



# St. Mary's News

## 6th September 2019



### 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 girl told Mrs Hymers that she had been bored at home and that it was lovely to see her friends again. 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 11th 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 24th September.

Family photographs of children with pre school siblings 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 and family photos of children in school together will then be taken throughout the morning.

Our Reception children will have a whole class photograph for the very first time.



## Father Bernard

Although Father Bernard has continued to make slow, but steady progress in his recovery following his recent illness, he has taken the very difficult decision to retire from his role as Parish Priest at St. Mary's.

As a school we were really sad to hear this, as Father has been a very special figure in the lives of our children and staff and he has worked tirelessly for the good of everyone within our school community. He will be greatly missed.



We are hoping that Father will come back to see us all to say goodbye once he is well enough and in the meantime we send him all of our love and best wishes and will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

*Never  
forget  
the  
difference  
you've  
made*



## Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy group will run during the 11.00am Mass on Sunday (8th September) and is open to all children regardless of age. It would be lovely to see our children at Mass on Sunday and we know that the children will really enjoy going to Little Church.



## First Holy Communion Programme

Following Father Bernard's retirement, we are awaiting confirmation of details regarding our First Holy Communion Programme for our Year 4 children. Once arrangements have been finalised we will send out a letter to our Year 4 parents.



## Choir

### Choir

Our very popular choir will start again on Thursday 19th 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 16th 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. First session will be on Wednesday 18th September.



### Water Bottles

The PTFA still have 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. Reception's Stay and Pray will be in an afternoon. 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 16th September	Reception	3.00pm
Tuesday 24th September	Year 2	9.00am
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 1	9.00am
Tuesday 28th January	Year 6	9.00am
Tuesday 17th March	Year 5	9.00am
Tuesday 19th May	Year 4	9.00am
Tuesday 16th June	Year 3	9.00am



### 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 - Thomas and Skye

Mark House Captains - Maizie and Sam

Luke House Captains - Jamie and Lila

John House Captains - Leah and Beau



House Point Monitors - job is to collect and collate all of the weekly house points ready for Best Work Assembly each week. We have ordered new badges for the children and will present them in assembly once they arrive.

### Good Work

Well done to the following children who were chosen to share their good work with the rest of the school in assembly today. All of our good work focused around our Mission Statement, Core Values and Following in Jesus' footsteps.

Year 1 Maddison

Year 2 Brooke

Year 3 Sonny

Year 4 Gabriella

Year 5 Lily

Year 6 Megan



### School Payments Due This Half-Term

Reception class snack—£14.00 for the half-term

Lunch—£12.00 per week or £91.20 for the half-term

Fish and Chips Friday—£19.20 for the half-term

KS2 Toast £9.50 for the half-term

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

Levy £10.00 per family

Please make cheques payable to St Helens Council and not school.

Thank you



### Clubs/Activities timetable for this half-term

	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Zumba Starting 16/9/19	
Tuesday	Fun fitness Starting /9/19		
Wednesday	Dodgeball KS2 Starting /9/19 Spaces available	Rounders KS2 Starting /9/19 Spaces available	Athletics Rec & KS1 Starting /9/19 Full
Thursday	Fun fitness Starting /9/18		Choir Starting 19/9/19
Friday	Hockey All year groups Starting Spaces available	Tag Rugby Rec & KS1 Starting /9/19 Spaces available	Outdoor and Adventure Activities KS2 Starting /9/19 Full

#### 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 evening of Wednesday 13th November 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 11th Sept 2019	Y6 Parents' Meeting 6pm Infant Hall
Mon 16th Sept 2019	Rec Stay and Pray 3pm (Sign in at the office)
Tues 24th Sept 2019	Whole school photographs
Tues 24th Sept 2019	Y2 Stay and Pray 9.00am
Fri 27th Sept 2019	Y6 Calculation Workshop for parents 2.15pm (Sign in at the office)
Tues 8th October 2019	Coffee and tea with SLT and governors 2.30pm
Fri 11th October 2019	Harvest Assembly. Reception and KS1 parents are invited to attend. 9.30am Infant Hall
Mon 14th Oct 2019	E-Safety sharing assembly. Key Stage 2 parents invited to attend. 2.30pm Infant Hall
Wed 16th Oct 2019	Open Afternoon 2.15pm—3.15pm Parents' Evening 1 3.40pm—6.20pm
Tues 22nd Oct 2019	Y1 Stay and Pray 9.00am
Wed 23rd Oct 2019	Open Afternoon 2.15pm—3.15pm Parents' Evening 2 3.40pm—6.20pm
Fri 25th Oct 2019	Break up for half-term
Mon 4th Nov 2019	Return to school
Tues 10th Dec 2019	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm
Wed 11th Dec 2019	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm and 7.00pm
Thurs 12th Dec 2019	Y4 First Confession in Church 2.15pm. This is a provisional date and will need to be confirmed. Families welcome.
Fri 13th Dec 2019	Reception Christmas Play. Time to be confirmed
Tues 17th Dec 2019	Christmas Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. Christmas Dinner. Christmas Day
Fri 20th Dec 2019	Christmas celebration in Church 2.00pm. Families welcome