



# St. Mary's Newsletter

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## 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

A wonderful start to this academic year with plenty of hard work and fun learning activities taking place. The children have settled in well. A warm welcome to all our new pupils in Nursery and Reception class. A huge thank you for your support with raising £329 for the Macmillan Cancer Research and the Harvest gifts donated to Loaves and Fishes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

October's daily rosary was well attended with over 100 pupils participating. Our new St. Mary's missionary disciples will lead a more active part in prayer and worship. The Wednesday Prayer and Worship and Parental Workshops have been a success with lots of positive feedbacks; these will continue throughout the year.

Data from our SATs results place our school in the top 10% of all schools in England for Maths, and in the top 20% for Reading and Writing, due to the hard work of pupils, staff and supportive parents. A range of after school activities will take place throughout the year. This term sees the return of the popular Mad Science Club, Pyramid Club, dance and rugby. Premier Sports continue to operate after school provision for pupils in Reception to Year 6. New booking system is in place, please ask at the school office or contact Premier Sports. Please adhere to the following reminders:

### Attendance and Lateness Policy

Please read our new policy on school website. No term time holidays will be authorised. Authorised absences will be considered in very rare circumstances. Please contact the school office for request form. Unauthorised absences equating to 10 days will warrant a fine issued by the Local Authority.

**Lateness** - School day commences at 8:55am for Reception to Year 6 and at 8:45am for Nursery. Continuous lateness will be addressed and can be quite upsetting and embarrassing for your child to enter their classroom late.

**Late collections** - School finishes at 3:30pm for pupils from reception to Year 6 and at 3:20pm for Nursery. Parents are expected to collect their children promptly at this time. Continuous late collections of children may warrant a referral to children's services and a charge for after school provision.

**Healthy lunchboxes** - Please ensure your child's lunchbox contains a healthy balanced meal. No sweets allowed.

**Admission 2018/19** - No changes to our current admission policy for academic year 18/19.

### Parking

The school car park is for staff only. For health and safety reasons no child is allowed in the car park and we ask parents not to park at any time of the day. Aldi car park is available to use for dropping off and picking up.

### Holiday homework

To write a numbered set of instructions for keeping safe around Bonfire Night and fireworks or keeping safe on the roads during the winter months.

## Diary Dates

**Mon 30 Oct** – Pyramid Club (every Monday until 11 Dec)

**Mon 30 Oct** – Dance After School Club (every Monday)

**Tue 31 Oct** – Film Club (every Tuesday until 12 Dec)

**Wed 1 Nov** – Fire Service visit Y6

**Wed 1 Nov** – Mad Science Club (until 6 Dec)

**Wed 1 Nov** – Rugby Club (every Wednesday)

**Wed 1 Nov** – Y5 at Swinton Library

**Thu 2 Nov** – Cross Country Club (every Thursday)

**Fri 3 Nov** – Y3 Celebration Assembly

**Wed 8 Nov** – Y2 parents workshop in school Hall

**Wed 8 Nov** – Y6 Wednesday worship in outdoor chapel

**Wed 8 Nov** – PTA Fancy Dress Disco 3:30-4:45pm Years 1 and 2  
5-6:10pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Wed 8 Nov** – Y6 SATs meeting for parents @5:30pm

**Fri 10 Nov** – Y2 Celebration Assembly

**Fri 10 Nov** – Non Uniform Day, bring chocolate for the Parish Fair

**Tue 14 Nov** – Film Club's trip to Salford Quays Cinema

**Wed 15 Nov** – Y1 parents workshop in school Hall

**Wed 15 Nov** – Reception Wednesday worship in outdoor chapel

**Thu 16 Nov** – Year 1 Celebration Assembly

**Fri 24 Nov** – Year 6 Celebration Assembly

**Fri 24 Nov** – Year 4 Marist Retreat

**Fri 1 Dec** – Y5L Celebration Assembly

**Mon 4 Dec** – A group of Y3 pupils to Salford Royal

**Tue 5 Dec** – Librarian to visit Early Years

**Fri 8 Dec** – Y5C Celebration Assembly

**Tue 12 Dec** – Y6 heights and weights with school nurse

**Tue 12 Dec** – Early Years Christmas Production @2:00pm

**Wed 13 Dec** – Whole school to watch "The Bear" @ Waterside Arts Centre

**Thu 14 Dec** – KS1 Nativity Play @ 2:00pm

**Fri 15 Dec** – Christmas Jumper/Non uniform Day and Christmas Dinner Day

**Fri 15 Dec** – KS2 Carol Concert led by Year 4 @ 9:10am

**Mon 18 Dec** – St. Mary's Bake Off Day

**Tue 19 Dec** – Christmas for the Community Event

**Wed 20 Dec** – Christmas Party Day and Dazzle the Clown (Non Uniform Day)

**Fri 22 Dec** – Non Uniform Toy Day and last day before Christmas Holidays, back on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018