

# St. Mary's Newsletter

## April 2015 Issue



*Work, play, pray - together*

### Executive Head Teacher - Miss Elliott:

#### Changing Faces: Goodbye and Good Luck

Mr. Duncan - St. Mary's will be very sad to say Goodbye to Mr. Duncan at the end of next term.

Mr. Duncan will be leaving St. Mary's at the end of the summer to take up the post of Head teacher at St. Mary Magdalene RC Primary School in Seaham.

This is a fantastic promotion and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him all the very best in his own school.

#### Hello and Welcome:

Following interviews on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, the Governors were pleased to appoint Mr. Mackley as Senior Teacher at St. Mary's. He will be joining Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Riley as part of the Senior Leadership team within school.

I'm sure you will all make him very welcome when he joins St. Mary's in September.

#### Easter Egg Raffle:

The Easter Egg raffle has been held in school which has raised money to support the HCPT Group 38 - The Pilgrims Trust who will be taking disable children to Lourdes at Easter.

A grand total of **£216.60** has been raised through the kind donations of Easter Eggs into school.

On behalf of the HCPT Group, may I thank all those who donated an egg - Miss Elliott.

#### Red Nose Day:

Well Done! School raised **£235.30** by having their faces painted and a non-uniform day. Photographs of this day are available on the school website.

### Ethos Statements for April

1. I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from.
2. I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.
3. I know how to help others when they are in trouble.
4. I understand what trust means.

### Mrs Neill - Retirement Celebration Assembly

On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015, school celebrated Mrs Neill's surprise retirement assembly.

Year 2 pupils sang Mrs. Neill a song of fond farewell to carry her forward into her retirement after 31 years' service within South Tyneside Borough Council.

Mrs Neill said, "I've loved working with the kids, and even though I stayed on past my retirement age, I've decided now is the right time to leave".

All the staff and pupils wish Mrs. Neill a relaxing and Holly retirement, God Bless her and her family.



### Diary Dates

#### April 2015

3<sup>rd</sup> - **BREAK UP for Easter Holidays**

20<sup>th</sup> - **Return back to school**

23<sup>rd</sup> - St. George's Day - Yr2 parent/carer lunch

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

### Year 2 St. George Day Lunch

Year 2 will be holding a St. George Day lunch on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 12:00pm. Y2 parent/Carers are warmly invited (1 invite per child), but please make sure you have returned your reply slip so we don't run out of food!!

Many thanks to Janey and her staff in our school kitchen for supporting Year 2 in this event.



#### Message from Miss Smith - Office Manager

Confirmation slips for packed lunches will be sent home with your child to confirm the days you have requested, please ensure that on these days you send your child with a healthy packed lunch. If however, you need your child to have a lunch on a packed day, call into the school office to notify me, lunch envelopes are available at reception.

Milk can still be ordered (£9.10) in the new term, however, delivery of your child's milk may take a few days this is due to dairy procedures.

Thank you for using the outside post-box, this seems to be working well and elevated congestion within the foyer. The post-box can also be used to return any return slips you receive and Take a Break payments - the box is emptied every day at 9:30am. Please do not post any money after this time, if necessary drop it into the school office.

Thank you all for your continued support.

### Facebook Page

Keep up-to-date with dates and events for your diaries by logging into the St. Mary's website, Twitter, and Facebook pages.

These pages will also inform you of any changes to school closures due to weather conditions etc.



### Message from the School Council

The school council have been working hard on ideas for St. Mary's Day.

If any parent/carer is having a clear out of bric-a-brac, books etc. we will be collecting items after Easter holidays in preparation for the day.

If you would like to donate a prize for a raffle or something for a tombola stall, we would be very grateful.

If any parent/carer would like to help on this day, please leave your name at the school office.

### Take a Break Club

The Take a Break Club is still available for those that would like to make use of the service.

All bookings can be made via a booking form available from the school office; however, these must be made in advance of 24hrs if a 'tea' is required.

Breakfast: £3.00

Tea: £7.50

Both: £10.00

**\* Parent/carers are now requested to sign their child in and out of these sessions in line with H&S Legislation.**