

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 19th July and not Thursday 21st July. Pupils will also be in school on Monday 4th January 2016 and Monday 13th 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) – 26th June at 2pm.
- KS1 – 2nd July.
- KS2 – 3rd 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 8th June.

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

Diary Dates:

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

I hope the children enjoy a well-deserved break.

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

D A Raynor

Mrs D Raynor and staff.