



St. Mary's News

28th April 2017



Bishop Tom's Visit

Bishop Tom Williams spent the morning in school on Tuesday and he was very impressed with our school and our wonderful children. We celebrated a lovely family Mass together, which was led by Bishop Tom and the children sang and read beautifully. We received many positive comments from parents and parishioners about the children, which is always lovely to hear.

Welcome!

Uniform - a slight change in plan

As you are aware we are going to update part of our girls' school uniform next year by introducing a new tartan kilt or pinafore dress to replace our traditional navy blue skirt.

However, Slaters are having problems ordering the chosen tartan fabric and as a result it may get to July before any fabric arrives. It will then take approximately 10 weeks to make the skirts and pinafores, which means that the new uniform may not be ready for September.

With this in mind, and not wanting to add additional uniform costs to yourselves, we are going to phase in the new skirts and pinafores over the next academic year. If you are happy to buy a cheap, navy skirt for your child to return to school in whilst waiting for the new uniform then this is great. If you do not want to buy a navy skirt whilst waiting for the tartan ones to be made, then we fully understand this and it is absolutely fine for your child to stay with the traditional skirt until the following academic year.



First Holy Communion

The final meeting for our Holy Communion children and their families is on Wednesday 24th May at 6.00pm. All children are expected to attend as this is the final preparation session before the children make their First Communion on Saturday June 17th.



Book Club

Our very popular Book Club runs again next Tuesday 2nd May. The month we are enjoying 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. We will be meeting in Year 4 classroom at 12.45pm. All you need is a copy of the book. Everyone is welcome.

Building Work Around Church

The Church is having some repair work done to its walls over the next few months and scaffolding will be in place. Please take care when walking through the Church on your way into school and cars are not allowed to park near to Church. Thank you.

Play Equipment

Can we please ask that the children do not play on the play equipment (both on the playgrounds and around the field) before and after school as the equipment is not supervised by our staff at these times.



Lego Club

There will be no Lego Club next week due to school being closed for Bank Holiday Monday.



CAUTION

SAT Timetable 2016

As we approach our KS2 SATs we have included a copy of the timetable for that week so you are able to see what tests your child is taking and when.

Monday 8 th May	Tuesday 9 th May	Wednesday 10 th May	Thursday 11 th May	Friday 12 th May
Reading Comprehension	SPAG Paper 1	Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic	Maths Paper 3 Reasoning	No tests
	SPAG - Spelling	Maths Paper 2 Reasoning		

GOOD LUCK!

School Website

Our new school website has now gone live so please take time to have a look. It is still not fully built and no doubt we will find mistakes and glitches. Please bear with us as we continue to improve the site and if you have any comments or suggestions, have a chat with Mrs Hymers.

We hope you find the class pages really useful. They will be updated weekly so that information can be passed on quickly and effectively. The class pages will also contain photographs of your children at work and play.



Musical Afternoon

Well done to all of our children who performed at our Musical Extravaganza yesterday after school. We were blown away by our talented children. Many thanks to all of our families who attended - as usual your support was really appreciated. Also a big thank you to Mrs Taylor, Miss Davies and Mrs Connolly who give up their time to work with the children. Without them musical events like this would not happen. A final thank you to the other members of staff who stayed behind to help with the refreshments and to the parents who helped us to tidy up.



PTFA - T-shirts for the Choir

We would like to say a big thank-you to the PTFA for buying our choir (St. Mary's Singers) these wonderful T-Shirts to wear when performing both inside and outside of school. They look great.

Thank You!

Phone Calls to School

If you want to speak to anyone in school after 4.30pm (Mon, Tues, Wed) and 4.00pm (Thurs, Fri) please ring the After School Care Club on 01744 678614. Please note that there is no one in the office after these times and messages will only be picked up the following day.



Dates for Your Diary

10/5/17	New Intake meeting
10/5/17	Year 6 class photo
16/5/17	Sports Day (1)
24/5/17	Sacramental meeting - 6.00pm
26/5/17	School closes for half-term
06/6/17	School reopens
17/6/17	1st Holy Communion
28/6/17	Y6 PGL Holiday



PGL

A parents' guide to PGL will be sent home after SATs. It will contain all of the information needed to get your child ready for their 'big adventure' from clothing lists to travel details.

PGL Payments



The last payment of £15 for your child's PGL holiday is due at the end of the month. Please make sure that all your payments are up to date. If you are unsure please contact the school office.

Finally

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we'll see you all on Tuesday 2nd May.



