



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter –  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023



*We love, we learn, we live.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you all had a lovely half term. We have started our final half term of the year with another busy week. Today we welcomed parents and carers into school, as Year 2 held their whole school liturgical prayer based on 'World Environment Day' which took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. Each class took part, representing the need for greater recycling by making their own upcycled plastic artwork for the occasion.



Miss. Baird and Mrs. Monnelly have been out visiting the families of our new Reception starters for September and we have also welcomed Miss. Kane back from Maternity Leave this week. Miss. Kane has been working closely with Miss. O'Shea as part of her return-to-work handover. Miss. O'Shea leaves St. Mary's today, leaving year 4 in the very capable hands of Miss. Kane who knows the class very well. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss. O'Shea for all her hard work and positivity during her time at St. Mary's and wish her well on her future endeavours.

Looking forward to September, we are pleased to announce that we will also have Mrs. Stansfield returning to St. Mary's following her Maternity Leave. As such, please find the class allocations for the next academic year as follows:

**Reception**-Miss. Baird

**Year 1**-Miss. Kane

**Year 2**-Mrs. Stansfield

**Year 3**-Miss. Stoves

**Year 4**-Miss. Carr

Best wishes,

Mrs. Oakes

### **First Holy Communion**



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

### **Trim Trail**

A huge thank you to all the parents and families of St. Mary's who have contributed to fundraising event over the course of the year. The school has used PTA money to repair the Trim Trail and buy a new bridge for it. The children have loved being able to play on the Trim Trail again this week!

The PTA are currently fundraising for money to purchase books related to 'protected characteristics' to support our English curriculum and enhance our library book provision. We will keep you updated on this moving forward.



### **School Uniform**

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 with all of 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.

In the afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, pupils will get the opportunity to visit St. Joseph's with their class, where Mrs. Stoves will give them a tour of the middle school. Following this, 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 on these visit days. Any pupils not transferring to St. Joseph's, will remain in school and be provided with alternative activities unless also visiting their new school on these dates (NB HMS rounders afternoon is also on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June as per St. Joseph's 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 payment due by – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Reception - Hall Hill Farm – Due by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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. We would greatly appreciate it if all payments could be made no later than Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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	Jacob	Frankie M	Phuc
Year 1	Miya	Charlotte	Ashton
Year 2	Olivia	Marcus	Joe
Year 3	Tyler	Alfie	Daniel
Year 4	George	Darcey	Isaac.K

## Attendance Ladder



St. Mary's Class Attendance	
This Week's Winners: Year – Year 2	
<u>Reception</u>	94.78%
<u>Year 1</u>	94.43%
<u>Year 2</u>	95.12%
<u>Year 3</u>	94.95%
<u>Year 4</u>	92.03%

### 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))

Year 4 transition visit to St. Joseph's Middle School-PM	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June  <b>A reminder for those children who haven't yet paid, payments should be paid by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June on Arbor.</b>
Year 4 rounders afternoon at St. Joseph's Middle school  (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  (PM Leave at 1pm may be later than 3pm returning to school-more info to follow nearer the time)  <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  (Children spend time with their new class teacher)	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
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  (All parents welcome)	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – 9.15 - 12pm (Weather permitting)  (Back up date - Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July)  Further information to follow
Year 4 Leavers Mass  (In school-parents invited)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am