



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter –
Friday 26th May 2023



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at half term already! The children of St. Mary's have worked incredibly hard and deserve a well-earned rest. Year 4 have been especially active this week, visiting St. Joseph's Middle School to take part in 'Quads Kids', an inter-school sports event led by year 8 sports leaders from the middle school. The children had a fantastic afternoon, the sun was shining and as well as taking part in the sporting activities the children got the opportunity to get to know other children from other Hexham schools.



I would like to take this opportunity give Eliza in year 4 a special mention, Eliza made her First Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church last Sunday. It was an incredibly special day for Eliza and her family, may God continue to bless and guide Eliza in all she does.

This afternoon, our top value award and attendance winners for this half term celebrated with an afternoon tea party to congratulate them for all their hard work over this half term. Well done everyone!



After half term we are welcoming Miss. Kane back to school from her Maternity Leave. It will be great to have Miss. Kane back in school, she has enjoyed catching up with the children during her recent visits to school. Following the half-term break, we will update parents on class teachers for the next academic year.

Finally, if you are looking for something to do over the half term, Waterstones book shop in Hexham is holding colouring and craft sessions throughout May half term, their children's area will be well stocked with all things crafty!

Have a lovely half term,

Mrs. Oakes

School Uniform

Salto our school uniform provider, has requested that any school uniform orders required are ordered before Saturday 15th July to guarantee them in time for September.

ORDER ONLINE – www.saltouk.com

Email – enquiries@saltouk.com

Tel – 01661 835240

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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✓ 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!

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	 We love	 We learn	 We lead	Award Winners
Reception	Eabha	Austin	Phuc	Austin Beauden Mikey Olivia C
Year 1	Esmee	Luca	George	Heidi Gracie George Kohan
Year 2	Bao	Ava	Jax	Parker Joe Ella Olivia
Year 3	Freddie.S	Emily	Elsie	Freddie S Nils B Emily Freddie.H
Year 4	Sophia	Harry B	Pheobe	Jack Marshall Eliza George

Attendance Ladder



St. Mary's Class Attendance

This Week's Winners:
Year – Year 3!

<u>Reception</u>	94.59%
<u>Year 1</u>	94.23%
<u>Year 2</u>	94.17%
<u>Year 3</u>	94.77%
<u>Year 4</u>	91.37%

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)

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 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 to be paid on the new Arbor app
TRANSFER DAY	Tuesday 4 th July 2023
Healthy School Week	10 th - 14 th July 2023