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St. Mary's RC Primary School

May 2016 Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a great start to the summer term in school despite the bad weather we have experienced outside which fortunately looks likely to change.

It is wonderful to be able to inform you that the Governors appointed Mrs Tumelty as our permanent Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Tumelty was on secondment from St Patricks in Consett and we are very lucky that Mrs Tumelty will now stay here at St Mary's.

Year 2

It was lovely to see our Year 2 children representing St Mary's as they confidently spoke so well about the Queen on her 90th birthday; the school council are planning a party here in school for the Queen's official birthday in June.



First Holy Communion

Looking ahead, our children making their First Holy Communion are entering the final stages of preparation for their celebration on Sunday, May 22nd at 9.30am at St Mary's RC Church. This is such an important day for the children first and foremost, their families, our school and the parish. To continue the celebrations a little longer as a school we will all be attending Mass to celebrate St Mary's day Church on Friday 27th at 10am. Our First Communicant can attend in all of their finery; that is the First Communion outfits for the day. It will be nice for the rest of the school and the parishioners to see the children as they may miss out on the celebration itself. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have supported the preparatory programme throughout. We are all looking forward to the big day



Year 2 and Year 6

This week our Year 6 children are carrying out their end of year tests and Year 2 completed their tests last week these tests are a culmination of a lot of work and effort by a group of children who have made such a fantastic effort over time to take on board so much new learning, there have been a lot of demands this year. Once we get to Friday we are all done and dusted and Year 6 can look forward to their week in Thurston.

Reception Intake

We have our list of 30 new pupils for Reception and I know that whilst the 30 who have a place will be delighted to have got their first choice school, others will have been disappointed and we already have a waiting list should there be any withdrawals. We do have five spaces in the current Reception class, if you are aware of anyone who might be interested please ask them to get in touch with the school and we can see what can be done. It is very unusual for us to have any spaces but with the budget so linked to pupil numbers it is sensible to see that the spaces are filled if we have demand.

Dates for your Diary

- St. Mary's Day Thursday, 26th May 2016
- Summer half term holiday begins on Friday, 27th May 2016 at 3.30 p.m.
- School re-opens on Monday, June 6th 2016 from 8.45 a.m.
- Uniform orders in by Wednesday, 8th June
- School inset day Friday, 17th of June 2016
- School closes for the summer holiday on Wednesday the 20th of July 2016



School Uniform

Thank you for supporting us by purchasing school uniform. On the whole wearing of school uniform has been consistent; however there could be some improvements for some. School shoes are not trainers they must be black shoes, they must be appropriate for school and comfortable. Boots or wellies can be worn into school and children can change into their school shoes on arrival if they do not have black boots. NO jewellery is allowed to be worn for school. If children would like to have their ears pierced this should be done at the beginning of the six weeks holidays so that earrings can be removed for school. Nail varnish, make up, tattoos, or drawings on the skin are not allowed.

Parents have asked in the past could they donate outgrown uniform that is still in good condition for other pupils to benefit from. If parents would like us to arrange this please let Mrs Smith know. Any money that can be saved is certainly worth saving over the year.

Emblematic the school's uniform supplier has informed me that all uniform ordered before or on Wednesday, 8th June 2016 will be delivered to school by the end of the summer term. Order forms are available at the school office.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Order forms for Year 6 Leavers hoodies will be sent home after they return from Thurston, the cost of the hoodies will be £15.00. The hoodies will be printed with the number 16 on the back which includes the name of every child in the class.

St. Mary's Day

On Thursday, 26th May, school will again hold our annual St. Mary's Day. This is a perfect time to clean out your cupboards and children's rooms as we are collecting cuddly toys, games, bric-a-brac, books, unused gifts and cakes on the day for our cake stall.



If you would like to help as a volunteer on this day, please give your name in at the school office - any help is greatly appreciated.



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