



# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023



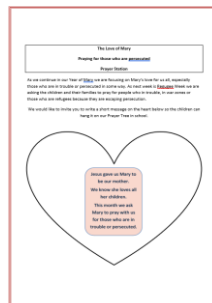
*We love, we learn, we live.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been blessed by a glorious week of sunshine and the children have been very 'sun safe' wearing their hats and drinking plenty of water. We took the opportunity of spending time in our Prayer Garden with children finding a newt in the pond area, we are still on the lookout for our elusive toad!



As we continue in our Year of Mary, June focuses on the Mary's love for us all, especially those who are troubled or persecuted in some way. As next week is 'Refugee Week' we are asking the children and their families to pray for people in war zones or those who are refugees because they are escaping persecution. This year's theme is 'Compassion' and what this looks like in action. Together we can create a shared understanding of compassion to ensure we are extending it widely to all. Today, the children will be bringing home a heart prayer card (see below), we would like to invite families to write a short message on the heart so that we can add it to our Prayer Tree in school.



As such, next week we are inviting the children to show how arts and culture can help widen our circle of compassion. The children will take part in simple acts throughout the week, being part of a movement of people everywhere taking small steps to create a big change. Simple Acts are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities. Follow this link for ways you can support this at home too- <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/>

***“Our task must be to free ourselves – by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.”- Albert Einstein***

Best wishes,

Mrs. Oakes

### **School Uniform**

**All children are expected to wear school uniform when they attend school, even in the current warm weather. Year 3 & 4 are permitted to wear their school PE kit on Monday & Tuesdays and only when attending sporting events.**

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

ORDER ONLINE – [www.saltouk.com](http://www.saltouk.com)

Email – [enquiries@saltouk.com](mailto:enquiries@saltouk.com)

Tel – 01661 835240

### **Year 4 Transition**

As part of the year 4 transition to St. Joseph's Middle School, Mrs. Eleanor Stoves (transition Lead) will be coming into St. Mary's to talk to the Year 4 students who will be transferring up to St. Joseph's in the summer. Mrs. Stoves will provide pupils with a transition booklet, during her visit to St. Mary's the children will go through the booklet with Mrs. Stoves, who will also show them an example of the St. Joseph's planner.

Following the pupil visit St. Joseph's on the 16<sup>th</sup>, there is a rounders afternoon arranged for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Pupils will return to St. Mary's before the end of the school day and will be dismissed from school as usual. Please note that HMS rounders afternoon is also on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, parents may collect any children transferring to HMS from school at 1pm so they can attend this event.

### **Hot Weather**

We have been fortunate enough to have been blessed with some sunny weather of late. Please can we advise parents check the weather forecast before school and ensure children have sun cream applied before attending school. Please could children be provided with a hat or cap and a water bottle throughout the summer term.

### **Arbor**

**Please note that we no longer use Weduc, all consents and payments for trips and visits will be sent through Arbor. You won't receive in app messages/newsletters as this will send straight to your email.**

**For those who haven't yet downloaded the Arbor app, you have been sent an email with your log in details. This was sent by the Arbor team 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

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

### **Trip Payments**

**Y3 & Y4 - Tyne Theatre Trip** - All payments due by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Reception - Hall Hill Farm** – If you haven't yet paid and would still like your child to attend, contact the office.

**Y1 & Y2 Beamish Museum** – All payments are made on the Arbor and are due by 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### Hall Hill Farm

Reception will be visiting Hall Hill Farm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 ARBOR.

### Beamish

Year 1 and 2 will be visiting Beamish on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July as part of their History curriculum. The children will be leaving school at 9.15am. The cost of the trip is £16.10 per child, covering admission, a workshop and the cost of the coach. In their workshop, children will learn all about what life was like as a Victorian School Child including playing traditional playground games and taking part in a traditional lesson. The children will need with a packed lunch (school will provide a lunch for those in receipt of free school meals), water bottle, hat/cap and suncream. There will be an opportunity for children to visit the gift shop so if you would like, your child can bring a small amount of pocket money-**no more than £5**. Payments for the trip are payable by ARBOR. Please could all payments be made no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

### KS2 fun day

In addition to visiting the theatre to watch a performance of 'Rewilding Dreams' on the 7th of July, we also are organising a 'fun day' for KS2 which will involve a picnic in the park and an ice-cream! There will be more information to follow!

### Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Parents are invited to support and take part from 9.15am - finish (approximately 11.45am). Please send your child to school wearing their **school PE kit** that day wearing suncream, sunhat and a big bottle of water.

The PTA will be selling refreshments & snacks on the day. They are also collecting prizes for the raffle that will be drawn at the end. Bring any donations to the school office.

They are hoping to sell uniform too, so please bring cash.

**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 | Raffy                                                                             | Noah                                                                              | Olivia C                                                                            |
| Year 1    | Ollie                                                                             | George                                                                            | Heidi                                                                               |
| Year 2    | Ava                                                                               | Oliver                                                                            | Zayn                                                                                |
| Year 3    | Elsie                                                                             | Spencer                                                                           | Nils                                                                                |
| Year 4    | James                                                                             | Charlie                                                                           | Damir                                                                               |

## Attendance Ladder



### St. Mary's Class Attendance

This Week's Winners:  
Year – Year 3!

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| <u>Reception</u> | 98.18% |
| <u>Year 1</u>    | 97.04% |
| <u>Year 2</u>    | 92.24% |
| <u>Year 3</u>    | 99.09% |
| <u>Year 4</u>    | 89.63% |

### 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 June & July is 'Copyright & Ownership'. Children will be made aware that deliberately infringing copyright can be a criminal offence. Just because something is found freely on the internet, doesn't mean it's free to download, distribute or use. For help, advice and resources for parents/carers please take a look at:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/webinars/an-introduction-to-online-copyright-ownership#>

### **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](mailto:info@smfs.bwcet.com))

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| Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm                                                                        | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June<br><br>If you haven' yet paid and you would like your child to attend, contact the school office.                                                                                                                             |
| Year 4 rounders afternoon at St. Joseph's Middle school<br><br>(PE kit, water, hat, waterproof required) | Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Y3 & Y4 Imagine A Story Theatre Visit                                                                    | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July<br><br>(PM Leave at 1pm may be later than 3pm returning to school-more info to follow nearer the time)<br><br><b>Payments for this trip to be paid on the new Arbor app, final payment due by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.</b> |
| TRANSFER DAY<br><br>(Children spend time with their new class teacher)                                   | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Y1 & Y2 Beamish Museum Trip                                                                              | 6 <sup>th</sup> July<br><br><b>All payments are through the Arbor app, all payments are due by 3<sup>rd</sup> July.</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| Healthy School Week                                                                                      | 10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Wilding Theatre Project at Sele Park                                                                     | 14 <sup>th</sup> July-1.30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sports Day<br><br>(All parents welcome)                                                                  | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – 9.15 - 12pm (Weather permitting)<br><br>(Back up date - Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July)<br><br>Further information to follow                                                                                               |
| Year 4 Leavers Mass<br><br>(In school-parents invited)                                                   | Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |