



St. Mary's Newsletter

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Easter 23rd 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 15th 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 of 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