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St. Mary's RC Primary School

September 2018 Newsletter



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Mrs. Graham - Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year—with a special welcome to our new children and families joining us in Reception and in other classes across school. I hope that you have had a lovely summer break—I have enjoyed hearing from the children about all they have been up to!

We welcome Miss O'Reilly to our teaching team as our new Reception teacher and Mrs. Spencer to nursery as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Nobody was married this summer so we have no name changes but across this academic year three staff members are to be married, Miss Charles, Miss Waite and Miss Wood are very busy preparing for their individual wedding celebrations!

It was very sad that news of our long serving foundation governor and dear friend Mr. Phil McGhee passed away just before we returned to school. Phil was such a positive presence around school, we sent flowers to his funeral from all of the children which were arranged in the shape of the school badge and his family were absolutely delighted. We all most certainly will miss Phil and we will remember him in our prayers.

This year it is unusual that we still have spaces in our Reception class, however it has come to our attention that messages have been relayed to families that you can only come to St Mary's if you are a Catholic. This is of course not correct, anyone regardless of faith or those who have no faith are eligible to apply for a place at our school.

We have places available in our newly branded "First Steps @ St Mary's Nursery" for 2- 4 year olds from 15 hours, 30 hours and wrap around care. Spaces can also be bought for extra hours if you are not eligible through a grant. Please contact the school office or Mrs Riley in nursery for more information.

All staff are been asked to upload photos fortnightly to our school website, please look out for them and Mrs. Smith has set up a tweeter account so staff can "tweet" updates.

Well done to all those children in Year 6 who had prepared speeches for the Head boy and girl hustings last Friday—they all did really well and the results were announced as follows:

Gracie and Luca were elected,

Well done to the two of them I am sure they will represent our school very well.



PARENTPAY - Cashless system

ParentPay is working well in school and feedback from Parent/Carers has been very positive.



If you haven't already done so, please set up your ParentPay account, Mrs. Smith Office Manager will gladly assist parent/carers who are experiencing any difficulties with the new system. School lunches, Milk, Extended Clubs, Wrap Around and trips should be booked via this system.

BOOK FAIR - Come Along to Support Us.

The Travelling Book fair is in school from Monday, 17th September to 21st September, come along with your child to look at the books, stationery, posters etc. on offer.

By supporting school at this fair will earn school commission to put into our school library and for class readers. Watch out for the magazine coming home with your child this week where orders can also be placed. The fair will be open from 8:30 - 8:58am and 3:30 - 4:00 each day.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

School have organised a Halloween Party on Tuesday, 30th October 2018 at the following times:

Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 4:00 - 5:00pm

Year 3 to Year 6 @ 5:00 - 6:30pm.



The tickets for the disco will be on sale from Monday, 15th October at £1.00 per child and must be purchased through ParentPay.

We hope all our pupils will attend wearing their spooky outfits; children must go home to change.

YEAR 2 TRIP TO THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM

School has already seen the first trip of the academic year, Year 2 pupils travelled by Metro to see the 'Rocket' exhibition at the Discovery Museum. Thank you to those parent helpers who have volunteered their time to help Mrs. Colley and Mrs. Reid.

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

Look out for the letter launching "Times Tables Rock stars on the 28th of September, it's time to dress up as a famous and successful singer or performer of rock music or your parents "teen "idol!!!"

HOLIDAY DATES

School will be CLOSED on the following dates:

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday, 22nd October until Friday, 28th October 2018

CHRISTMAS

Monday, 24th December to Friday 4th January 2019

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday, 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

EASTER

Monday, 8th April to Friday, 19th April 2019 & Monday, 22nd Bank Holiday

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY, 6th May 2019

MAY HALF TERM

Monday, 27th May to Friday, 31st May 2019

IN-SERVICE DAYS

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July 2019

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE 18TH July 2019 AND WILL RETURN TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

