

# St. Mary's Newsletter

## March 2015 Issue



*Work, play, pray - together*

### Executive Head Teacher - Miss Elliott:

#### Saying Goodbye to our Friends

#### Mrs. Neill Retiring

# 25 YEARS

Mrs. Neill, one of our Supervisory Assistant's will be retiring on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March after over 25 years of service at St. Mary's.

I'm sure you will all join the staff and pupils at St. Mary's in wishing Mrs. Neill a very happy and relaxing retirement.

May the Lord bless her and all her future plans.

#### Fr. Peter's Retirement

# 50 YEARS

Fr. Peter retired from parish ministry at the end of February. He has been a great friend to all at St. Mary's and helped us all nurture our friendship with Jesus. He will now take up residence in a presbytery in Sunderland.

I'm sure you'll join me and all the staff and pupils at St. Mary's in wishing him a very happy, holy and relaxing retirement.

May the Lord bless him in his retirement.

### Year 4 Message:

Year 4 have continued to improve their ukulele skills with Mr. Bourdieu, learning new songs each week.

We have also enjoyed our swimming lessons on a Friday afternoon.

Year 4 are also looking forward to be involved in the 'Step Fitness Challenge' after Easter, competing against other Year 4 classes across the borough.

We will each have an 'accelerometer' which will measure how many steps we take each day.

Ellie Moulding says, "It's good because it will keep us fit".

### Ethos Statements for March

- I know it is ok for me to make mistakes.
- I can learn by my mistakes and failures.
- I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up hope.
- I know what humility means.

### Easter Raffle

We will be holding our Easter Egg Raffle this half term.

The money raised will support HCPT Group 38 - The Pilgrims Trust who will be taking disabled children to Lourdes at Easter.

Tickets will go on sale in the last week of term (10p each).

As always donations of Easter Eggs would be kindly accepted - many thanks for your continued support.



### Red Nose Day 2015



**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Non-uniform - donation of £1.00 to 'Make your Face Funny for Money'

Reception face painting - 50p but permission slips need to be handed into school.

Red Noses have been on sale at the school office - we have now sold out of the 300 noses purchased!

### Diary Dates

#### 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

- 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



Halo Photography will be in school on Friday, 6th March to take family and school photographs.

Year 4, due to going swimming will have their photograph taken on the same day as the individual nursery children's photographs on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Halo will deliver the proof to school for your approval, please ensure if you would like to order any photographs that the form is completed in full in CAPITAL LETTERS and the correct money is enclosed in the envelope provided.

### Mothers Day Lunch - Reminder

Year 1 will be holding a Mother's Day lunch on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 12:00pm. All Y1 mothers and/or grandmother are warmly invited, 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 1 in this event.



### Easter Liturgies

As we are in school this year during Holy Week, we will be celebrating a Liturgy each day so that the children can focus on a different event of Holy Week.

Liturgies will take place in the school hall at 2.30 each day week commencing Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Parents/Carers and Parishioners are warmly welcome to join us for some or all of these Liturgies.

### Facebook Page

School has a Facebook page, search and like us so that you can be kept up to date of events and any further unforeseen closures due to heating/weather conditions.



### 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.**