



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter –
Friday 12th May 2023



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today year 1 rounded off the week with a whole school 'Dedication to Mary' liturgical prayer. Every class contributed to the event and the singing was magical. The children stood up and spoke clearly in front of all the children and grown-ups-well done year 1!



Regenerators have asked me to send out a plea to parents for any confectionary recycling. It could not be easier, the more sweet wrappers we collect, the more money we receive. Once we have the money our Regenerators will decide on the best use for the money (see below for further details).



Next week, year 4 go on their residential to Moor House Adventure Centre, we look forward to hearing all about it. I am sure they will enjoy packing for their trip over the weekend! It is also 'Walk to school Week' (see further details below). We are encouraging pupils to walk, wheel, cycle and scoot to school every day of the week, earning stickers as they go along, with a special reward up for grabs at the end of the week! We understand that walking is not always possible for everyone, however, parking even a little way from the school reduces congestion and air pollution at the school gates and improves road safety. Pupils can walk or wheel the last few minutes into school and still earn their reward.

Best wishes

Mrs. Oakes

Walk to school Week

Next week is 'Walk to School Week' an annual celebration of walking and all its benefits, organised by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking. This year's wildlife theme will take pupils on a journey to transform their local walking environment, while discovering the great benefits of walking and wheeling to school. This fun and engaging week-long activity for primary schools has been built to make pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Through this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! For more information: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week>

Arbor

The Arbor parent portal is now live, and you will have received an invitation to set up an account in Arbor. If you have any problem regarding setting up the account, please get in touch with the school office. Please note that all dinner payments are now to be made on Arbor and the balances for meals owed are shown on your account. Unfortunately, there was an overlap of one week between the Weduc payment (Year 3 and 4 only) and the start of the Arbor payment system. If you made a payment on Weduc for the week beginning 17th April for school meals, this has now been refunded into your bank account. Please allow a few days for this to be processed. All meal balances on Arbor run from 17th April and are taken automatically from the attendance register. Just a reminder, please give school one week's notice if you wish to change the meal pattern for your child.

Eco Club

Eco club are part of the 'TerraCycle' recycling team meaning that our school is now a drop-off zone for 'Confectionery recycling'. The more we recycle our wrappers the more money we raise through the scheme. The money which we raise can be used for the school to spend or we can donate it to a charity of our choice.

Please bring into school any of the following and hand to Miss Stoves or Miss Carr:



✓ Individual chocolate bar wrappers



✓ Plastic chocolate block wrappers



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✓ Individual chocolate bar wrappers



✓ Chocolate and sweets multipack outer plastic...



✓ Plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags

This week our Regenerators went out as part of the 'TerraCycle Recycling Team' and collected some wrappers from Sele park to start off our campaign!

Quad Kids Sport Afternoon

On Thursday 25th May Y4 have been invited to take part in the Quad Kids event at St Joseph's Middle School. At this event the children will take part in various athletic events such as: sprinting, throwing and jumping. This is a great opportunity for the pupils moving on to St Joseph's Middle school to transition through sport, meeting pupils and staff from their future school. Children attend St. Mary's as normal on the 24th where they will be escorted to St. Joseph's and return to school in time for their usual going home time. We ask that the children wear their school PE kit and bring a water bottle and waterproof on this day.

Hall Hill Farm

Reception will be visiting Hall Hill Farm on Monday 26th June as part of their Understanding the World curriculum. The children will be leaving school at 9:15am and returning no later than 3pm, traffic permitting. The cost of the trip is £16.10 per child, which covers the admission into the farm and the cost of the coach. Payments for the trip are payable via WEDUC. We would greatly appreciate it if all payments could be made no later than Monday 12th June.

Mission Statement Value Award Winners:

If you would like to celebrate your child's achievements out of school and would like us to give them a mention in Celebration Assembly on a Friday, then simply fill out one of the Mission Statement Value Cards that have been sent home with your child or ask for one at our school office. We love to hear about all the children's wonderful achievements, both in school and out!

| Class |  |  |  |
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| Reception | Lumen | Jenson | Mikey |
| Year 1 | Heidi | Kaciey | Gracie |
| Year 2 | Skylar | Jessica | Scarlett |
| Year 3 | Archie | Grace | Kaylin |
| Year 4 | Layton | Oliver | Isaac B |

Attendance Ladder



St. Mary's Class Attendance

This Week's Winners:
Year Reception!

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| <u>Reception</u> | 95.5% |
| <u>Year 1</u> | 85.7% |
| <u>Year 2</u> | 82.6% |
| <u>Year 3</u> | 91.3% |
| <u>Year 4</u> | 85.2% |

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs for this term are as follows:

| CLUB | YEAR GROUP | DAY/TIME |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Gardening Club | Year 1-4 | Monday 3-4pm |
| Running Club | Year 2-4 | Tuesday 8.15-8.45am |
| Football Club (FULL) | Year 2 | Tuesday 3-4pm |
| Prayer Club | Years 1-4 | Wednesday 8.15-8.45am |
| Eco | Regenerators | Wednesday 3-4pm |

Safeguarding

Our e-safety focus in school during April & May is 'Privacy & Security'. Children will be made aware that internet use is never fully private and learn ways in which to keep personal information private whilst online. For help, advice and resources for parents/carers please take a look at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/privacy-identity/>

Pupil Support & Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs. Oakes

Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Miss. Baird

Assistant Safeguarding Lead – Mrs. Stoves

SENDCo/Assistant SENDCo – Mrs. Dotchin & Mrs. Stoves

Please remember that we are here to support you and child at any time. You can contact us via the main office (01434 603791) or by email (info@smfs.bwcet.com)

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| Walk (Cycle or Scoot) to School Week | 15th-19th May |
| Year 4 Moor House Residential | Thursday 18th & Friday 19th May |
| 'Quad Kids' Sports Afternoon (Y4) | Thursday 25th May 12:30 - 2:40pm |
| Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm | Monday 26th June |
| Y3 & Y4 Imagine A Story Theatre Visit | Monday 3rd July (PM Leave at 1pm may be later than 3pm returning to school-more info to follow nearer the time) |
| TRANSFER DAY | Tuesday 4th July 2023 |