



St. Mary's News

7th September 2018



A Great Big WELCOME Back



Welcome back everyone. We hope that you have all had a lovely Summer holiday and are ready for the year ahead. Once again it will be a very busy year and we have lots of exciting things planned so keep up to date with all that is happening by reading our weekly newsletter and by going online to our school website. New class pages and blogs will be up and running over the next week or so.

All of the children have spent this week settling down to life in their new classes and they all appear happy and excited to be back—one little boy told Mrs Hymers that he had been counting down the days as he had been bored. Some told Mrs Hymers that they would like a couple of more weeks off—but that was mainly the staff!

The children have made a great start and their teachers and teaching assistants have been very impressed with their positive attitudes. They have spent the week exploring our school Mission Statement (*St Mary's school is a safe and happy place where we follow Jesus by living, loving, learning and working together*) and our Core Values (*Integrity, Passion, Respect, Nurturing and Creativity*) and have produced some lovely work and shared some lovely thoughts and ideas. Our Mission Statement and Core Values underpin all that we say and do at St. Mary's so it has been lovely having the opportunity to explore what they mean to our children.



A Big St. Mary's WELCOME



We would like to say a big WELCOME to all of our new Reception children who started school this week. They have settled in wonderfully and even stayed for lunch today! We welcome them and their families into our school and Parish family.

Year 6 Parents' Meeting

There is a meeting for all Y6 parents on Wed 19th September at 6pm in the Infant Hall. This meeting is for parents only and is a great opportunity for you to meet the Y6 team. The purpose of the meeting is to give you an overview of the year and will include information about the SAT tests and PGL. A list of key dates will also be given out.

The headteacher from St. Peter's will also be there at the start of the meeting to answer any questions that you may have about applying to St. Peter's. Mrs Hymers will also be available, before and after school, to answer any questions that you may have about the high school application process.

**DON'T
FORGET**

Whole School Photographs

Whole school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 25th September.

Family photographs will be taken from 8.30am in the Infant Hall so if you have a younger child and you would like them to be photographed with their sibling, why not pop in .

Individual photographs will then be taken throughout the morning.



First Holy Communion Meeting

Parents' Meeting

There will be a PARENTS ONLY meeting on Wed 12th Sept at 6pm in the Infant Hall for the parents of our Y4 children who are intending to make their Holy Communion this academic year. Please note that the children **MUST** be baptised Catholic in order for them to make their Holy Communion.

Further meetings/activity sessions (for parents and children) will be held on Wednesday evenings throughout the year, usually one per month, from 6-7pm. A full list of dates will be provided at the meeting, but for your information the first activity session will take place on Wed 26th September at 6.00pm in **CHURCH**. The children do not need to wear uniform for the sessions and all resources will be provided.



ScotFit

ScotFit will be joining our school for the day next Thursday and we are really excited. The children will each have a 40 minute activity session on scooters in order to build their fitness levels and to improve their scooter skills.

Following the day, school will order a set of scooters for the children to use. We think that this will be a great way to keep our children active.

Reception and Key Stage 1 children can come to school in their own tracksuits/joggers and trainers that day. **(no football or rugby kits please)**.

Key Stage 2 children can come to school in their school tracksuits and trainers.

We ask for a contribution of £1 per child to help towards the cost of the day. Many thanks. We are certain that the children will love it.

Look out for photographs on the school website.



Choir

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Our very popular choir will start again on **Thursday 20th September**.

Consent letters will be sent out next week and need to be returned before your child will be allowed to join.



Zumba

Zumba will start again on Monday 17th September.

Consent forms and letters will be sent out shortly.

Zumba runs on a Monday lunchtime.

Guitars and Recorders

Separate letters will be sent out shortly.



Water Bottles

The PTFA have bought some new water bottles with our school logo on. These bottles are really sturdy and they are non-spill when they fall over. If you would like to buy one for your child for the new academic year they are on sale at the office for £3.00.



Stay and Pray

We would like to invite our parents and other carers who drop off their children in a morning to stay and celebrate morning worship in class with their child. This is not an assembly or a class mass just an opportunity to spend 5 or 10 minutes in prayer with your child in their classroom of a morning. The dates for each class are:



Monday 17th September	Reception
Tuesday 15th January	Year 1
Tuesday 22nd January	Year 2
Tuesday 29th January	Year 3
Tuesday 5th March	Year 4
Tuesday 19th March	Year 5
Tuesday 2nd April	Year 6



Each Collective Worship will start at 9.05am.

