



# St. Mary's Newsletter

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## Easter 23<sup>rd</sup> March 16

An extremely short half term has passed by very quickly. Pupils have been busy raising money for Caritas charity, preparing for their end of term tests and reflecting during the Lenten season in preparation for the great Easter celebration. Once again we have successfully won another competition for our fantastic recycling banner. We ended this term with our Easter Production, 'Easter Praise', led by Years 3 and 4 and the Stations of the Cross.

### Staffing announcements

Mrs Brown has been appointed assistant headteacher. She will be supporting myself and Mrs Watson in the leadership and management of the school. Mrs Brown will also continue with her role as SENCO. Mrs Royle will commence her maternity leave on 15<sup>th</sup> April. She will be replaced by an experienced Y2 teacher, Mrs Hill, who will be teaching in Y2 for 2 days a week.

### Book Fair

A very big thank you for your generosity and supporting our annual book fair. The school raised over £900. It was wonderful to have such huge enthusiasm for buying childrens' books.

### Hairstyles

A reminder of our school policy regarding extreme hairstyles. Extreme hairstyles and coloured hair are not permitted in school including closely shaven haircuts or unusual hairstyles. Shoulder length hair or longer should be tied back.

### Medicines

If your child requires medication

during the school day, an authorisation form must be completed. Please call into the school office to complete a form. All medicines must come via the school office, handed in by an adult.

### Parking

Please ensure you park safely and appropriately around the school premises to avoid any serious accidents. Parents are still parking on restricted areas outside school. Please respect our neighbours by avoiding parking across driveways.

### The Resilience Doughnut UK

Our school has won a grant from NHS to promote and improve children's mental health and wellbeing. After the holidays we will start the Resilience Doughnut Project to improve resilience in our children. Resilience is the process of adapting well in the face of adversities, "bouncing back" from difficult experiences.

There will be workshops with KS1 and KS2 pupils, parents' workshops, staff development days, etc. Further information will be sent at the beginning of the new term.

### Holidays Homework

Please design a poster to promote careful and considerate parking outside St. Mary's school. We will be choosing a selection to display on banners outside or school, on the fencing.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter. God bless

Mrs Raynor and staff

## Diary Dates

- Tue 5 Apr** – Sacramental Programme Lesson in school
- Wed 6 Apr** – Resilience Doughnut Workshop for Y5 and Y6
- Thu 7 Apr** - Resilience Doughnut Workshop for Y4
- Sun 10 Apr** – Sacramental Programme Mass at 11:15am
- Wed 13 Apr** – Y5 Celebration Assembly
- Wed 13 Apr** – EY parents afternoon in school hall
- Mon 18 Apr** – Y5 trip to London
- Tue 19 Apr** – Y3K visit to Library
- Wed 20 Apr** – Y4 Celebration Assembly
- Wed 27 Apr** – Y3C Celebration Assembly
- Tue 3 May** – Class Photographs
- Wed 4 May** – Y3K Celebration Assembly
- Mon 9 May** – KS2 SATS week
- Mon 9 May** – Y3C to Ordsall Hall WW1 Allotment
- Tue 10 May** - Sacramental Programme Lesson in school
- Sat 14 May** – First Holy Communion Mass at 10:00am
- Wed 18 May** – Y1 Celebration Assembly
- Wed 18 May** - Resilience Doughnut Workshop for Y4, 5 and 6 parents
- Thu 19 May** – Reception Heights and Weights measurements
- Thu 19 May** – Y1 Healthy Eating / Handwashing
- Tue 24 May** – YR Celebration Assembly
- Tue 24 May** – KS1 Phonics Meeting for parents