



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, Miss Mosley, Mrs Brereton and Mrs Berry.
Child Protection policy available at www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk



July 2019

End of another year..

I yet again, can't quite believe that we have come to the end of another school year. As ever, this is a perfect opportunity for me to thank all of you for your continued support for St Mary's. A special mention also for the fantastic work that "the Friends of St Mary's" have done again this year, and also to everyone that has supported all the fantastic events.

I also wish to thank all of the fabulous children at St Mary's. Again this year they have continued to make us all so proud of them.

I would also like to say goodbye to our Year 6 children who are leaving us to move to their secondary schools. We all look forward to hearing how they have settled in at their new schools! Please keep us updated!

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to two members of staff at the end of this school year: Mr Annett and Mrs Brereton. Mr Annett is heading off to sun-soaked Dubai to take a teaching position and Mrs Brereton has taken a promotion of Assistant Head at a school in Birmingham. Both of them have contributed to life here at St Mary's and their dedication and unwavering support for all the children has been fantastic. We wish them all the very best for their future.

Ms O'Beirne

Thank you to everyone who gave generously on Mufti day. We managed to raise £146.00 towards Hollie's new wheelchair. Hollie's new chair has many features which are bespoke to Hollie's needs, some of the features include a tilting riser both forward and backwards. The forward tilt allows Hollie to be able to self serve at a counter rather than being in a upright vertical position and the reclining position allows her to do her physio on her legs whilst in a supportive seating position. Other fantastic features include headlights and indicators for evenings out as she grows older and gains independence and a charging point and holder for her mobile phone. She has a removable tray, so if having a difficult day at school, she can stay in her chair and use IT equipment whilst being fully supported. All these features are bespoke to Hollie and will not be found on a NHS prescription wheelchair!



Again this year we would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone involved in the Friends of St Mary's. As always your dedication, and support is invaluable to St Mary's.

A massive "Thank You" to you all from all the staff and pupils at St Mary's

Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our year 6 pupils the very best for a bright and successful future. We hope you look back at your time at St Mary's with fondness and happy memories.



Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham!

They met lots of animals as well as learning about different sorts of plants!



The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is sometimes able to help those with financial or other needs, or who just want to have someone visit for a chat.

If you are a parent wanting a bit of help, or know someone who does, contact the SVP in confidence. The nearest SVP Group, or Conference, is at St. Mary's Church, Brierley Hill.

Contact John Barley, email johnbarley13@btinternet.com or 07801 630261.

May Bank Holiday Moved from Monday May 4th to Friday May 8th



Next year's early May bank holiday in the UK will be moved back by four days to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. This is only the second time that the May Day Bank Holiday has been moved and this was to mark the 50th anniversary. The Friday will be the start of a three day weekend of events around the country.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed towards our school summer fair. Between you, you raised a wonderful £680.00!



Summer Reading Challenge

Over the summer we are working in partnership with Dudley Libraries to promote a reading challenge. This years theme is 'Space Chaser'.

Children need to read 6 books. For each 2 books they read, they will receive a prize. The books can be any length, from picture books to longer chapter storybooks or they can listen to 6 talking books.

When children join, they receive a bookmark and activity pack. Prizes are then awarded as follows:

2 Books = Space Chase booklet and 1 set of smelly stickers

4 Books = 2nd set of smelly stickers

6 Books = 3rd Set of smelly stickers, a certificate, a medal, a DVD voucher and a free swimming voucher.

To sign up to the challenge, simply visit your local library this summer holiday!

For further information please see:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

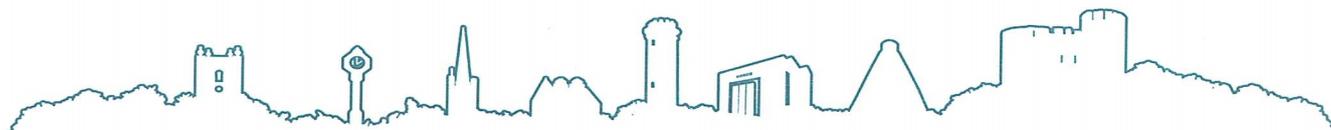
On Sunday 7th July, Reese Bennett (Reception) ran 5K for the Race for Life at Himley. She ran for her Grandma Mary (in heaven) and raised money for Cancer Research.



