 who are representing St Mary's in the school's book quiz on Tuesday 28th February.



Easter Celebration of Dance

Good luck to our Irish Dancers, ballet dancers and disco dancer who are taking part in the Easter Celebration of Dance at Stourbridge Town Hall on Tuesday 6th March. Tickets available from Miss Reeves at Windsor High School on 0121 550 1452.

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.



Year 6 SATs Week

Reminder that Year 6 SATs week will be Monday 14th—Friday 18th May.

Hagley Pyramid Concert

Well done to Year 6 and staff for a great night at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 9th February. You were a credit to the school and sang beautifully.

Emailing Service To Parents

Following on from the success of the texting service we offer, we are now able to email parents. This gives us the ability to email newsletters, trip letters and anything else that is normally sent home on paper. If you would like to use this service, please send your email address into the school office if you haven't already done so.



Extra-Curricular Activities

To begin Week Beginning 7th March

	8.00-8.50am	Lunchtime	3.15-4.15pm
Monday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2		Football Mr Turner KS1 (this will start Monday 12th March)
Tuesday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2		Dodgeball Top Score UK FS, KS1 & KS2
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 Michelle Portman FS, KS1 & KS2 Science Club Mrs Broomfield KS1
Friday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2	Football Mr Turner Y5 & Y6	Football Mr Turner KS2 Disco Dancing Michelle 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.