



St. Mary's News

27th January 2017



Parents' Evenings Reminder

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.



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.



Y2/Y3 Rugby

Rugby continues for these two classes next week (Monday). The final session will be on Monday 6th February.



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.

Remaining Sessions:

Wed 22nd March 2017

Wed 24th May 2017



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.



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 on-line then please 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.



Holiday Dates 2017/18

<u>School Opens On</u>	<u>School Closes On</u>	
Tue 5th Sept 2017	Fri 20th Oct 2017	6/2/17
Tue 31st Oct 2017	Fri 22nd Dec 2017	7/2/17
Mon 8th Jan 2018	Fri 9th Feb 2018	8/2/17
Mon 19th Feb 2018	Thu 29th Mar 2018	10/2/17
Mon 16 Apr 2018	Fri 25th May 2018	20/2/17
Tue 5th Jun 2018	Fri 20 Jul 2018	22/2/17
School will also be closed on Monday 7th May 2018		24/2/17

Lunchtime Awards

	<u>Dinner Hall</u>	<u>Playground</u>
Rec	Christopher	Harriet
Y1	Harrison	Gabriella
Y2	Sonny	Zoe
Y3	Maizie	Jamie
Y4	William	Charlotte
Y5	Eve	Dylan
Y6	John	Thomas

Dates for Your Diary

KS1 Sharing Assembly - 2.45pm
Open afternoon & parents evening
Open afternoon & parents evening
School closes for half term holidays
School reopens
Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm
Swimming starts for Years 4 & 5
Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm
Sports day (option 1)
Sports day (option 2)
School closes for Spring holiday
School reopens
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)

Premier Sports

Letters have been sent home this week about the clubs which Premier Sports will be running next term. Please return your slips as soon as possible. Please do not send any money at this stage as another letter will be sent home informing you that your child has got a place and how much to send in. The clubs that are running next term are:

	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Morning</u>	Tennis KS2	Netball KS2
<u>Lunchtime</u>	Archery KS2	Rugby Skills Rec & KS1
<u>After School</u>	Archery Rec & KS1	Volleyball KS2

School Council visit TOYSRUS

Mrs Hymers took four members of the school council to TOYSRUS on Monday to buy class toys for indoor playtimes and lunchtimes. The children had a really good spend and managed to fill 3 trolleys with toys and games.

Whilst the children were there, they met the manager Simon, who showed them round the store. The children even went into the storage areas where they could see all of the stock from bikes to Lego.

There were a couple of games not in stock like Battleships and Snakes and Ladders, so we have ordered these off the internet.

The new games will go out as soon as class rules are created and cupboards cleared of old games.



Lego Club

Last week at Tea@2 the children were talking about other clubs that they would like to have in school and Lego proved to be a very popular choice, so after half term, we will be running a Lego club in the Junior Hall for KS2 children from 12.45 - 1.25pm and infant children from 1.30 - 2.00pm. School does have some Lego, but obviously for the club to be successful we would really appreciate any donations of Lego that you may have that your child no longer uses. They don't need to be complete sets. If your child would like to bring their own Lego into school to use during the club, they can do so. It can be left in Mrs Hymers' room and collected at the end of the school day.



Future Clubs

Once the Lego club is up and running, school will look to offer further clubs. One suggestion is a Top Trump club where children can compete against each other in a variety of different scenarios from Frozen Princesses, to Army Facts and World's Greatest Footballers to Marvel Super Heroes. Further details will follow.

Children, if you have any other suggestions for clubs, why not pop in and have a chat with Mrs Hymers in her office.



Musical Masquerade Party

The PTFA are hosting a Musical Masquerade Party in the club on Friday 10th Feb from 6.30 - 9.00pm. This event is in the place of the Valentines Disco that was usually held in February each year. It will be a great family evening and the PTFA have lots of great things planned from a Photo Booth where you can have your picture taken with your friends (props will be provided), to DJ's, competitions, raffles and hot food. If you really want to get into the swing of things the PTFA would love it if you could wear a mask and dressing up is optional.

It will be a great family night. Tickets are £2.50 each and are available from the school office.



