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St. Mary's RC Primary School

June 2016 Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

This school year seems to be passing so quickly it hardly seems a few weeks since I was writing to you to introduce the teaching team for last September, and now we are rapidly approaching the long summer holidays once again!

The summer term is always busy for us in school, several trips are planned, school reports are to be written, testing arrangements take place and we have all the end of year celebrations for our year 6 to name but a few. Trips have been quite difficult to plan this year due to the increased cost to hire coaches and we will be looking and class fund raising events next year to try and subsidise them further. We have ensured that we continue to keep the contributions to a minimum but of course we cannot run them if we do not receive sufficient funds. Class teachers will have sent out or will send out arrangements with regards to trips and the different requirements for the day.

You may have heard in the national news that the NUT (teaching union) has confirmed that they plan to hold strike action on Tuesday July 5th, this will not affect the closure of our school and we will remain open.



We welcomed the families of our new Reception children and nursery children who will be starting in September. This has been an exciting time for us and but unfortunately difficult for some families who did not get their first choice school and are now facing the appeals process, this is always so hard as we would love to accept all families who apply to us but we are strictly governed by a maximum of 30 in an infant class. We do have spaces currently in the Year 1 and 2 classes for this September should you know of anyone wanting to transfer to our school.

Yesterday was "moving up day." All but the New Year 5 met their new class teachers as Mr Barltrop is finishing a placement in London and will meet his new class next week. From September I am pleased to tell you after our successful recruitment the teaching structure will be as follows.

Nursery	Mrs Riley
Rec	Miss Reville
Year 1	Mrs Garrido - three days Mrs Walker - two days.
Year 2	Miss Burn
Year 3	Miss Waite
Year 4	Mrs Smith
Year 5	Mr Barltrop
Year 6	Mr Mackley and Mrs Tummelty - A.M
PPA cover	Mrs Reid / Mr Morris

We are currently recruiting support staff to join our team at St Mary's as Mrs Spoons and Mrs Simpson after many years supporting our children will be retiring at the end of the term. We wish

them all the very best and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best. This is going to be some retirement assembly!! I will keep you updated with regards who will be supporting your children in school from September.

Mrs Chaganis has recently been appointed as an admin assistant for our school office supporting Mrs Smith. Mrs Chaganis will be working each morning across the week.



The new School Meals system is working well throughout the school; pupils are picking their own lunch with the help of staff each morning.

*Please read through the attached letter for more important information about the New Lunch System.

Sports Day is now planned and a timetable of the day is been produced by Mr Mackley as I write this newsletter. This year we have decided to organise it the same as two years ago which was very popular with most parents and carers and ensured that the children were active throughout the day instead of sitting for long periods waiting for one or two running races. Please make sure you receive a copy of the sports day organisation.



The Humpty Dumpty KS1 performance was excellent, all children had learnt their parts so well and the singing was fantastic. Key Stage 2 is now extremely busy preparing with Mr Bourdieu for their showcase of Joseph on the 13th of July. There are two performances one in the afternoon and then an evening performance at 5pm. As all KS2 children are involved they are expected to be at both shows. The children need to bring a packed tea into school and they can stay in school after 3.30pm, we will buy drinks, crisps etc. and let them have a play out, they will then need to be picked up after the show, pick up times will be confirmed.



School reports are due to go out on the 5th of July, this year we have a new style report for Years 1 - 6, a covering letter will be enclosed and I would appreciate you returning the slip with your comments and feedback to me about the report.

Important Dates - Year 6 Leavers Assembly will now take place at 1:00p.m. on 19th July 2016



The transition date for pupils attending St. Joseph's Academy will remain the same on 7th July 2016

Mrs M.Graham

Head Teacher

