



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter – Friday 19th May 2023



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all the children who took part in our 'Walk to School Week'. It was great seeing all the children making an effort to walk, wheel, cycle and scoot to school each day this week. In school children took part in activities related to celebrating walking and all its benefits. Pupil were involved in writing acrostic poems and creating pictures about how to transform their local walking environment.



Year 4 have arrived back safely from their residential to Moor House Adventure Centre, the children took part in a variety of activities such as archery, shelter building, and the all-important camp-fire singalong! Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children Miss. Baird, Miss. O'Shea, Miss Newton & Mrs Erving who reported that all the children behaved impeccably and were a credit to St. Mary's. I am sure they will enjoy a well-earned rest tonight!



This week we commemorated Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven celebrating Ascension Day, which occurs on the Thursday, which is 40 (or 39) days after Easter. In our whole school Liturgical Prayer at the start of the week, we discussed how when Jesus went back to heaven, He promised to send a Helper – the Holy Spirit – to be with us forever. The Holy Spirit is our helper and our guide. We discussed how we can be a helper and guide to others in our lives, the children of St. Mary's were able to explain lots of ways in which they help and guide those around them.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Oakes

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. Just a reminder, please give school one week's notice if you wish to change the meal pattern for your child.

Moving forward all consents and payments for trips and visits will be made through the Arbor app.

The Y3 Theatre Trip is now live on Arbor, please download if you need to make a payment.

The final payment for the Theatre trip is 30th June.

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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✓ 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			
Reception	Frankie M	Beauden	Phuc
Year 1	Gracie	Riley	Phoebe
Year 2	Corey-Jo	Zayn	Parker
Year 3	Mason	Ollie	Elsie
Year 4	Damir	Charlie	Brody

Attendance Ladder



St. Mary's Class Attendance	
This Week's Winners: Year – Year 1!	
<u>Reception</u>	94.09%
<u>Year 1</u>	98.50%
<u>Year 2</u>	98.26%
<u>Year 3</u>	90.87%
<u>Year 4</u>	93.66%

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 (FULL)	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)

Last day before may half term	Friday 26 th May
'Quad Kids' Sports Afternoon (Y4)	Thursday 25 th May 12:30 - 2:40pm
Summer term 2 begins	Monday 5 th June
Year 2 whole school Liturgical Prayer (Parents/carers invited)	Fri 9 th June at 9.15am
Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm	Monday 26 th June Just a reminder that payments should be paid as soon as possible as Weduc payments will be disabled soon.
Y3 & Y4 Imagine A Story Theatre Visit	Monday 3 rd July (PM Leave at 1pm may be later than 3pm returning to school-more info to follow nearer the time) Payments for this trip are to be paid on the new Arbor app
TRANSFER DAY	Tuesday 4 th July 2023
Healthy School Weeks	10 th - 14 th July 2023