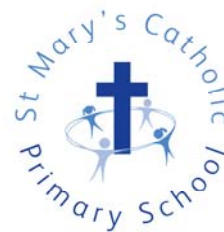


ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the Summer term which is the last term of the school year. The school year is going by very quickly! I hope that you all had a very restful Easter break and that you have enjoyed the Bank holidays including the Royal Wedding. I hope that your children enjoyed receiving the commemorative medal of the Royal Wedding.

As you will see from the newsletter, we have many events planned for this term and we look forward to seeing you at them. Remember, all parents and parishioners are invited to all school Masses and Assemblies. Please do not feel that you cannot attend if your child's class is not directly involved.

This year, during May, we will be inviting parents to join us in our Prayer Garden during the week beginning May 23rd from 2.45-3pm to pray The Angelus with us in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus, the patron saint of our school. May is the month when we honour Mary. The Angelus (the prayer which was included on our last newsletter) tells of how Mary accepted the will of God. I do hope that as many parents/carers as possible will join us when they receive the invitation which will follow later.

During this term we are also going to begin working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award to enable us to develop our parental links and I will report on progress towards this in all future newsletters.

Best wishes

Ms A Maher



Irish Night

A huge thank you to all those who attended the Irish Night on April 1st. We had a wonderful time and it brought a great sense of community to our school.

Good Luck Year 6

Good luck to Year 6 for your SATs this week. I know you will do your best.

Uniform Sale

Polo shirts, caps, hats, scarves and pump bags displaying the old logo are now available £1 each.

Uniform with the new logo is now available online at www.yourschooluniform.com.

You do not have to purchase items with the new logo until you require new uniform as this is being phased in from September onwards.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following children have birthdays during May and June. 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:



Alexis REC	Christine Y6
Lucy-Leigh Y3	Korey Y5
Georgia REC	Christopher Y1
Thomas Y6	Amy Y1
Alanna Y5	Oliver Y6
Grace Y4	Holly Y5
Abbey Y4	Chanai-Alis Y3
Megan Y3	Jack Y1
Jennifer Y4	Sean Y6
Lisa Y4	Lindsay Y1
Katie Y4	Liam REC
Sophie Y4	Abby Y4
Uwais Y3	Niamh Y6
Liam Y3	Logan REC
Renee Y3	Ivan Y2
Rose Y2	Sherelle Y1
Gemma Y4	Adam Y3
Sepideh Y2	Aira Mae Y1

Attendance Return 28th February—8th April

Rec—95.53%
Yr 1—96.36%
Yr 2—95.80%
Yr 3—94.58%
Yr 4—97.29%
Yr 5—98.21%
Yr 6—94.77%

Well done Year 5. You are this half term's winners.

Our overall absences were:
3.45% authorised
0.46% 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



9th-12th May	SATs Week—Year 6
Fri 13th May	Piety for First Holy Communion in school 2.30pm
16th—20th May	Walk to School Week
Mon 16th May	Year 1 trip to St. Joseph's, Dudley
Tues 17th May	Bikeability for Year 6 Reconciliation Meeting for Year 2 parents 7.30pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre
Weds 18th May	Bikeability for Year 6 Year 2 INSPIRE
Thurs 19th May	Confirmation Meeting for Year 5 parents 7pm at St Mary's Parish Centre
Fri 20th May	Refreshment Morning 9.15am Mufti for SMASH Club Fire Safety Quiz 1.30pm at Brierley Hill Fire Station First Holy Communion 10.00am at St. Mary's Church
Sat 21st May	Angelus Week
23rd—27th May	Leaver's Photos
Mon 23rd May	Sports Day
Thurs 26th May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Sun 12th June	Mass of Commitment 11.00am St. Mary's Church
Weds 15th June	Year 5 INSPIRE
Thurs 16th June	WM Travel Workshop for Year 6 1.30pm Reconciliation Meeting for Year 2 parents
Fri 17th June	Pre-School Induction for new starters 2.00pm
Thurs 23rd June	Foundation Stage visit to Rays Farm Family Life/Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 6 pupils and parents 7.00pm
Fri 24th June	Pre-School Induction for new starters 12.30pm
Tues 28th June	Induction Evening for Foundation Stage new parents 6.30pm
Thurs 30th June	Year 6 Vocations Roadshow
Fri 1st July	First Confessions 11.00am at St. Mary's Church Pre-School Induction for new starters 12.30pm
Sat 2nd July	Summer Fair 1.00pm
Mon 4th July	Visit to school for new Foundation Stage starters 1.30pm
Tues 5th July	Thorns Induction Day—Year 6
Weds 6th July	Year 1 INSPIRE
Fri 8th July	Year 6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park
Weds 13th July	Life Charity to Year 6 Parent's Evening 3.30pm
Fri 15th July	Refreshment Morning 9.15am
Mon 18th July	Year 1 & 2 visit to Sycamore Adventure New children and parents to Foundation Stage 1.30pm
Weds 20th July	Year 6 Big Bash
Tues 26th July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

INSET Days 2010-2011

Friday 27th May
Weds 27th July

Catholic INSET Day—school closed to pupils
INSET—this is an additional day arranged by the Government so school will finish for children on **Tuesday 26th July**.

Whole School Mass List

Mon 16th May	Prepared by Year 5	Fr Darley 2.00pm
Mon 23rd May	Prepared by Year 4	Fr Darley 2.00pm
Mon 20th June	Prepared by Year 1	Fr Darley 2.00pm
Weds 29th June	Year 3 and Year 6 Celebration Mass	Fr Darley 9.15am
Mon 25th July	Prepared by Y6—Leaver's Mass	Fr Darley 2.00pm

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

Class Assemblies

Fri 20th May	Pre-School Assembly	9.10am
Fri 24th June	Year 2 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 8th July	Foundation Stage Assembly	9.10am
Tues 26th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	9.10am

School Building Extension—Latest Update



The architects have now drawn up plans to extend the front of St. Mary's school and we are waiting for the final draft. When the plans are completed and approved by the governors, they will be available for viewing by the school office.

Every penny that you send to us in the little envelopes attached to the newsletter will help to make this extension the best it can be for your children. Every £1 that we can raise gives us a buying power of £10. Every penny counts so please be as generous as you can.

Thank you.

PTA News

Thank you to the Friends of St. Mary's who organised the Royal Wedding cake sale and raised £45 for school funds.

The Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd July. Any donations of wine etc for the bottle tombola or plants for the plant stall would be greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to help out on the day please speak to Mrs Nock.



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.

Healthy Eating



Our school council recently conducted a lunchtime survey and discovered that there are many bars of chocolate and sweets being eaten at lunchtime. We are a health promoting school so ask that our children have fruit/healthy snacks in their lunchboxes instead of sweets and lollipops.

Thank you

Extra-Curricular Activities

To begin Week Beginning 9th May

	8.00-8.50am	Lunchtime	3.15-4.15pm
Monday			Football Mr Turner KS1
Tuesday	Top Score UK KS1 & KS2	Gardening Club Mrs Brereton 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 Spanish Club Mrs Deere KS1	Netball Miss White KS2
Friday		Football Mr Turner Y5 & Y6	Football Mr Turner KS2

Recycling News



We are now able to recycle books in our recycle bin on the car park. Please only send in fiction or non fiction books, not dictionaries or catalogues. Please put books in a separate bag to textiles.

Many thanks to those of you who support our recycling initiatives.

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.