

Newsletter

Friday 24th June 2022



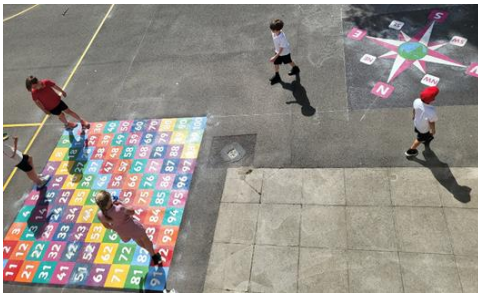
St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Dear Parents and Friends

What an exciting fortnight we've had since our last newsletter!

Playground

To add to our new climbing wall, we've had bright new markings put down on our playground and it has been great to see the children enjoying them. I'm sure you'll agree – they look stunning!



Y5/6 Campout

St Alban's had lots of fun sleeping under the stars (in tents!) on the school playing field. They enjoyed their pizza and held their own version of St Mary's Got Talent. Mr Young was very impressed with their behaviour but less impressed with the early start as the sun rose just before 5am, awakening the neighbouring sheep who continued their own noisy conversations. Needless to say, they ALL slept well that evening! Thank you to Mr Young and Miss Horton for giving up their time (and sleep!?).



Y4 Trip to Springhead

St Francis had an amazing time at the picturesque Springhead. For many of them, this was the first time that they had stayed away from home and they rose to the challenge superbly! When I visited them to see how they were getting on, I'd timed it perfectly as they were just having hotdogs, salad, coleslaw and potatoes for their evening meal. This was followed by ice-cream and ice lollies. Eddie, who was leading the trip told me that they were a fantastic class and really well behaved. Well done, St Francis for representing our school so well. I know that Miss Smith was so proud. Thank you to Miss Smith, Mrs Tytheridge and Mrs Chapman for giving up their time.



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!

News from the PTFA

Following our meeting on Tuesday evening, we are busy planning a **Summer Picnic after Sports Day**. This will be a chance to bring your own picnic and blanket as well as enjoy a few stalls and games. To help us with this, we are looking for donations of good quality toys, books and school uniform. If you would like to donate any of these, we will be putting labelled boxes in the school foyer all of next week to collect donations. We will also be having a cake stall, so if you feel able to bake any cakes to contribute, please could they be brought in on the morning of Sports Day with an ingredients list label. Could we also remind you that it is no nuts. We will be sending out the minutes of the meeting as well as more details about our Summer Picnic via email and our next meeting is **Tuesday September 20th at 6.30pm**. Venue is yet to be confirmed. We will also be planning an **AGM for the Autumn Term** and we will let you know when and where as soon as a date is decided.



E-Safety concern

Please be vigilant and check what your children are doing online and who with. We had a scary situation where a child in our school was playing with an online friend – whom they had never met in person – and this person managed to convince the child to download an App which was too old for them. This resulted in some further unwarranted messages. The parents thought they had high enough filtering in place, however this was still able to happen. Please do check.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, lists and tips for adults.

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

- 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS**
Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.
- 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT**
Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.
- 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS**
Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.
- 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS**
Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.
- 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP**
Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.
- 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE**
Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.
- 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**
Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.
- 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK**
Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.
- 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**
If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.
- 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT**
If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

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Unfortunately, I have received a small number of complaints relating to traveling to and from school. Please can I ask you to be patient and polite when meeting oncoming traffic on the lanes, as we do not want our children to be witnessing altercations between drivers. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly



We are continuing to invite 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. **Please can parents not attending, park in the carpark in a way that makes it easier for those in the playground to get out.** Thank you.

Celebration Assembly - 2:40pm	Class
Friday 24 th June	St Francis
Friday 1 st July	St Alban's
Friday 8 th July	No celebration assembly due to Sports Day
Friday 15 th July	No celebration assembly due to End of Year Performance

After School Clubs

After school clubs are as follows:

Day	Clubs
Monday	Lego – Miss Fletcher
Wednesday	Art & craft - Miss Smith
Thursday	Eco Club – Mrs Myatt Cricket KS2 – Mr Young



There will be no Lego Club on Monday 18th due to our whole school trip.



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

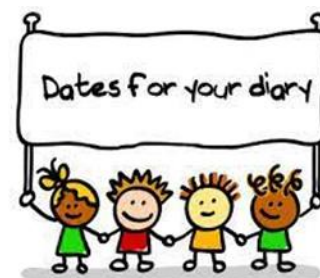
Please use school Money to book your child in for any sessions.



Please follow us on Twitter @stmarysmarnhull – it would be great to increase the number of followers we have – we now have 84 followers.

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 24th June – Non-uniform Day for Catholic Children's Society (wear yellow, blue and white)**
- **Wednesday 29th June – 9:30 Whole School Mass Feast of Saints Peter & Paul**
- **Friday 8th July – Sports Day 1pm followed by PTFA Picnic**
- **(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**
- **Monday 18th July – School trip to Moors Valley**
- **Tuesday 19th July – Leavers' Service 6pm (note change of date from 20th)**
- **Thursday 21st July – end of term break up for Summer holidays**



God Bless

Sharon Betts
Headteacher

Summer Camps 2022

Junior Camp 7th - 12th August - Buckfast Abbey

Yrs 3-6

Senior Camp 31st July - 5th August - Buckfast Abbey

Yrs 7-10

St Petroc's 31st July - 5th August - St Rita's Honiton

Yrs 11-13



Further information:

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