



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter –
Friday 7th July 2023



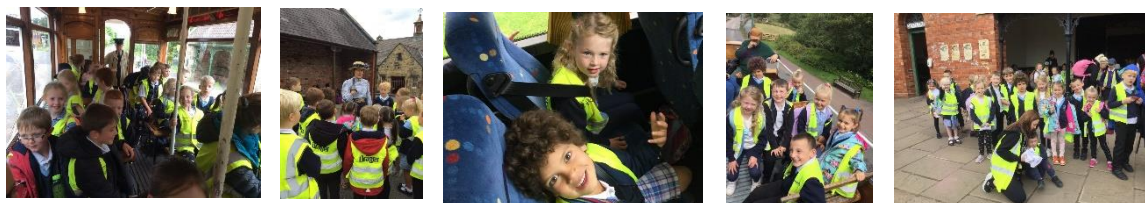
We love, we learn, we live.

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, key stage 2 went to the Tyne Theatre and watched the scene in 'Rewilding Dreams' that earlier in the year they had been involved in writing. This was part of the 'Imagine a Story' project which was co-authored by more than 2500 primary school children from across the UK. Each child also got to take home their own copy of the text showcasing the creativity, ingenuity and optimism of children-St. Mary's is showcased in part six, on page 84!



On Tuesday, the children had a fantastic day meeting their class teacher for next year and spending some time in their new classroom as part of Hexham Partnership Transfer Day. On Thursday, years 1 and 2 spent the day in Beamish learning all about what life was like as a Victorian school child, playing traditional playground games and taking part in a traditional lesson.



Next week, you will receive a letter outlining some of the exciting curriculum developments in place from September. This particularly involves a focus on modern foreign languages, history, geography and science. These curriculums are ambitious in terms of what children will learn and build steadily each year, strengthening children's knowledge of key themes and concepts. These ambitious curriculums have been designed very deliberately to ensure that every child has the solid base of knowledge on which to build in future years. Next week, you will also receive the end of year academic report for your child, it is clear from reading the reports that the children have clearly been working hard this year.

Finally, it is hard to believe we only have two more weeks left in school before the summer holidays! As a staff we have been reflecting on being aware that at this time of year everyone is feeling the need for the summer holidays. In light of this, we would like to share our recent staff prayer with you:

Lord, I know my tongue often gets ahead of my mind and heart. I am quick to speak and I repent of the many thoughtless things I have spoken. I am sorry for words I have spoken in anger or in gossip. Please help me to see when I am about to speak without thinking and to check my heart. Help me be slow to speak. Help me Lord to be a person full of loving words, full of your Spirit, overflowing with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control. Amen.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Mrs. Oakes

Account Balances

Please can we ask that any outstanding balances are paid before the 14th July. Could you please log in to your Arbor and please pay through the app.

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 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.

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.

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 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.

On Sports Day, parents will be given access to the school field once all the children have been escorted to their designated areas on the field. Due to safeguarding reasons, we request that no photographs or videos are taken by parents for the duration of the event. School staff will take photos of the children and share them after the event. Parents are requested to remain in the designated parent’s areas and not visit the areas where the children are sitting. Please note that Sports Day is scheduled to take place next Tuesday-weather permitting! At the point of writing, it looks like we are in for some rain on Tuesday. We will let you know as soon as possible if we have to reschedule to the Thursday of next week.




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 along 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	Noah	Freddie	Dexter
Year 1	Kacey	Gracie	Charlotte
Year 2	Ava	Ruby	Archie
Year 3	Elsie	Alfie	Ollie
Year 4	Felix	Sebastian S	Isaac B

Attendance Ladder



St. Mary's Class Attendance

This Week's Winners:
Year –Reception !

<u>Reception</u>	99.49%
<u>Year 1</u>	94.35%
<u>Year 2</u>	97.73%
<u>Year 3</u>	98.47%
<u>Year 4</u>	96.3%

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.

Next week (Wk beg 10th July) will be the last week for extra-curricular activities.

No clubs will be running during the last week of term.

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

Diary Dates

Sports Day (All parents welcome)	Tuesday 11th July – 9.15 - 12pm (Weather permitting) (Back up date - Thursday 13th July)
Healthy School Week	10th- 14th July 2023
Bowling & KS2 Fun Day	13th July From 1pm
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)