



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter –
Friday 23rd June 2023



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week St Mary's have taken part in a Sky Arts Week, looking at a variety of different forms of art including 2D mark making, poetry, film making, singing and movement. The children have been incredibly enthusiastic throughout the week and have produced some amazing work. The theme this year for the week was 'identity', which has allowed the children to think in detail about what makes them unique.



Thank you to those families who sent in their prayer cards to support Refugee Week, we have hung the heart prayer cards on our prayer station, thinking about people all over the world who have to flee their country due to war, poverty, or disasters. The children have also taken part in 'Simple Acts' each day to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities.



**Jesus, friend and brother,
You know what it is like
to be hungry and thirsty.
You know the plight of the
stranger who is made unwelcome.
You know the suffering of all
who have lost everything.
We pray that by welcoming refugees
we may show love for our neighbour
and draw closer to you.
Amen.**

Finally, We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs. Stansfield back from Maternity Leave on the 3rd July, she is very much looking forward to working with Year 2 again. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'thank you' to Miss. McNamara who has been covering year 2 while Mrs. Stansfield has been on Maternity Leave. Miss. McNamara has gone above and beyond and will be sorely missed by everyone here at St. Mary's.

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. Trainers are not permitted on days when the children do not have P.E. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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

Year 4 Transition

Just a reminder that here is a rounders afternoon arranged for Wednesday 28th June 2023. Year 4 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 28th June, parents may collect any children transferring to HMS from school at 1pm so they can attend this event.

Year 4 pupils may attend school wearing their school P.E. kit on Wednesday 28th June, bringing a water bottle, sun hat and waterproof. Please apply sunscreen before the start of school.

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 22nd 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 30th June.

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

Y3&Y4 Bowling – To be paid on the Arbor app by 3rd July.

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 ARBOR.

School will be providing a packed lunch for all pupils attending, but advise children to bring their own water bottle. Children should wear comfortable trousers such as jogging bottoms and their normal school uniform on the top. Children will require sensible footwear. Please can all children have sun cream applied before school and bring a hat/cap and waterproof with them for the trip.

Beamish

Year 1 and 2 will be visiting Beamish on Thursday 6th 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 3rd July. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

KS2 fun day

Following the theatre visit on the 3rd July to watch a performance of 'Rewilding Dreams', we have also organised a 'fun day' for KS2 which will involve a picnic in the park with an ice-cream, before heading to the Wentworth to go bowling. There will be a small cost of £4 per child and payments can be made using Arbor. This trip was originally organised to go ahead on the 7th July, due to the teacher's strike we have rearranged this trip to take place on the 13th July instead.

Payments have now gone live for the Y3 & Y4 bowling trip, please can all payments be paid by Monday 3rd July.


Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Tuesday 11th 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. The PTA are hoping to sell school uniform too, and request that parents bring cash for these items.

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	Nathan	Mikey	Olivia W
Year 1	Miya	Riley	Luca
Year 2	Ellie	Corey-Jo	Charlie
Year 3	Jenna	Tyler	Kaylin
Year 4	Harry D	George	Marshall

Attendance Ladder



St. Mary's Class Attendance

This Week's Winners:
Year – Reception !

<u>Reception</u>	100%
<u>Year 1</u>	95.59%
<u>Year 2</u>	90%
<u>Year 3</u>	95%
<u>Year 4</u>	91.11%

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs for this term are as follows:

Please note that Player Club's last session for this academic year will be held on Wednesday 28th June

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

NEU Strike

The NEU has announced two more national strike dates on 5th and 7th July. St. Mary's will remain open to pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 3. At the point of writing, school will be closed to pupils in year 2 and 4 only. We have altered the date of the KS2 Fun day to accommodate this. This will now be held on Thursday 13th July.

Diary Dates

Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm	Monday 26 th June 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 (PE kit, water, hat, waterproof required)	Wednesday 28 th June
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, final payment due by Friday 30th June.
TRANSFER DAY (Children spend time with their new class teacher)	Tuesday 4 th July 2023
Y1 & Y2 Beamish Museum Trip	6 th July All payments are through the Arbor app, all payments are due by 3rd July.
KS2 Fun day! Bowling	Thursday 13th July A payment has been set up on the Arbor app for an amount of £4.00. Please can this be paid no later than 3rd July.

Healthy School Week	10th - 14th July 2023
Wilding Theatre Project at Sele Park	14th July-1.30pm
Sports Day (All parents welcome)	Tuesday 11th July – 9.15 - 12pm (Weather permitting) (Back up date - Thursday 13th July) Further information to follow
Year 4 Leavers Mass (In school-parents invited)	Tuesday 18th July 9.30am

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)