

# St. Mary's Newsletter

## October 2014 Issue



*Work, play, pray - together*

### Executive Head Teacher - Miss Elliott:

I was very proud of our Year 6 pupils who, along with pupils from Simonside Primary School, attended a meeting at Jarrow Town Hall to discuss traffic problems that exist on Ayr Drive and Glasgow Road, particularly during school drop off and pick up times.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Faye Cunningham; Mayor of South Tyneside and in attendance was representatives from the local authority, police and local residents. All parties are working together to find a solution to the traffic congestion and the potential safety issues that our children and residents face as a result.

### Mr. L. Duncan - Deputy Head of School

The meeting was very productive and lots of positive ideas were raised. Please look out for further information on this issue as our children undertake a traffic and safety awareness campaign over the coming months.

### Year 1 Message:

We are all busy preparing our class Liturgy on how our family love and care for us. We have settled well into Yr1 and are helping the reception pupils to find their way around school.

### Quotes:

Ollie Lawson: "I am happy because I have lots of friends".

Dylan Andersen: "We are quiet and smart in assembly".

Evie Cernik: "We help teachers and play in class with our friends".



### Ethos Statements for October

- I know what to do if I see anyone hurt.
- I understand that rights match responsibility.
- I try to stand up for myself and others.
- I try to be just and fair.

### 2 year old Nursery Places:

If you or you know of anyone who has a two year old child, we now have 2 year old places in our nursery. Please contact the school office for further details.

### Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers:

The Let's Grow wheelbarrow situated in the school office window is starting to fill up. Thank you to all those that have been shopping at Morrisons and have donated vouchers so that school can trade them in for gardening equipment for school and nursery.

Last year we ordered bird nests, seeds, a wheel barrow, gardening tools, wooden planters for the Remembrance Garden and lots more from your kind donations...lets make this year even better!!!

### Reception Class:

It was wonderful to see our Reception children welcomed at their assembly on Friday. We are so please to also see lots of family members attending the assembly and have the chance to see your child's buddy and hear what they have heard and learnt about your child some quite amusing.

Now reception are well settled, can I please ask all reception parent/carers to ensure that they adhere to the safeguarding request of staying behind the white line on the playground as soon as the bell sounds.

Many thanks Mrs. M. Graham Head of School.

### Football Team:

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have made up this years school football team.

The school team played in the Bishop's Cup against St. Aloysius before drawn against St. Bede's Jarrow, they are all looking forward to the league starting. Football practice is going well and will be held each Thursday night 3:30-4:30pm.

### Scholastic Book Fair:

The book fair has been very popular again this year and money raised from parent/carers attending the fair will purchase new books for our school library.

A big thank you to Mrs. Johnston for volunteering to help each morning with the sale of books and the set up of the fair!

### Diary Dates

#### October 2014

3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 1 Liturgy @ 9:05am  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 2 Assembly @ 2:30am  
10<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Liturgy @ 9:05am  
10<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Assembly @ 2:30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Liturgy @ 9:05am  
17<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Assembly @ 2:30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> - Spooky Writing Day  
24<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome  
27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> HALF TERM

#### November 2014

W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> - Assessment week  
W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> - World Religion Week  
11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Assembly  
21<sup>st</sup> - Youth Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome

#### December 2014

8<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Nativity (am =10:00am & pm = 2:00pm)  
9<sup>th</sup> - KS2 (Yr3 - Yr6) Concert @ 2:00pm  
10<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Party (Rec - Yr2) @ 1:30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> - KS2 (Yr3 - Yr6) Party @ 1:30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> - KS1 (Rec - Yr2) Nativity @ 2:00pm  
18<sup>th</sup> - Carols in Church @ 6:00pm  
19<sup>th</sup> BREAK UP for Christmas

#### January 2015

5<sup>th</sup> - Return back to school  
16<sup>th</sup> - New Year Mass 9:30am  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 2 Liturgy @ 9:05am  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 1 Assembly @2:30pm  
30<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Liturgy @ 9:05am  
30<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Assembly @ 2:30pm

#### February 2015

4<sup>th</sup> - Diocesan Youth Celebration  
6<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Liturgy @ 9:05am  
6<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Assembly @ 2:30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> - Safer Internet Day  
13<sup>th</sup> - Reception Liturgy @ 9:05am  
16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM  
W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fair Trade Fortnight  
27<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome

### Message from the Kitchen Staff: Janey the Cook

I would like to welcome the new reception class and say how well mannered and behaved they have conducted themselves during lunch time.

The new winter menu will be coming home after half term and I am sure there will be a wide variety of food for your child to enjoy.

There is also a salad bar that the Supervisory Assistant's are encouraging your child to try which has been well received.

### Diary dates continued:

#### March 2015

5<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day  
13<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day  
17<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Night 1 @ 3:30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Night 2 @ 3:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> - In-service Day - school closed to pupils  
27<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome  
27<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Liturgy @ 2:30pm all welcome  
30<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> April Holy Week Liturgy @ 2:30pm

#### April 2015

2<sup>nd</sup> - BREAK UP for Easter Holidays  
20<sup>th</sup> - Return back to school  
24<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome

#### May 2015

4<sup>th</sup> - BANK HOLIDAY  
W/C 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> SAT'S Week  
19<sup>th</sup> - Auditions for Production @ 1:30pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> - St. Mary's Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Coffee Morning @ 9:00am all welcome  
25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

#### June 2015

1<sup>st</sup> - Return back to school  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Sports Day at School  
26<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning in school all welcome

#### July 2015

6<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Risk & Challenge Day 1  
7<sup>th</sup> - SAT's results  
10<sup>th</sup> - moving up day  
13<sup>th</sup> - Production Wizard of Oz (2:00pm & 6:00pm)  
16<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> - BREAK UP  
17<sup>th</sup> - In-service Day