



St. Mary's News

20th January 2017



Parents' Evenings

The next Parents' Evenings are being held on Tue 7th and Wed 8th Feb in the Infant Hall. As usual, school will be open from 2.30pm - 3.15pm on each of these two days so that parents are able to look through their children's books. Everyone is most welcome.

We do ask, however, that you make your way onto the playgrounds at 3.15pm, so that we are able to get the children packed up and ready for home time.

If you have not made an appointment, please contact the office so that one can be arranged for you.

Parents of Y3 children received a separate letter a short while ago about their Parents' Evening appointments as Mrs Cotterill will not be in work in February, so she has kindly agreed to see parents before she starts her maternity leave.

Y6 Parental Maths Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Y6 Parental Maths Workshop this afternoon. We hope that you found it very useful and that it will help you to support your child with their homework and SAT preparation activities. Children, you would have been proud of your parents. They worked very hard and are now mathematic superstars.



School Council

The school council met this week. They reviewed their lists for our shopping trip on Monday and the class reps agreed to create a list of rules, on the computer, about how to look after the new toys (to be displayed on the toy boxes).

Matthew spoke about not using Casey footballs on the playground as they are too hard and Charlotte asked could the council re-do the football timetable currently in use. Charlotte has taken responsibility for doing this, so look out for the new rota.

The council also spoke about children climbing over the small fence that surrounds our Reception garden area and they asked if we could remind the children that this area is for gardening in and not for chasing each other.



School Website

We are currently in the process of developing a new school website and we hope to go live very soon. Some of the features of our existing website may be not updated or may become inaccessible as we move through the change, so apologies in advance.

As part of the new website, and in order to improve home/school communication further, class blogs will be set up. The teachers will update the blogs regularly, so that you are able to keep informed about what is happening in your child's class. The blogs will also include photographs, so that you can see your child at work and play.

As part of the new website design an App will be available for all parents to download (free of charge) that will enable you to be informed of all messages and upcoming events. This App will eventually replace our text messaging service.



Infant Sharing Assembly - Advanced Notice

There will be an infant sharing assembly on Monday 6th Feb at 2.45pm in the infant hall. All of our Reception, Y1 and Y2 children will be sharing their SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) work with you around the topic of Getting On and Falling Out. Families of all of our infant children are invited to attend and we look forward to seeing you.

First Holy Communion

The next meeting for Y4 children and parents is on Wed 22nd Feb in the infant hall. The session will begin at its usual time - 6pm. It is essential that your child attends and that they are accompanied by a parent.

Holiday Clubs

We will be running our usual holiday club during February half-term. Information leaflets will be sent out shortly. If you would like to book in advance online then go to www.premiersport.org.uk. If you do book early - apply one of the following discount codes:

LA30 - 30% discount for full week bookings (5 days)

LA20 - 20% discount for any other booking

Summer Holiday Club - Advanced notice

The summer holiday club will run for the first 4 weeks of the summer holidays. Many parents have asked us to let you know the dates in advance, so that they are able to book time off and family holidays around our holiday club dates.



Dates for Your Diary

6/2/17	KS1 Sharing Assembly - 2.45pm
7/2/17	Open afternoon & parents evening
8/2/17	Open afternoon & parents evening
10/2/17	School closes for half term holidays
20/2/17	School reopens
22/2/17	Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm
24/2/17	Swimming starts for Years 4 & 5
22/3/17	Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm
28/3/17	Sports day (option 1)
30/3/17	Sports day (option 2)
31/3/17	School closes for Spring holiday
18/4/17	School reopens
24/5/17	Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm



	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Y6 boosting 8.15am	Zumba	Football (KS2)
Tuesday	Fun fitness		
Wednesday	Boccia (KS2) Y6 boosting 8.15am	Fencing (Rec & KS1)	Fencing (KS2)
Thursday	Fun fitness	Guitars KS2 Recorders Y2 Football (KS1)	Choir
Friday	Gymnastics (KS2)	Gymnastics (Rec & KS1)	Dodgeball (KS2)

Music Lessons with Mrs Connolly

Unfortunately Mrs Connolly was unable to come into school this week to do guitar and recorder lessons with the children. Hopefully she will be back next week and she will give refunds for the lessons the children have missed.

Levy

Letters were sent home before Christmas about levy payments. Thank you to everyone who has already paid but there are still 82 families who still need to pay. Please make sure that you pay as soon as possible with the slip below. If you are unsure if you have paid or not please contact the school office.

Levy Payment

Childs name _____ Year _____

I enclose payment of £10.00 cash/cheque (please indicate)

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian Date _____