She has been running regularly participating weekly in Saturday morning Dudley Parkrun at The Dell and has even joined a running club, as the youngest member of The Yellow Army.

Well done Reese an amazing achievement!

Congratulations to all of our swimmers this year! It is so wonderful to see that you have represented St Mary's so well and have been recognised for your fantastic behaviour!



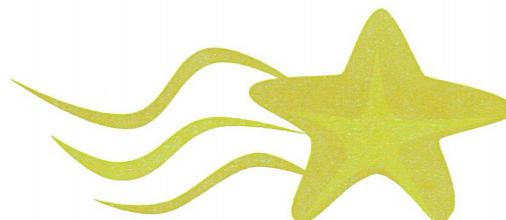
...the historic capital of the Black Country



This certificate is awarded to

St Mary's R.C Primary School

For being one of the quietest and well behaved schools when walking through reception whilst attending Swimming lessons at Crystal Leisure Centre



Crystal Leisure Centre


Signature


Date



Meet the Teacher!



We would like to invite you into school to meet your child's teacher for the 2019/2020 academic year.

You are welcome to join us on either of the following dates:

Friday 6th September 9.00am—9.30am

Or

Monday 9th September 2.20pm—2.50pm



A message from the Chair of the Academy Committee

Being an academy representative is a rewarding role and gives you the opportunity to be a part of the governance and leadership of the school, providing support and challenge. In September we will be looking to fill two positions on the Academy Committee. If anyone would like more information please contact:

cbeech@st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk

The Academy Committee would like to congratulate the children on their excellent SAT results. We know how hard the teaching staff have worked with the children and this is reflective in the results achieved.

Thank you also to all the staff and volunteers of St. Mary's for your hard work and commitment over the last academic year!

Caroline Beech
Chair of the Academy Committee



Congratulations to Hamish & Archie Laverty who have raised a staggering £1035.21 for Mary Stevens Hospice.

Hamish and Archie recently completed the Sherbrook Trail (40KM on bikes!)

Well done boys, a fantastic effort and an amazing amount raised for a wonderful cause!



Holiday Club

This year we will be hosting 4 weeks of Multi Sports & Arts Coaching during the summer break.

- Week 1 No club available
- Week 2 Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August
- Week 3 Monday 6th August to Friday 10th August
- Week 4 Monday 12th August to Friday 16th August
- Week 5 Monday 19th August to Friday 23rd August

Sessions start at 08:45am and finish at 3.00pm.

£12.00 per day or £45.00 for the full week.

If you haven't returned your form but would still like to book a place, please call Mr Bird on 07834 629 580.



Speakers needed!

During November, next academic year, we will be celebrating our annual "Being Brilliant in Britain" week, where, as a school, we explore and learn about different cultures and faiths we have in our local area (and beyond!).

We would like to ask whether any parents, carers or friends may like to put themselves forward for a possibility to speak to a class or classes about their own faith.

For further information or to put your name forward to be a possible speaker, please email the school on

admin@st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk

and mark it for the attention of Mrs Borriello



Thank you.



School Dinners

We have received notification from Dudley MBC that from September 2019 school dinners will be increased to £2.40 per day, an increase of 10 pence.

The main reason for the increase is that Dudley Catering are continuing to work towards removing all single use plastic by April 2020. As a result of this, included in the price of the meal, each child will be given a drink of either Orange squash or Apple and Blackcurrant squash with their meal instead of the option to purchase a fruit juice or milkshake.



Have a great holiday!

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe and fun-filled summer holiday!

Children return to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2019**