House Captains and House Point Monitors

The new house captains and house point monitors were chosen this week. They have a very special job to do throughout the year encouraging all of the children in their houses and keeping Mrs. Hymers organised during Good Work Assembly. A big well done to the following children:

Matthew House Captains - Imogen and Travis

Mark House Captains - Billie and Jamie

Luke House Captains - Ruby and Joe S

John House Captains - Halle and James



House Point Monitors - Joseph B and Charlotte L. Joe and Charlotte's job is to collect and collate all of the weekly house points ready for Best Work Assembly each week.



Asthma and Inhalers

If your child is asthmatic it is really important that they have an in date inhaler in school and an accompanying asthma record card.

Inhalers and cards have been checked this week and several of them have been found to be out of date.

A member of staff will let you know if your child's inhaler is out of date. If it is can you please order another one from the doctors and bring it into school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

School Payments Due This Half-Term

Reception class snack—£9.00 or £57.00 for the year

Lunch—£11.75 per week or £79.90 for the half-term

Fish and Chips Friday—£16.45 for the half-term

KS2 Toast £6.80 for the half-term or £38.00 for the year

Milk (Rec and KS1) —£6.00 for the year

Levy £10.00 per family



Clubs/Activities timetable for this half-term

	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Zumba Starting 17/9/18	
Tuesday	Fun fitness Starting 18/9/18		
Wednesday	Dodgeball KS2 Starting 12/9/18	Rounders KS2 Starting 12/9/18	Athletics Rec & KS1 Starting 12/9/18
Thursday	Fun fitness Starting 20/9/18		Choir Starting 20/9/18
Friday	Hockey KS2 Starting 14/9/18	Tag Rugby Rec & KS1 Starting 14/9/18	Tennis KS2 Starting 14/9/18

Year 2 Teaching Arrangements for the half-term

Following Mrs Williamson's departure, Mrs Clarke taught in Y2 on a Thursday afternoon and all day Friday in her place. We were really sad to say goodbye to Mrs Clarke at the end of last term, but she had been offered a new job with more hours.

Mrs Clarke has been replaced by Mrs Johnson for this half-term. The children met Mrs Johnson yesterday and following her time in the class yesterday and today, she was full of praise for our lovely children and she is really looking forward to spending time with them.

After the half-term, Mrs Ryan returns from her maternity leave and she will then take up the role of Year 2 teacher on a Thursday afternoon and Friday.



Thought for the Weekend

Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life.

Tip toe if you must, -
but take the step.





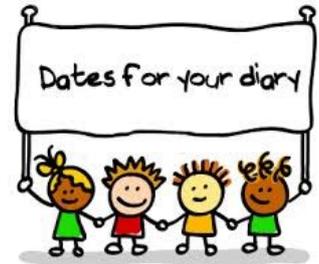
Advance Notice—ABC Closure

ABC will be closed on the evenings of Wednesday 12th September for staff training.



Breakfast Club will be open as usual.

Below are a list of dates and events in school that have been confirmed for the new term. Further dates and events will be added as they arise. We will try our best to ensure that we inform you of new events/changes to events as soon as we are able.



Wed 12th Sept 2018	First Holy Communion Meeting for parents only. 6pm Infant Hall
Wed 19th Sept 2018	Y6 Parents' Meeting 6pm Infant Hall
Tues 25th Sept 2018	Whole school photographs
Tues 9th October 2018	Coffee and tea with SLT and governors
Wed 10th Oct 2018	Open Afternoon 2.15pm—3.15pm Parents' Evening 1 3.40pm—6.20pm
Fri 12th October 2018	Harvest Assembly. Reception and KS1 parents are invited to attend. 9.30am Infant Hall
Mon 15th Oct 2018	E-Safety sharing assembly. Key Stage 2 parents invited to attend. 2.30pm Infant Hall
Wed 17th Oct 2018	Open Afternoon 2.15pm—3.15pm Parents' Evening 2 3.40pm—6.20pm
Fri 19th Oct 2018	Break up for half-term
Mon 29th Oct 2018	Return to school
Wk beg 5th Nov 2018	Calculation Workshops for parents. Further times and details to follow
Fri 30th Nov 2018	Christmas Fair (date to be confirmed)
Tues 11th Dec 2018	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm
Wed 12th Dec 2018	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm
Thurs 13th Dec 2018	Y4 First Confession in Church 2.15pm Families welcome
Fri 14th Dec 2018	Reception Christmas Play 2.30pm
Tues 18th Dec 2018	Christmas Pantomime for the children—Jack and the Beanstalk
Thurs 19th Dec 2018	Christmas celebration in Church 2.00pm. Families welcome