



St. Mary's Newsletter

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A warm welcome back to school after the summer holiday and a special welcome to all our new nursery parents and reception parents. I hope you all had a good break and the children didn't wear you down too much. As we start the new school year I think it would be helpful to remind you about some routines that will help school run smoothly.

End of Year Presents – On behalf of the staff and myself, may I take this opportunity to thank you so much for all the lovely gifts you sent in on the last day of the school year. They are always very much appreciated.

Year Calendar – Diary dates will be sent out each half term via the school newsletter and they will be on the website. Please check term dates on website before booking holidays.

Jewellery and hair styles – Please do not allow your children to wear or bring jewellery to school. If having your child's ears pierced, please do this at the start of the summer holiday so that they will be healed for the start of school in September. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted including coloured hair and closely shaven hair styles with distinct shaven lines or designs. Please see the school website for uniform guidelines.

Morning drop off times – Can I ask all parents to please ensure you park away from the main school building and do not park on double yellow lines or across the neighbours' driveways. School is open from 8:45am, the school day officially starts with registration at 8:55am where all pupils should be in the classroom ready to commence their learning for that day. Parents should therefore be

bringing their pupils into school by 8:50am.

And Collection Times – Please be mindful of standing back at 3.30pm as nursery, reception, year 1 and 2 children enter the playground so that staff can clearly see who the children are being handed to. If your child is not collected from school by 3:40pm they will be placed in the after school club and will be charged accordingly for this service. If we have not received any message explaining why your child has not been collected from school, we will always try to make contact with you, failing this, school policy is that children's services will be contacted. No dogs are allowed on the school playground. Please do not allow the children to ride scooters and bikes on the school playground. The use of play equipment is restricted to during the school day when the children are supervised. The children have been reminded not to use the equipment before or after school.

Equipment – Due to the increase in the number of pupils forgetting things for school, phone calls home asking parents to bring their equipment will now not be made. Please ensure your child has everything they need for school for that day.

ParentPay – By now you should have had the opportunity to log onto ParentPay. Please make sure that you check regularly to see whether any payments are due. All payments are due in advance of events at the beginning of the week e.g, dinner money and breakfast club and we would be grateful if you could adhere to this.

E Mail Addresses and Telephone Numbers – If you change your e-mail address, please can you let us know. This is our main system of sending out

important information to you.

Currently we have quite a few email addresses that are 'bouncing back' to us. If you are reading this newsletter via the website because it hasn't come through on your e-mail then please check with us that we have the correct one. The same applies to your contact telephone numbers. You can email, call in, or send a note if you change your contact information.

Class Assemblies – Celebration class assemblies will now take place on Friday mornings at 9:10am. Dates are on newsletters and on the school website diary events section. All parents are welcomed to attend.

Diary Dates

7 Sept – Y5&6 Man Utd training commences

13 Sept – Roald Dahl celebration charity dressing up day

13 Sept – Mad science assembly (pupils only)

16 Sept – Year 6 Assembly

23 Sept – Year 5 Assembly

30 Sept – Y4 First Holy Communion Assembly

30 Sept – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (please see PTA notice board/ school website for time)

7 Oct – Year 3 Assembly

12 Oct – Science club (after school)

14 Oct – KS1 Harvest Assembly 9:10am

19 Oct – KS2 Harvest Assembly 9:10am

20 Oct – Early Years Harvest Assembly 2:15pm

21 Oct – Half term holiday

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs D. Raynor and staff.