



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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END OF YEAR MASS (Tuesday 16th July 2.15pm) We invite all our community to join us for this final Mass of the academic year, to thank God for the achievements of the year and to pray for ourselves and the pupils and staff leaving us at the end of term. Everyone is welcome, even if you are not a Catholic – You can always just come along. 😊

CHORDIALITY & FRIENDS (15th June) Mr Brennan would like to offer his thanks for the support his own choir (Chordiality) and the school Choir received at this wonderful event. The total raised was **£1,018** towards the Heating Challenge for the Church.



FAITH IN ACTION PILGRIMS The children in our FiA Group went on a pilgrimage experience on Thursday last week to Bolton Abbey. They had a great day out, and learnt a little about Pilgrimages and 'The Canterbury Tales', by Geoffrey Chaucer.



AWARDS ASSEMBLIES A reminder that we will be celebrating the particular achievements of some children in **Foundation Stage to Y5** in a special assembly on **Wednesday 17th July (2pm)**. Parents of children who will be receiving individual awards have already been informed by text.



Our annual **Y6 Awards Assembly** will take place on **Thursday the 18th July at 1.30pm**. Again, where children will be receiving a trophy or shield or special award we have already informed parents by text.

After the Y6 Assembly on the last day of school, there will an informal opportunity for parents of Y6 children to share drinks and snacks with teachers and support staff, before they leave the school for the final time.



CAR ISSUES We had an incident reported to us this week where two of our parents (one in a car and the other a pedestrian) had an argument outside school over a driving incident. Mr Brennan would like to remind all parents that in the end, we all want the same – an environment in which all of us are safe. Driving very carefully and very slowly is the best way this can be achieved! Thank you.

SUMMER FAYRE Thank you to everyone who helped organise this event, especially the members of the PTFA committee who were able to help. The total raised will be around **£1100**. Well Done!

OPEN EVENING (Tuesday 16th July. 3.30pm – 4.30pm) This is an opportunity for parents who particularly want to meet their child's new teacher for September to come along and grab a few words with them. We politely ask that you do not come along to this event if you just want to speak to the child's existing teacher. There are no appointments for this evening, so if you do come along please do not spend more than a few minutes with the teacher. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

CLASS	Attendance 3/9/18 – 12/7/19
REC	96.6
1/2D	96.8
1/2HB	96.1
2M	97.8
3/4BV	96.7
3/4S	96.7
4V	96.1
5G	96.9
5P	97.4
6L	96.2
6C	95.1
School Average	96.6%

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS FOR THE YEAR Well done to the two classes above our School Target of 97% and especially **2M**, who have achieved **97.8%**.

PTFA 'FAMILY' CURRY & QUIZ SOCIAL Thank you to all who attended this event, It was a good evening by all accounts! The total raised was **£170**.

ANNUAL REPORTS We have significantly adapted the format of our reports this year to make them more personal and easier to read. These have been sent home with all children tonight. We hope you approve of the new style.



YEAR 6 PRODUCTION 'Goodbye My

Friend' Our wonderful Y6 children gave us a few smiles, surprises and even tears last Tuesday evening when they put on their musical production. They were absolutely fantastic and made us all feel very proud of them!



OFFICE OPENING The administrative staff will be in school on Friday this week and then again on Monday the 2nd and Tuesday the 3rd of September to help with any problems they can help solve. Should you need to contact school during the

holidays you can email in on the admin@st-marys-halifax.calderdale.sch.uk address and staff will do their best to answer your queries as quickly as they can.

NEWSLETTERS / WEBSITE/TEXT We had someone say to us the other day "I don't read text messages or the Newsletter much to be honest"..... We put a lot of effort into both the website being up to date and the Newsletter going out with lots of dates and information every fortnight. It would be nice to think this is not a waste of time.... Please do your best to make use of the website, read texts and try to read the fortnightly Newsletter. Thank you. ☺

SM RADIO ACTIVE – NEW PROGRAMME We have completed our last podcast of the year and it is can be easily listened to by clicking the link for our School Radio on the front page of the website. This podcast was produced by Y6 and centres on their adventure in Keswick! It lasts about 15 minutes and is very easy and enjoyable to listen to.

LIBRARY DONATIONS A big thank you from Mrs Greenwood for all the donations of good quality books given to our School Library this year.

SATs 2019 We are always proud of our pupils' achievements of course, but we have been especially pleased with the formal assessment outcomes across all key year groups this year. These results confirm what we hopefully already know – That St Mary's continues to be a very good school, where children can always reach their full potential if they work hard and we support them where we can.

LAST DAY IN SCHOOL A reminder that our final day in school this academic year is Thursday 18th July. We will finish at the normal time (3.25pm for FS & KS1 and 3.30pm for KS2).

Children in Y1 – Y6 will return to school on **Wednesday 4th September**. Some Reception children will also start on that day, but they are aware of who they are.

HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER!

