



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter –
Friday 30th June 2023



We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun-filled week with lots of trips out. On Wednesday, year 4 spent some time at their new middle schools, they enjoyed playing rounders and making new friends too. Reception had a fantastic day at Hall Hill Farm on Monday, interacting and feeding the animals, followed by some adventure in the soft play area.



Next week, the fun continues as key stage 2 have a theatre trip on Monday to see the play 'Rewilding Dreams', as the classes were involved in writing some of the scenes, they are very excited to see their work up on stage. On Tuesday, it is Transfer Day for all schools in the Hexham Partnership. The children moving to middle school will attend their new school for the duration of the day, while those transferring classes in school, will spend some time in their new classrooms with their class teacher for next year.

As mentioned last week, we are welcoming Mrs. Stansfield back from Maternity Leave on Monday. So today, we say 'farewell' to Miss. McNamara who has been covering year 2 while Mrs. Stansfield has been on Maternity Leave. Miss. McNamara and year 2 have made the most of their last week together, sharing special treasures and memories together. On behalf of the whole St. Mary's family, we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Miss. McNamara, who has some amazing adventures ahead of her as she is due to spend some time in America in the coming months.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

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

KS2 Theatre Trip

As years 3 and 4 are visiting the theatre on Monday afternoon, they do not require their PE kit or swimming kit on Monday. All children should attend school On Monday wearing their school uniform.

Transfer Day

On Tuesday 4th July it is Transfer Day in the Hexham Partnership. Pupils in year 4 will be attending their new middle school on Tuesday and will be dropped off and collected from middle school that day. The rest of the children will spend time in their new classroom, with their new teacher on Transfer Day.

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 all children**), 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 (Y3&Y4)

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.

Weather

The weather has been rather variable of late. We have been fortunate enough to have been blessed with warmer weather but do experience unexpected downpours on occasion. Please can we advise parents check the weather forecast before school and ensure children have sun cream applied before attending school and bring a waterproof, as children do continue to play outdoors if it is drizzling. Please can we also ask that children are 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

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.

Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Tuesday 11th July. Parents are invited to support and watch events from 9.15am - finish (approximately 11.45am). Please send your child to school wearing their **school PE kit** that day wearing sunscreen, 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.



Year 4 Leavers & Talent Show

In anticipation of the Year 4 leavers celebrations, please can parents provide two pictures of their child from different stages of their educational journey, for an end of year presentation. Please can all photos be sent into school using the following address: parentcontact@smfs.bwcet.com

Additionally, on the last day of term it is tradition for parents and carers to come alone to the year 4 leavers Talent Show. Parents are welcome to watch the Talent Show on Friday 21st July at 1.30pm (fire doors at the back of the hall will open for access from 1.25pm). Following the Talent Show parents are welcome to take their child home but are also welcome to leave them in school until the usual collection time of 3pm.

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	Dani-Skye	Beauden	Austin
Year 1	Kohan	Ashton	Riley
Year 2	Oli	Olivia	Harrison
Year 3	Mason	Freddie S	Calum
Year 4	Brody	George	Callum

Attendance Ladder



St. Mary's Class Attendance This Week's Winners: Year – Cuthbert!	
<u>Reception</u>	98.99%
<u>Year 1</u>	89.26%
<u>Year 2</u>	99.49%
<u>Year 3</u>	96.97%
<u>Year 4</u>	93.42%

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs for this term are as follows:

Please note that Eco Club won't be on for the remainder of the term due to strike days and staffing. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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
Eco	Regenerators	Finished now

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

Y3 & Y4 Imagine A Story Theatre Visit	Monday 3 rd July (PM Leave at 1pm may be later than 3pm returning to school) For anyone who hasn't yet paid on Arbor, the deadline is Sunday 2nd July. This will secure your child's place on the trip.
TRANSFER DAY (Children spend time with their new class teacher)	Tuesday 4 th July 2023
Y1 & Y2 Beamish Museum Trip	6 th 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	10 th - 14 th 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)
Year 4 Leavers Mass (In school-parents/carers invited)	Tuesday 18th July 9.30am
Y4 Talent Show (In school-parents/carers invited)	Friday 21st July 1.30pm

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)