

Newsletter

Friday 6th May 2022



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Dear Parents and Friends

Start of Summer Term!

We've had a really super start to the Summer term! The children and staff have all come back refreshed, settled and ready for the term ahead. It was great to see them all come in on our first Monday back, wearing summer uniform and smiling. I always find that when the children come back after the two week holidays, you really notice how much they've grown! If you find that they've grown a bit more than you'd anticipated, we do have some pre-loved uniform for sale for a minimum donation of 50p per item.



What was also exciting about last week was that we were able to invite the parents of children in St Anthony's & Explorers to our Celebration Assembly. It was lovely to see the children share their work and St Anthony's astounded us with their beautiful artwork inspired by the book they are sharing in class – Handa's Surprise. I'm sure you'll agree – they're stunning!

Ukraine Appeal

Thank you! By Easter Sunday, we had raised a fabulously amazing £790 for the Caritas CAFOD Ukraine humanitarian appeal! We cannot thank you enough for your generosity.



Celebration Assembly

As mentioned above, we reinstated Celebration Assembly last week. Thank you for the positive feedback regarding Celebration Assembly – it's much appreciated!

We really want to invite parents back in to school, but are conscious that with numbers still high we need to take this gently, and so we will be inviting the parents of one class at a

time to attend our Celebration Assembly. Please arrive at 2:40pm and park on the playground, so we can start at 2:45pm. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly - 2:40pm	Class
Friday 6 th May	St Francis
Friday 13 th May	St Mark's
Friday 20 th May	St Alban's

Swimming Lessons

It's not too late to let either the office or your teacher know if your child is in **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 who cannot swim 25m unaided.**





Reading – the gateway to learning! It has been great seeing how much progress our youngest children have made with their phonics this year. I continue to get visits from several of them, keen to read to me! Please can I remind you of the importance of hearing your children read at home, even when they are in Y6! If children can read fluently, they will enjoy their reading more and be able to access their learning more easily.

Homework

Please can I remind you that children are expected to complete homework every week:

St Anthony's	Daily Reading Numbots
St Mark's	Daily Reading Spellings TT Rockstars IXL Maths or English
St Francis	Daily Reading Spellings TT Rockstars IXL Maths or English
St Alban's	Daily Reading Spellings Maths and/or SPAG

Please ask your teacher if you are unsure.

Staffing update

Congratulations to Miss Smith who got engaged during the Easter Holidays! We wish her and her fiancé lots of luck for their future together.

Miss Smith will be away from school from Monday 16th May until Thursday 9th June (this also includes May half term week) as she has to go in to hospital – routine procedure!! So as not to disrupt the learning of St Francis, Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Finch and myself will be teaching the class in her absence – something I'm very much looking forward to! This also means that her Arts and Craft Club will not be running next week. Sorry. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Miss Smith a speedy recovery.



Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at school on Friday 27th May. We are asking everyone to dress up in red, white and blue and there will be activities for the children during the day. We would then like to invite parents in to school at 2pm to join us for an afternoon tea/picnic. More details to follow nearer the time. (There will be no Celebration Assembly that day)

Sports Day

We are aiming to hold Sports Day on Friday 8th July from 1pm (weather permitting), with Wednesday 13th July being our reserve date. We look forward to seeing you!



PTFA

The PTFA met again on Monday 25th April, where we discussed plans for the summer term and the success of the Easter Bonanza. Thanks to your generosity, they raised a pleasing amount, but final totals haven't yet been calculated. They look forward to meeting again on Monday 16th May at 2pm, to discuss further the potential activities for the summer term. They have also been supporting school by organising our library books in readiness for Accelerated Reader – more on this to follow in the coming weeks. As I've said before, we are very lucky to have such a dedicated team!

After school clubs

It was great to see the children enjoying the different clubs on offer this week. Thank you to the teachers who are giving up their time to run these. We have decided to continue most clubs until we break up for half term.



Day	Clubs	Dates
Monday	Lego	9 th May, 16 th May, 23 rd May
Wednesday	Art & craft	4 th May, 11 th May
Thursday	Eco Club Football KS2	5 th May, 12 th May, 19 th May, 26 th May



After School Club

If you have one child at a club, you could book your other child or children into our After School Club.

3:15 - 4:15pm - £3.50

Please use school Money to book your child in for any sessions.

COVID-19 update

As you know, we are still hearing of positive cases of COVID -19 in school. Please continue to be vigilant with regards to symptoms and your children feeling unwell.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in children (updated 7.4.22)

Children and young people aged 18 and under can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but it's usually a mild illness and most get better in a few days.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache

- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

What to do if your child has symptoms

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities

They can go back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school, college or childcare.

Encourage your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze, and to wash their hands after using or throwing away tissues.

Most children who are unwell will recover in a few days with rest and plenty of fluids.

There is [guidance for people with COVID-19 symptoms and other respiratory infections on GOV.UK](#).

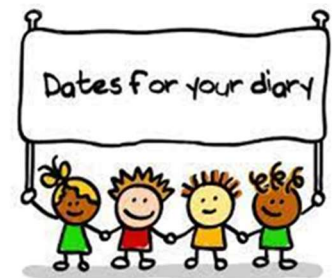
As ever, thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We will provide further information should the guidance change.



Please follow us on Twitter @stmarysmarnhull – it would be great to increase the number of followers we have – we currently have 80 followers.

Dates for your diary:

- **Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May – KS2 SATs**
- **Thursday 19th May – May Procession 11am**
- **Friday 27th May – Jubilee Celebrations**
- **Friday 27th May – break up for Half Term**
- **Monday 6th June - INSET Day**
- **Tuesday 7th June – children return to school**
- **Friday 24th June – Non-uniform Day for Catholic Children's Society (wear yellow, blue and white)**
- **Wednesday 29th June – Whole School Mass Feast of Saints Peter & Paul**
- **Friday 8th July – Sports Day 1pm**
- **(Wednesday 13th July – Sports Day Reserve 1pm)**
- **Wednesday 13th July - End of Year Reports to Parents**
- **Thursday 14th July – End of Year Performance 6pm**
- **Friday 15th July – End of Year Performance 1.30pm**
- **Wednesday 20th July – Leavers' Service 6pm tbc**
- **Thursday 21st July – end of term break up for Summer holidays**



Term Dates 2022-23		Half Term holidays	Inset Days
Autumn Term 01.09.22 – 16.12.22	Children start school Monday 5th September 2022 Children break up for Christmas holidays on Friday 16th December 2022	Children finish for half term on Friday 21st October 2022 and return to school on Tuesday 1st November 2022	01.09.22 02.09.22 31.10.22
Spring Term 03.01.23 – 31.03.23	Children start back at school Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Children break up for Easter holidays on Friday 31st March 2023	Children finish for half term on Friday 10th February 2023 and return to school on Tuesday 21st February 2023	20.02.23
Summer Term 17.04.23 – 21.07.23	Children start back at school Monday 17th April 2023 Children break up for Summer holidays on Friday 21st July 2023	Children finish for half term on Friday 26th May 2023 and return to school on Tuesday 6th June 2023	05.06.23

Thank you for your continued support for all that we endeavour at St Mary's for your children.

God Bless

Sharon Betts
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