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# St. Mary's RC Primary School

## September 2015 Newsletter



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### Mrs. M. Graham - Acting Head Teacher

We have had a great start to our year so far, the children including our Reception have all settled in well and understand what they need to do to make good progress and to have a happy and fulfilling year. We extend a very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families.

The children all look so smart and well presented, can I encourage you to keep this up and remember we don't allow earrings or severe haircuts at school.

### This week...

Father Saji will be celebrating a Mass for the start of the school year on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September in church at 9:30am. Following Mass all parent/carers and Parishioners are invited to our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend and if there are any Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood's amongst our supportive parent/carers that would like to donate a cake for this great cause, please see Mrs. Smith in the school office.

### Charity Appeal

As a Catholic School one of our aims is to instil into the children a sense of justice and compassion, and to enable them to help those more in need.

Our School Council will soon be sending out our Harvest Appeal for our Key Project and Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Appeal. The children enjoy helping others and through Pastoral Care sessions they will learn how they can make a difference to a persons' life.

### Curriculum

Yr6 Parents' Day is on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September starting at 1:00pm, all parents/cares should now have signed up for an appointment, if not contact the school office.

Curriculum overviews will be sent out for each year group this week, please note homework days and returns.

### Bridges Bank

Each Wednesday morning from 8:30 the Mrs. Johnson and Ellie Johnson (Bank prefect) will be available for those that would like to start a savings account - pop in to find out more!

### Parent Governor Elections

We will be running Parent Governor Elections - please look out for further information this week

### New School Times

The morning start time (8:45-8:55am) are going very well, children sensibly come into school and are ready to start work prompt after registration.

The dismissal time of 3:30pm will now change slightly to ease congestion. Yr1 - Yr6 will all come out into the yard from the door they go in on a morning from, Reception will still come out of the hall door with staff supervision to both yards at the end of the day.

### Important Dates

- Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Yr6 Parents' Day
- Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 9:30am in church - New School Mass
- Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 10:30am in school - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Monday - Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 8:30am and 3:30pm - Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October - Assessment Week
- HALF TERM - Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October
- In-service Day - Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November Parents' Meetings
- Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November - St. Andrew's Day themed lunch
- Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Concert & Lighting of the Tree @ 5:00pm
- Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity @ 1:00pm
- Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 (Infants) Party 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 (Juniors) Disco 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Mass @ 1:00pm
- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December - Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- HALF TERM - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February - Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Y5 Bikeability
- Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Y4 Bikeability
- EASTER HOLIDAY - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March - Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April
- HALF TERM - Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- SUMMER HOLIDAY - Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July - Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September

<http://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/23468/Find-a-school-and-school-holiday-dates>

### First Holy Communion

Miss Burn is our RE Co-ordinator in St. Mary's and she will soon be sending out information about Forward Together in Hope.

We would also like to ask if anyone would like to support our children who will be making their First Holy Communion by becoming a Catechist - please contact Miss Burn in school.

