

St Mary's RC Primary School, Swinton  
Newsletter 22nd May 2015

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of this academic year the children have had a variety of learning experiences including a trip to Smithills Farm, sporting competitions, and a residential trip to Lledr Hall. Congratulations to the pupils in Year 3 who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Year 6 pupils sat their SAT exams with some taking Level 6 SATs papers. Year 2 pupils are currently working through their SAT papers, while pupils in Year 1 will have the Year 1 phonic check to take in June.

**Change of date to term time dates 2015-16** - A slight amendment has been made to next year's 2015-16 term time dates. The last school day of the academic year is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July and not Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Pupils will also be in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016. A new card with term dates for academic year 2015-16 will be issued in September.

**Playground Equipment** - We have installed a new outdoor classroom which the pupils can use during the school day (8:55am – 3:30pm) under adult supervision. We will also be installing a new climbing frame after the holidays. The children have been instructed not to use this before and after school. Please remind your children of this and not to allow any siblings or other children to use this equipment. Signs will be fitted to remind you of this health and safety notice. Please can I also remind you that children riding bikes or scooters in the playground, is not allowed.

**Car parking** - The new staff car park has now been completed, hence making parking slightly easier for parents around the vicinity of the school.

**Sports Day (weather permitting)**

- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) – 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.
- KS1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- KS2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> July.



**After School Club** - We are currently in the process of sourcing after school club provision in response to a high demand for this service. More details will be available on the school website after the half term holidays.

**PTA members** - Over the last couple of years our members of the PTA have dwindled. We have two very dedicated PTA members who will be leaving us in July as their children move on to High School. These two ladies have volunteered to organise numerous activities over the years ranging from fashion shows, coffee afternoons, film nights and providing school uniform shop. They will be

greatly missed and we desperately need to find some replacement members in order to keep St. Mary's PTA going. If you are interested in becoming an active member of the PTA please contact the school office.

**Holiday Homework** is to research an engineer and present your findings. No PowerPoint or typed up work, handwritten work only.

**Healthy snacks** - Pupils can purchase a healthy snack at a cost of 20p per snack. Payment can be made via Parent Pay until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**Cookery classes** - Thank you for returning your cookery questionnaires. Eight families have been selected to attend the cookery classes which start on 11<sup>th</sup> June for 6 weeks.

### **Diary Dates:**

- School re-opens **Tue 9<sup>th</sup> June**
- Y6 transition day at St Ambrose Barlow **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June**
- First Holy Communion **Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10am** at St Mary's Church
- Scooter day **Tue 16<sup>th</sup> June**
- Y6 Celebration Assembly **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June**
- New Nursery pupil intake meeting and children new to Reception **Thu 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm**
- Race for Life sports event **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June**
- Y3 Family Mass **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June at 11:15am** at St Mary's Church
- Y4 Celebration Assembly **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June**
- Y6 Robinwood trip **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June**
- Y1 trip to Clifton Country Park **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June**
- Y2C and Y5 jointed assembly **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July**
- **Guitar performance** for parents at 2:30pm and **dance performance** for parents **Tue 7<sup>th</sup> July at 4:30pm**
- Y3 Celebration Assembly **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July**
- Y5 Watersports at Salford Quays **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July, Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July & Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July**
- Y1& 2 trip to Jodrell Bank **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July**
- Parent reading workshop **Tue 14<sup>th</sup> July**
- Y2K Celebration Assembly **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July**
- Y5&6 summer performance- Pirates of the Curry Bean **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2:15pm**
- Reports out to parents **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July**
- Transition to new class afternoon **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July**
- Y6 Leaver's assembly **Tue 21<sup>st</sup> July**
- Summer holidays commence **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

I hope the children enjoy a well-deserved break.

**School closes at 3:30pm today Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and reopens Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 8:45am.**

*D A Raynor*

**Mrs D Raynor and staff.**